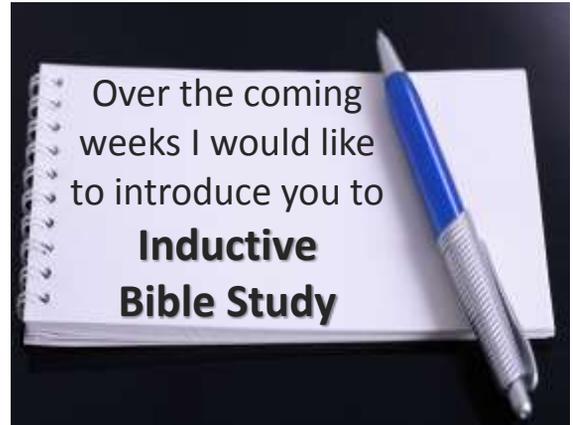


INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

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Inductive Bible Study is a process that you go through while studying the Bible to help ensure the most effective (and Biblical) results.

The process that we are going to follow is a **10 step process**.

10 STEPS

We will then apply these steps to the short **book of Jude**.

APPLY

- (1) Read the attached book of Jude 1-2 times a day for several days.

(2) Get a notebook or create a word document.

(3) Gather historical background information on the book from commentaries etc.

(4) Record immediate observations, things that stood out.

(5) Summarize the theme of the book in 1-2 sentences.



The Author

- Identifies himself as the **brother of James**.
 - Does not claim to be an apostle.
- The Gospels indicate that **Jesus had brothers** named James and Judas. (*Mt 13:55; Mk 6:3*)
- This book was written by the half brother of Jesus, **Jude**.

The Date

- Written in the decade of **AD 80**
- **Date is based** on the age of Jude (*appearing to be the youngest of Jesus brothers*)
- **Date is also based** on the number of many parallels and topical correlation between Jude and 2 Peter. **Most likely written closely after.** (*Peter warns about false teachers coming, Jude warns that they are in their midst.*)

The History

- **Crucifixion of Jesus 50 years prior.** (A.D. 30)
- Post Pauline missionary journeys. (A.D. 34–60)
- **Roman Christian persecution begins.** (A.D. 64)
- Jews revolt; Jerusalem destroyed. (A.D. 70)
- **Colosseum in Rome completed.** (A.D. 80)

The Recipients

- Jude makes many **references to Jewish history** and assumes his audience has basic knowledge of such events.
- **The immediate audience** is most likely **Jewish believers**, most likely residents of Israel, who were gathered in local fellowships.
- Most likely many people he also knew personally. *"friends" (v3, v20)*

The Recipients

- Jude makes **references to the world wide worshipping church.**
- **"...to all who have been called by God..." (v1)**
 - **"...to his holy people..." (v3)**
 - The overall message/theme is easily directed/applied universally to all believers.



Immediate
Observations

The Goal.

I like Jude's style because he comes right out and says what he wants to accomplish.

The Goal.

“...urging you to **defend the faith** that God has entrusted... **because some ungodly people** have wormed their way into your churches, **saying that God’s** marvelous **grace allows us to live immoral lives.**”

Everything begins and ends with **God!**

- Only **12 reference to God** the Father.
 - 7 of those in the **first** 7 verses.
 - The other 5 in the **final** 4 verses.

God.

- Every time God was mentioned he was being attributed with **owning** or **giving**. (Sovereign ownership)

Examples:

Keeps you safe, Give you more,
God has entrusted, God gave
them, God has kept them, God’s
judgment, God’s marvelous grace,
God’s love, God who is able to
keep you,

This made me realize this book is majorly about God’s authority as ruler/owner.

Everything centers on **two major groups** of people.

- The book compares and contrasts those who scoff at God (**ungodly**) and those who submit to God (**godly**).

Everything centers on **two major groups** of people.

- **The godly** are mentioned **27 times**.
 - **The ungodly**, or wicked, are mentioned **50 times**.
- The book is about these two groups, primarily the wicked.

- **The ungodly**, or wicked, are mentioned **50 times**.

- **The marks of the ungodly** (*sins*) are mentioned **33 times**.
- The ungodly were compared to other things repetitively **“they are like...”**
 - **The outcome of the ungodly** (*punishment*) is mentioned **13 times**.

This made me realize this book is majorly about God’s authority as ruler/owner being rejected or accepted.

Key Concept

They follow **their** natural instincts ...did not **stay** within the limits of **authority** but **left** the place where they belonged. (God gave)... **claim authority** ...**defy authority**.

The book is a **warning**.

- The book is a **warning** about the present/future because of the past.
- The book is a **backward glance** to predict future outcomes.
- The book is a **warning about what happens when you do not submit** to God’s authority.

Jesus.

- **Jesus is mentioned more** (20) than God the Father (12) and the Holy Spirit is only mentioned twice.
- Jesus is attributed with presence and action in the Old Testament. (v5)

Jude.

- **Jude** only mentions himself 11 times, all in the first 6 verses (*as if to get himself out of the way*).
- **Jude identifies himself** first spiritually (*slave of Jesus*) and second physically (*brother of James*).

Satan.

- **Satan** (*devil*) was only mentioned a couple times (*in the same verse about Michael and Moses*) and was not directly attributed with this great wickedness.
- **Rather the wickedness was owing to mankind.**

Satan.

- The great sinfulness of humanity is owing greatly to ourselves/the flesh and not primarily the devil. We are wicked enough on our own.

Hell.

- I kept thinking that it would be hard for someone who doesn't believe in a literal, fiery, eternal tormenting punishment to make sense of this book.

Marks of the ungodly.

- I thought that much of the book was about the **specific actions** (sins) of the ungodly. (33)
- Likewise **I felt guilty** of many of them...I did not feel 'excluded' (*which I think is Jude's goal*)

Keeps.

- I thought the concept of **keeping** came up over and over. Both negative and positive.

Positively.

- **God the Father**, who loves you and *keeps* you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. you will *keep* yourselves safe in **God's** love. all glory to **God**, who is able to *keep* you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into **his** glorious presence

Both and?

- “**God the Father**, who loves you and *keeps* you safe...”
- “**you will keep yourselves safe...**”

Negatively.

- **God** has *kept them* securely **chained in prisons of darkness**, waiting for the great **day of judgment**.



Jude compels the believers to stand firm (in their faith) against false (licentious) teachers and to rescue others.

Jude elaborately warns believers by comparing and contrasting the past and future of those who scoff at God's authority and those who stay under God's authority.

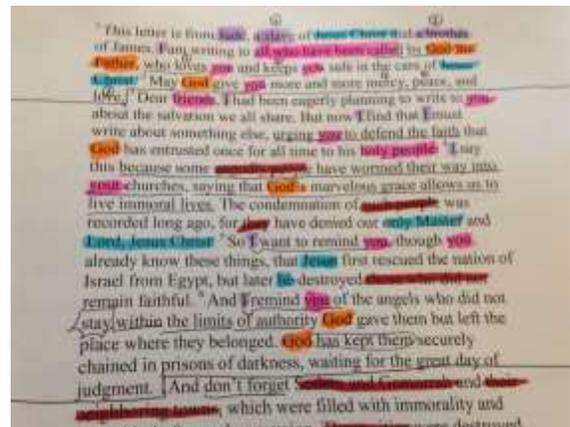
(1) Identify the paragraph breaks

by topic and thought flow.

(2) Record a personal summary

of each paragraph in a notebook or word document.

(3) Specially mark important people, places and themes.



¹ This letter is from **Peter**, a **slave** of Jesus Christ and **brother** of James. **I** am writing to **all who have been called** by **God the Father**, who loves **you** and **keeps you safe** in the **care** of **Jesus Christ**. ² May **God** give **you** more and more **mercy, peace, and love**. ³ Dear **friends**, **I** had been eagerly planning to write to **you** about the salvation we all share. But now **I** find that **I** must write about something else, urging **you** to **defend** the faith that **God** has entrusted once for all time to his **holy people**. ⁴ **I** say this because some **ungodly people** have **wormed** their way into **your** churches, **saying** that **God's** marvelous grace allows us to live **immoral lives**. The condemnation of **such people** was recorded long ago, for **they have denied** our **only Master** and **Lord, Jesus Christ**. ⁵ So **I** want to **remind you**, though **you** already know these things, that **Jesus** first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later **he destroyed those who did not remain faithful**. ⁶ And **I** remind **you** of the angels who **did not stay within the limits** of **authority** **God** gave them but **left the place where they belonged**. **God** has **kept** them **securely chained** in **prisons of darkness**, waiting for the **great day of judgment**. ⁷ And don't forget **Sodom and Gomorrah** and **their neighboring towns**, which were filled with immorality and... were destroyed

=Mark lists.

=Mark any connecting words that show **contrast, comparison, cause and effect**.

asphe-ry, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (This place when Michael was arguing with the devil about s' body.)¹¹ But these people scoff at things they do not stand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction. ¹¹ What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the steps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they are people for money. And like Korah, they perish in rebellion. ¹² When these people eat with you in your fellowship commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless clouds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds over the land without giving any rain. They are like

would be ~~useless~~; whose purpose in life is to satisfy ~~their~~ ungodly desires. ¹⁹ These people are ~~the ones~~ who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them. ²⁰ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, ²¹ and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love. ²² And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. ²³ Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. ²⁴ Now all glory to God who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. ²⁵ All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

=Mark words that you simply **don't know** the meaning of.

=Make a note of any **questions** that you will need to investigate.

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