

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

meets **JUDE**

Try to **determine the meaning of words/concepts** you didn't understand
(cross-referencing, e-sword, commentaries)

Questions I had:

- What was the historical background of the cited feud between the angel Michael and the devil?

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- What is the relationship of the promise of God 'keeping us safe' and the warning to 'keep yourselves safe'?

Questions I had:

- Beyond the list of sins that Jude cites, *that 'other people' commit*, is there a biblical premise for believing that a specific instance was in view or a certain immorality had occurred that the false teachers were promoting?

Questions I had:

- In what ways is hell an 'eternal fire' of 'flames' yet also 'blackest darkness'?

Begin to try to **answer the questions** that were generated through your observation phase.

Regarding Moses:

"And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is."

Deut 34:5-6

Regarding Moses:

Jewish tradition suggests that, had the devil been able to discover and reveal to the Jews the place where Moses was buried, they would have soon made his remains an occasion of idolatry, such as with the bronze snake.

Regarding Moses:

*"He (Hezekiah) removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, **for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it.**"*

2 Kings 18:4

Regarding Moses:

My conclusion is that in the same way Satan (Lucifer) had convinced upward of 1/3 of the heavenly host to rebel against God (Rev 12:14, Isa 14:12-15) he was again trying to convince Michael to reveal to him or the nation where Moses was buried.

Re-write your summaries of each paragraph; if the questions you asked gave you a newer, stronger meaning of the passage.

Look for concepts:
concentrate on the truth
(theological concepts)
summarize the main
theological arguments
presented.

**Summarize the main
concept being
communicated** beside
each paragraph, or when
a new one is introduced.

Explicit Truth

An **explicit truth** would be a theological conclusion or implication that is stated **clearly** and in detail, leaving little or no room for confusion or doubt.

Example (text):

*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.*
(v1)

Example (truth):

All who are in the Father
(called) are loved by Him and
will be kept eternally safe
(secure).

Implicit Truth

An **implicit truth** would be a theological conclusion or implication that is not clearly stated in detail, but is **implied** through the flow of thought.

Example (text):

This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. (v1)

Example (truth):

God wants us to think of ourselves first in terms of our relationship to Him and second in terms of our relationship to others.

Example (truth):

God wants the believer to identify himself first spiritually then physically.

Another Example:

Satan/devil is only mentioned twice...the sinfulness of man (mentioned 33 times) is owing primarily to ourselves/the flesh, not primarily the schemes of Satan. We are wicked enough on our own.

Confirming Cross Text:

*"...each one is tempted when he is carried away and **enticed by his own lust**. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." James 1:14-15*

A simple summary of some of the major theological truths presented in Jude...

Truth #1

All who have been called by God are loved by Him and kept safe and secure in His care through Jesus Christ.
(Basis, Verse 1)

Truth #2

It is ungodly to think that those who are in Christ can safely go on living immoral lives.
(Basis, Verse 4a)

Truth #3

Those who have denied Jesus as the only Lord and Master will be condemned.
(Basis, Verse 4b)

Jude v4b-5 "...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."

These verses can be converted into three truths:

(1) Those who go on living immoral lives have secured their own condemnation.

(2) Those who have denied Jesus as the only Lord and Master will be condemned.

(3) Those who go on living immoral lives have denied Jesus as their only Lord and Master.

(They are their own master).

Or put another way:

"Living immoral lives is the way that we deny Jesus as our only Lord and master."

Truth #4

*Knowing and **remembering** what God has done in the past (via Israel) is crucial in living a godly life in Christ.*

(Basis, Verse 5-6, 17)

Truth #5

*If you **resist** God's authority over you (and deny Christ as Lord) the great day of judgment and eternal fire is waiting you.*

(Basis, Verse 6-7)

Truth #6

*A day is coming when Jesus will **return** to **judge** the world of all the wickedness they have done against Him.*

(Basis, Verse 14-15)

Truth #7

Even the most 'casual' of sins (grumbling, complaining, bragging) are incredibly serious and will be enough to find the wicked guilty of hell fire.

(Basis, Verse 16)

Truth #8

We can trust God's Word, because within it He accurately predicted these types of people and events.

(Basis, Verse 17-18)

Truth #9

The fundamental reason why the wicked are enslaved to sin and cannot please God is because they do not have God's Spirit within them.

(Basis, Verse 19)

Truth #10

Believers are to live contrary to the way of the wicked. Starting with building each other up, praying and awaiting Christ's return.

(Basis, Verse 20-21)

Truth #11

God is able and will keep true believers from falling into this trap and will indeed bring them to glory.

(Basis, Verse 24)



Ask yourself, “What truths can I put into practice?

What changes should I make in my life”?

Write down your answers.

Ask yourself, “How does God want me to live differently, in light of what I have learned from the book of Jude?”

Write down your answers.

Ask yourself, “How would I try to communicate these truths to someone 10-15 years old?”

Write down your answers.