Jude & 2 Peter 2
Parallel Bible Study Worksheet

A study in contending for the faith, recognizing false teaching, God's judgment, and remaining faithful to Christ.

Opening Observation: Jude's Purpose for his letter

Read: Jude 1-4

1. According to Jude 3, what did Jude originally intend to write about, and why did he change his focus?

2. What does it mean to "contend for the faith"? What is the "faith" Jude says was once for all delivered to the saints?

3. According to Jude 4, what had happened inside the believing community?

4. How were these people distorting the grace of God?

5. What does Jude's opening teach us about the responsibility to recognize and respond to corrupt teaching?

1. False Teachers Enter Among God's People

Read: Jude 4 | 2 Peter 2:1-3
Both Jude and Peter warn that the danger is not merely outside the church. False teachers can arise or slip in among God's people.

What words or phrases describe how these people enter or introduce their teaching?

What does 2 Peter 2:1 mean by "destructive heresies"?

What makes a teaching spiritually destructive?

Compare Jude 4 with 2 Peter 2:1.

In what ways do these teachers deny or reject the Master?

According to 2 Peter 2:2,

what effect does their conduct have on other people and on "the way of truth"?

What role does greed play in 2 Peter 2:3?

How can false teachers exploit people?

2. God's Judgment Is Certain

Read: Jude 5-7 | 2 Peter 2:4-9
Jude and Peter reach back into biblical history to show that God has judged rebellion before. His patience must never be mistaken for approval.

List the examples of judgment Jude gives in verses 5-7.

List the examples Peter gives in 2 Peter 2:4-9.

What common principle connects these examples?

Why would Jude and Peter remind believers of past judgments when warning about false teachers?

What does 2 Peter 2:9 teach about God's ability both to rescue the godly and to hold the unrighteous for judgment?

How do these passages challenge the idea that grace means God overlooks persistent rebellion?

3. Defiling the Flesh and Rejecting Authority

Read: Jude 8-10 | 2 Peter 2:10-12
Both writers describe people whose spiritual claims are contradicted by their conduct, arrogance, and rejection of rightful authority.

Identify the three actions Jude describes in verse 8.

What could "defile the flesh" reveal about the relationship between false teaching and sinful desire?

How do Jude and Peter describe their attitude toward authority?

Compare Jude 9 with the arrogance described in Jude 8 and 10. What does Michael's response teach about humility and proper authority?

What do Jude 10 and 2 Peter 2:12 say about speaking about things a person does not understand?

What warning should this give us about spiritual pride?

4. The Way of Cain, Balaam, and Korah

Read: Jude 11 | 2 Peter 2:15-16
Jude compresses three Old Testament warnings into one verse. Peter especially develops the example of Balaam.

Cain - Read Genesis 4:1-16. What characterized Cain's heart and actions?

Balaam - Read Numbers 22-24 and, if desired, Numbers 31:16. What did Balaam desire, and how did greed become a danger?

Korah - Read Numbers 16. Against whom did Korah rebel, and what was the outcome?

What do Cain, Balaam, and Korah have in common?

Compare Jude's reference to Balaam with 2 Peter 2:15-16. What warning is given about loving gain obtained through wrongdoing?

Why do you think Jude says "Woe to them" before presenting these three examples?

5. Hidden Dangers and Empty Promises

Read: Jude 12-13 | 2 Peter 2:13-19
Jude and Peter use vivid images to expose what false teachers are really like beneath their appearance and
promises.

Write down the images Jude uses in verses 12-13 to describe these people.

What does "waterless clouds" communicate about someone who appears promising but gives no spiritual nourishment?

What might "fruitless trees" reveal about the importance of spiritual fruit?

What descriptions does Peter add in 2 Peter 2:13-19?

Compare Jude's "waterless clouds" with Peter's "springs without water." What common message do you see?

According to 2 Peter 2:18-19, what kind of freedom do false teachers promise, and what is the contradiction in their own lives?

6. Judgment, Exposure, and the Lord's Coming

Read: Jude 14-16 | 2 Peter 2:17, 20-22
The warnings become increasingly serious. Empty words, ungodly desires, and rebellion will not remain hidden forever.

According to Jude 14-15, what will the Lord do when He comes?

What kinds of words and actions does Jude say will be brought into judgment?

List the attitudes or behaviors Jude identifies in verse 16.

How does 2 Peter 2:20-22 describe the seriousness of returning to corruption after coming to a knowledge of Christ?

What do these passages teach about the difference between outward religious knowledge and a truly transformed life?

7. Compare the Two Letters

Use this chart to summarize the strongest parallels you observed. Write the key idea rather than copying the entire verse.

Jude 2 Peter 2 What both teach

False teachers enter Jude 4 2 Pet. 2:1-3

Past judgment Jude 5-7 2 Pet. 2:4-9

Arrogance / authority Jude 8-10 2 Pet. 2:10-12

Balaam / greed Jude 11 2 Pet. 2:15-16

Empty promises Jude 12-13 2 Pet. 2:17-19

Certain judgment Jude 14-16 2 Pet. 2:17, 20-22

What repeated characteristics of false teachers stand out most strongly to you after comparing the two passages?

What repeated warnings to believers stand out most strongly?

8. Contend for the Faith: Bringing the Study Together

Read again: Jude 3-4, then Jude 17-25

1. After studying Jude alongside 2 Peter 2, why is discernment necessary for the church?

2. What is the difference between biblical discernment and simply being suspicious or critical of people?

3. How can believers test teaching against Scripture rather than being persuaded by personality, charisma, gifts, or popularity?

4. According to Jude 20-23, what should believers be doing while they contend for the faith?

5. How should truth and mercy work together when dealing with people who have been influenced by error?

6. What does Jude 24-25 remind us about God's power and glory at the end of such a serious warning?

Personal Reflection

What is the Lord showing me through this study about guarding truth, examining teaching, and remaining faithful to His Word?

The Truth to Remember:

Jude calls believers to contend for the faith without abandoning their own walk with God. The goal is not Just to identify error, but to remain grounded in truth, build ourselves up in the faith, pray, remain in God's love, show mercy with discernment, and keep our eyes on the One who is able to keep us.