**“Journey through Jude”—Verse 5**

**Jude** **1:5, “But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.” …..** **God will Judge False Teachers (Jude 5-7)** Jude uses several examples of God's actions in past history as a reminder that God **is a just God and will judge sin and disobedience**. When God delivered the Children of Israel from Egypt, He did so with many miracles. Israel was crying out in their bondage and asking God for deliverance from Pharaoh. [See Exodus 2:23-25] God then graciously brought them out of Egypt and promised to protect and care for them. Many believed God, but others, although physically delivered from Egypt, had not been delivered spiritually. That was apparent by their murmuring and disobedience. At Kadesbarnea God brought them to the threshold of their new land, a land of milk and honey. He promised to fight for them as He had when He delivered them from Egypt. God promised that He would deliver them also from the Canaanites. However, when the spies returned out the land, only Joshua and Caleb showed themselves to be believers. The rest did not believe God's promises and refused to move into Canaan on faith trusting in God. Their unbelief caused God to not be able to bless them. He cannot bless when people will not in faith believe His word. So God condemned them all. They wandered in the desert for forty years until every adult in Israel had died that had not believed God. Only Joshua and Caleb were allowed to live and go into Canaan. God's past blessing does not assure that He will continue to bless when people follow false teachers and go into apostasy and reject God by their unbelief. At Kadeshbarnea, God's man, Moses, told them of God's plan and of His promise to give them the land. Nevertheless, the people listened to the ten faithless and unbelieving spies. Rather than believe God's word, delivered to them by Moses, they followed the ungodly spies who denied God. This is the warning of Jude. God's people must be discerning and believe God or suffer the consequences. With God's people, it is not a matter of not knowing God's will and truth, because we have God's word, to instruct us. However, the problem is that faithless men ignore God's promises and allow themselves to be deceived. Today, there are many faithful men in God's pulpits preaching God's truth and warning their congregations of sin and disobedience. Yet, often comes along a "nice" more impressive leader with charisma who cunningly leads the people astray. The result will always be the same as it was with Israel. God destroyed not only the unrighteous spies, but all the unbelievers in Israel who followed them. This a solemn warning of what He will do whenever people reject Him. Many a church because of following false teachers has gone into apostasy and should have the name Ichabod written across it doors, meaning that the glory of the Lord had departed. [See 1 Sam. 4:19-22] Rarely, if ever does a church that abandons God’s truth, ever repent and returns to God. It is the little foxes that spoil the vines, meaning small seemingly insignificant compromises in God's word are the leaven that destroys the lump. God forbid that any true pastor or child of God become complacent and give an inch of ground to the wolves that are ever circling our congregations ready to devour.

**Barclay’s Commentary on the Bible**: “It is my purpose to remind you--although you already possess full and final knowledge of all that matters--that, after the **Lord** had brought the people out of Egypt in safety, he subsequently destroyed those who were unbelieving;” And, **Dr. Edmund Heiber, in “An Expositionals Commentary,” writes: “**Having remarked that such men will surely be judged (v. 4), Jude now illustrates the truth that divine judgment upon such flagrant evildoers is no novelty. He cites three historic instances that establish the certainty of the fate that awaits such rebels against God’s established order. God’s revelation of His love and mercy in Christ Jesus will not hinder Him from judging such wicked individuals now. The message which these examples declare is intended to assure and embolden Jude’s harried readers. Kelly suggests that he also intends “to steady the resolution of wobblers” by setting forth the terrible punishment that awaits such individuals.” **NOW, JUDE IS GOING TO GIVE US SIX EXAMPLES OF APOSTASY IN THE PAST, THREE GROUPS, AND THREE INDIVIDUALS. VERSE FIVE IS THE FIRST OF THE THREE GROUPS, ISRAEL.** After referring to the occasion of his letter, namely, the presence of apostate teachers in the visible organized church on earth ([Jude 1:3](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jude+1:3&t1=en_amp), [4](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jude+1:4&t1=en_amp)), Jude speaks of apostasy in Israel and among the angels, and the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. This section closely parallels Peter's descriptions of fallen angels and Sodom and Gomorrah, except that Peter replaces Israel's apostasy with the story of unbelievers in the day of Noah. ***The first example is from the history of Israel***. He goes for his story to [Numbers 13:1-33](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Numbers+13:1-33&t1=en_amp); [Numbers 14:1-45](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Numbers+14:1-45&t1=en_amp). The mighty hand of God had delivered the people from slavery in Egypt. What greater act of deliverance could there be than that? The guidance of God had brought the people safely across the desert to the borders of the Promised Land. What greater demonstration of His [**Providence**](http://www.preceptaustin.org/the_providence_of_god.htm) could there be than that? So, at the very borders of the Promised Land, at [**Kadesh Barnea**](http://classic.net.bible.org/dictionary.php?word=Kadesh-Barnea), spies were sent out to spy out the land before the final invasion took place. With the exception of Caleb and Joshua, the spies came back with the opinion that the dangers ahead were so terrible and the people so strong, that they could never win their way into the Promised Land. The people rejected the report of Caleb and Joshua, who were for going on, and accepted the report of those who insisted that the case was hopeless. This was a **clear act of disobedience** to God and of **complete lack of faith** in him. The consequence was that God gave sentence that of these people, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb, all over twenty would never enter the Promised Land but would wander in the wilderness until they were dead ([Numbers 14:32-33](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Numbers+14:32-33&t1=en_amp); [Numbers 32:10-13](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Numbers+32:10-13&t1=en_amp))... ***THIS CHAPTER IS A CAUTIONARY WARNING AGAINST ALL IDOLATRY! NOW, LET’S REVIEW THE DEFINITION OF APOSTASY: “TO REMOVE, TO WITHHOLD, TO GO AWAY, AND TO DEPART. It is a departure from the faith, the Apostles’ teachings.***

**Read Numbers 14:32-33, 32:10-13**

 (**put**  = [Ro 15:15](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ro+15:15&t1=en_amp); [2Pe 1:12](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2Pe+1:12&t1=en_amp),[13](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2Pe+1:13&t1=en_amp); [3:1](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2Pe+3:1&t1=en_amp) **having** =  [1Co 10:1-12](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1Co+10:1-12&t1=en_amp) **afterward** =  [Nu 14:22-37](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+14:22-37&t1=en_amp); [26:64](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+26:64&t1=en_amp),[65](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+26:65&t1=en_amp); [Dt 2:15](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Dt+2:15&t1=en_amp),[16](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Dt+2:16&t1=en_amp); [Ps 106:26](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ps+106:26&t1=en_amp); [Heb 3:16](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+3:16&t1=en_amp), [17](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+3:17&t1=en_amp), [18](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+3:18&t1=en_amp), [19](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+3:19&t1=en_amp); [Heb 4:1-2](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+4:1-2&t1=en_amp).) The next three verses are a trio of apostates: **Verse Five**—Israel (saved people), **Six**—the angels that sinned (extra-terrestrial), **Seven**—Sodom and Gomorrah (unsaved community).

1. **Re-read Jude 3-4 to review and set-up for verse 5.**
2. **The first phrase, “I want to remind you,” seems to start a new section in this letter. Compare it to Romans 1:13, 11:24, I Corinthians 8:1, 10:1, 12:1, 2 Corinthians 1:8, Galatians 1:11, Philippians 1:12, and I Thessalonians 4:13.**
	1. **The concept of “remind” is seen in John 14:26. Discuss.** In [Jn 14:26](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jn+14:26&t1=en_amp) Jesus says ultimately the Holy Spirit carries out this function ("He will...bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."). Root word **mimnesko** gives us our English word **memorial**. In a sense Jude is exhorting them to recall those memorials of what God had done in their life (the Gospel) and in Biblical history.
3. **Jude’s use of “you once knew,” implies that the faithful of Jude’s time had written record of God’s Word. Comment.** Jude is stressing that the readers have been informed of the OT illustrations he is about to mention. Most likely from having read 2 Peter. Earlier Jude used the same adverb to indicate that these believers had a written record of the faith. Thus, for the second time Jude is appealing to the written documents of the early church as authoritative as opposed to the messages of the false teachers... Once those apostles died, false apostles and false teachers sprang up, like wolves in sheep's clothing (cf. [Acts 20:29-30](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+20:29-30&t1=en_amp)). To combat this, some of the latest books of the NT stressed the authority of what had been written (so Hebrews, Jude, Ephesians, 1 John). Although these writers anticipated the return of the Lord, they also braced their audiences for a delay of the [**parousia**](http://preceptaustin.org/2_peter_115-18.htm#Coming) (the [**Second Coming**](http://www.preceptaustin.org/the_second_coming_of_christ.htm) of Christ) by suggesting that when they were gone the NT documents should guide them.
	1. **Compare with the warning seen in Acts 20:29-30.**
4. **Examine “out of Egypt” and its inner meaning. See I Corinthians 10:1-12,** [**Exodus 12:37-41**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ex+12:37-41&t1=en_amp)**,** [**51**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ex+12:51&t1=en_amp)**,** [**Acts 7:36**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+7:36&t1=en_amp)**,**[**43**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+7:43&t1=en_amp)**,** [**51**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+7:51&t1=en_amp)**,** [**Numbers 13:1-3**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+13:1-3&t1=en_amp)**,** [**21-33**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+13:21-33&t1=en_amp)**,** [**14:1-35**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+14:1-35&t1=en_amp)**, I John 2:15-17, and Acts 7:39, 43, and 51**. Although many of these Scriptures illustrate how they had been rescued out of Egypt, Egypt was (their love of the world instead of love of God) not out of them.
5. **Discuss “Israel’s unbelief” as noted in** [**Numbers 14:11-12**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+14:11-12&t1=en_amp) **which is apparently the event Jude appeals to in order to illustrate Israel's unbelief.**
6. **Why did an 11-day journey take the Israelites 38 years to achieve?**
7. **Discuss how Jude’s lesson in verse 5 points to: the Passover Lamb, the Passover itself, the Red Sea miracle, the Tabernacle, the Priests and offerings, etc., and how these ‘miracles’ are overshadowed by Israel’s apostasy, falling away.**
	1. **What is the lesson here?**
	2. **Discuss: How God will destroy a people if they truly fall away from God.**
8. **Was Jesus seen in the Old Testament? Examine Luke** [**24:27**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Lk+24:27&t1=en_amp)**;** [**John 1:3;**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jn+1:3&t1=en_amp)[**8:56-58**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jn+8:56-58&t1=en_amp)**;** [**12:41**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jn+12:41&t1=en_amp)**;** [**1 Corinthians 10:4**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1Cor+10:4&t1=en_amp)**, 5,**[**9**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1Cor+10:9&t1=en_amp)**;** [**Colossians 1:16**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Col+1:16&t1=en_amp)**; and** [**Hebrews 1:8-12**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+1:8-12&t1=en_amp)**; 3:16-19, and** [**11:26**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Heb+11:26&t1=en_amp)**.** Jesus, then, judged and destroyed those in Israel who escaped from Egypt but failed to keep trusting in God, and therefore they did not reach the Promised Land.
9. **Give a detailed definition of apostasy (falling away), and review why this is such an “important” theme running through the Book of Jude.** Defection from the faith, an act of unpardonable rebellion against God and his truth. The sin of apostasy results in the abandonment of Christian doctrine and conduct. With respect to the covenant relationship established through prior profession of faith, place themselves under the curse and wrath of God as covenant breakers, having entered into a state of final and irrevocable condemnation. Those who apostatize are thus numbered among the reprobate. Since the resurrection of Christ, there is no distinction between blasphemy against Christ and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (cf. [Matt 12:31-32](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Matthew+12:31-32) ; [Heb 6:4-6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Hebrews+6:4-6) ; [10:26-29](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Hebrews+10:26-29) ; [1 John 5:16-17](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=1%20John+5:16-17) ). G. C. Berkouwer comments: "We must underscore the deep seriousness of the biblical warning against apostasy after enlightenment' and after the knowledge of the truth.' This is the apostasy which reviles the Spirit of grace and despises the Son of God and crucifies the Man of Sorrows anew.” Apostatizing from God's redemptive covenant is an act of unpardonable transgression and rebellion. ([1 Co 5:1-5](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=1%20Corinthians+5:1-5) ).Israel of old repeatedly broke covenant with God. By impugning the name and works of Yahweh, Israel despised her calling and proved to be a stubborn and disobedient nation. Pentateuch law identifies covenantal faithlessness as apostasy (see, e.g., the curses of the covenant pronounced on Mount Ebal by the Israelites in [Deut 27:9-26](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Deuteronomy+27:9-26) ). Ancient Israel's experience of divine wrath served as typological foreshadowings of that latter day. The increase in apostasy in these last days of the church's wilderness experience is associated with the appearance of the "man of lawlessness.”
	1. **See 2 Timothy 3:5, I Corinthians 5:1-5, Matthew 12:31-32, Hebrews 6:4-6 and I John 5:16-17.**
	2. **Review 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3.**
	3. **What is the central theme of the book of Jude?** Contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints: TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH…Here, Jude tells us what we are contending *for* **"The faith**" doesn't mean our own personal belief, or **faith** in the sense of our trust in God. The phrase **the faith** means "The essential truths of the gospel that all true Christians hold in common." **The faith** is used in this sense repeatedly in the New Testament ([Acts 6:7](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+6:7&t1=en_nas), [13](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+6:13&t1=en_nas):8, 14:22, 16:5, 24:24; [Romans 1:5](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Romans+1:5&t1=en_nas) and 16:26; [Colossians 2:7](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Colossians+2:7&t1=en_nas), and [1 Timothy 1:2](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1%20Timothy+1:2&t1=en_nas) are just some of the examples). We must **contend earnestly** for the *truth*.
	4. **"*The faith”* is the body of truth that very early in the church's history took on a definite form;” review** [**Acts 2:42**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Acts+2:42&t1=en_nas)**,** [**Romans 6:17**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Romans+6:17&t1=en_nas)**, and** [**Galatians 1:23**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Galatians+1:23&t1=en_nas)**.**
	5. **“Once” means that the faith was delivered one time, and doesn't need to be delivered again. See also** [**Ephesians 2:20**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Ephesians+2:20&t1=en_nas)**.**
10. **Name the three examples of “the certainty of God’s Judgment.” Note verses 5-7. Jude begins (verse 5) to give three examples of the certainty of God's judgment against the *certain men*.** (Israel), verse 5, (angels who sinned,) verse 6, and (Sodom and Gomorrah,) verse 7. These are three “groups” who are examples of the “apostasy” in the past.
11. **Was Israel truly saved?** Note: the blood on the doorposts…yes, they were. They were saved by God’s promise.
	1. **Review Exodus 3:7, 5:1 and Deuteronomy 33:29.**
	2. **Among the multitude, there were some who didn’t make it. Who were they?**
		1. **See Numbers 14:1-3, 26-32, discuss the “spies” in the Promised Land.**
		2. **Discuss how quickly “Israel forgets” what God did in delivering them from Egypt.**
	3. **See also I Corinthians 10: 1-14.** This section is a parallel with Jude 5. Verse 11 has insight about why “all these things happened for our examples.”
		1. **Discuss how this story is for us! Parallel Paul’s words with Jude’s.**
		2. **Is there an indication that the “stone” which followed the Israelites through the wilderness was the Messiah?** The rock that followed them was Jesus. These things were our example. Egypt is a type of the world, Pharaoh was the “prince of this world;” and Moses was a type of deliverer/ “Jesus Christ.” The pillar and cloud a type of the Holy Spirit. The Red Sea was a type of baptism; manna was a reference to the Lord’s Supper.
		3. **What happened to the Israelites who were overthrown in the wilderness?** The people who were overthrown were out of Egypt/the world, but not yet in the Promised Land/Canaan. Canaan should not be a typology of heaven, as it has battles and struggles. The Promised Land is about crossing over to what God has promised. This is an example of “taking advantage of His promises,” not taking 40 years for an 11-day journey. Their unbelief kept them from appropriating what was promised to us with God’s victory. **Here’s the theme in Jude 5: Jude warns against “Wandering in the wilderness rather than crossing over and conquering.”**
		4. **John 5:21 and Galatians 5:13 (LIBERTY) parallels with I Corinthians 10:14 and Jude 5. Compare.**
			1. **See also Hebrews 3-4 and Revelation 3, the letter to Sardis.**
			2. **See also Numbers 25:9.**
			3. **What is the importance of Numbers 25:9, where 23,000 fell from unrighteousness?** (24,000 total, 23,000 the first day.)
			4. **In Numbers 21:5, discuss the people’s punishment for grumbling against Moses. Also in John 3:14-15.** Fiery serpents. The focus is: the murmur against the manna….Moses made a serpent of bronze, and they were saved. God’s pun has set-up a model of the cross of Calvary. Jesus identifies Himself with it.
				1. **See where 2 Corinthians 5:21 refers to this. Explain.**
				2. **Refer to Numbers 16:21, 26, and 30.** Reference to Korah—we will see this later in Jude.
				3. **Why should we not murmur? Examine Romans 8:32**….spared not His own Son.
				4. **Reference both I John 5:15 and I Corinthians 11……**sickness to death.
		5. **Look at I Corinthians 10:12-13 as the center of this study. Comment.**
			1. **See Hebrews 3:7 and 4:1.** Harden not your hearts…like the wilderness
		6. **Revelation 21:8 discusses the list of “really bad things.” Note that there is a reference to “the fearful and the unbelieving.”** Fear, anxious, murmuring heads the list.
		7. **See also Ephesians 5:25-26 and I John 1:9….**Christ cleanses the church by washing with the Word.
12. **This lesson will center on verse 5, “the example of the people of Israel.” Comment.** “But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.” The instance to which Jude has reference is that of the Jews, after having been convinced by the spies of the truth of God’s assertion that the land of Canaan was a land flowing with milk and honey, most productive as proved by the grapes they brought out, yet refused to enter it, not trusting God to give them the land as He said He would do. This was apostasy, sinning with the eyes wide open, and could only be dealt with by the infliction of the death penalty. That generation died a physical death in the wilderness.
	1. **Examine** [**Deuteronomy 27:9-26**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Deuteronomy+27:9-26)**.**
13. **Did Jude tell the “faithful” anything new?** **Or, was this something that had already been taught? Defend your answer with Jude’s own words.** But I want to remind you, though you once knew this: Jude knew he wasn't telling them anything new. They were already taught this example, but they needed to hear it again and to apply it to their present situation.
	1. **Review this famous quote and relate it to this passage:** "As for the root facts, the fundamental doctrines, the primary truths of Scripture, we must from day to day insist upon them. We must never say of them, 'Everybody knows them'; for, alas! everybody forgets them." (Spurgeon)
14. **Review Numbers 14. How did God “save the people out of the land of Egypt?”** **The Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt**: Jude reminds us of what happened in Numbers 14. God delivered the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. They went out of Egypt and without unintended delays came to a place called Kadesh Barnea, on the threshold of the Promised Land. But at Kadesh Barnea, the people refused to trust God and go into the Promised Land of Canaan. Therefore almost none of the adult generation who left Egypt entered into the Promised Land.
	1. **Review God’s people at Mt Sinai, where they actually heard the voice of God. Think of what God did for the people of Israel in this situation, and then how they responded to Him.** They experienced God's miraculous deliverance at the Red Sea. They heard the very voice of God at Mount Sinai. They received His daily care and provision of manna in the wilderness. Yet they *still* lapsed into unbelief, and never entered into the place of blessing and rest God had for them.
	2. **Discuss the punishment metered-out by God in Numbers 14:31.**
	3. **God saved Israel, but then, why did they ultimately reject Him? Review Exodus 6-14., I Corinthians 10:1-12, and 2 Peter 2:20-21.** **After saving** (delivering) **a people out of the land of Egypt** - God saved Israel out of Egypt physically (A summation of Exodus 6-14, the [**Exodus**](http://classic.net.bible.org/dictionary.php?word=exodus)), and gave them many signs and opportunities to believe in Him, which, if they had believed, would have resulted in their spiritual salvation. Yet they rejected His revealed presence and consequently He judged and destroyed them.
15. **Who was “destroyed when they did not believe?” See Psalm 95:10-11**. **Afterward destroyed those who did not believe**: Those who doubted and rejected God at Kadesh Barnea paid a bigger price than just not entering the Promised Land. They also received the judgment of God. Psalm 95 describes how the Lord reacted to them: *For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, "It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways. So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest"* ([Psalm 95:10-11](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Psalm+95:10-11&t1=en_nas)).
16. **Review the consequences (if we deny Him, He will deny us) mentioned in Matthew 10:33, 2 Timothy 2:12, and I John 2:22-23.**
17. **Compare Numbers** [**14:22-37**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Nu+14:22-37&t1=en_amp) **with N. T. counterparts in: I Corinthians 10:1-12 and Hebrews 3-4.** The lessons in the wilderness and how they pertain to you and I.
18. **Re-state Jude’s warning which is explicitly implied in verse 5.** The warning through Jude is clear. The people of Israel started out from Egypt well enough. They had many blessings from God along the way. But they did not endure to the end, because they **did not believe** God's promise of power and protection.
19. **Discuss the two lessons this verse dictates.**
	1. **First, it *assures* us that the *certain men* causing trouble will certainly be judged, even though they may have started out well in their walk with God. Jude says, "The certain men might have started out well. But so did the** children of Israel, and God **afterward destroyed those who did not believe**."
	2. **Secondly, it warns us that *we also* must follow Jesus to the end, and never be among those who did not believe.** The final test of our Christianity is *endurance*. Some start the race but never finish it.
20. **Sum-up the premise of Jude 5. Use I Corinthians 10:12, John 1:12, and James 2:14-26.** The main point of the account is that privileges bring responsibilities, and God cannot lightly pass over the sins of His people. If any of Jude’s readers dared to follow the false teachers, they too would face the discipline of God. “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” ([1Cor. 10:12](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=1Cor+10:12&t1=en_amp)). ([Be Alert 2 Peter, 2 & 3 John, Jude- Beware of the Religious Impostors](http://www.amazon.com/Alert-Peter-John-Jude-Commentary/dp/1434765040)).
	1. **Why does intellectual belief not save anyone?**
		1. **See Ezekiel 36:27, Deuteronomy 10:16, Romans 2:25-26, and Colossians 2:11.**
	2. **Parallel Hebrews 3:10, 18-19, and 4:1-2.**
21. **Understand the path to lead others to the Lord.**
	1. **The basics—THE “FIVE A’S”**
		1. **Admit you are a sinner**
		2. **Acknowledge you need Jesus; and that He is the virgin-born, resurrected and alive ‘forevermore’ Son of God**
		3. **Accept His free gift**
		4. **Ask Jesus Christ into your heart**
		5. **Affirm, out loud, to others that He is Lord of your “new life in Him”**
	2. **The Romans Road**



**The Romans Road, Step-by-step:**

**STEP #1: “CONFESS THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.”**

 **Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned**

**and fall short**

**of the glory of God.”**

**STEP #2: “DISCUSS JESUS’ GIFT ON CALVARY.”**

**Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin**

 ***is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal**

**life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**STEP #3: “TALK ABOUT THE DEATH, BURIAL,**

**AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS. UNDERSTAND**

**THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.”**

**Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates**

**His own love toward us, in that while**

**we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**STEP #4: “PRAY AND ASK JESUS INTO YOUR HEART.”**

**Romans 10:13, “For whoever**

**calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

**STEP #5: “CONFESS YOUR DECISION OUT LOUD**

**TO OTHERS; DECLARE JESUS AS YOUR**

**LORD AND SAVIOR.”**

**Romans 10:9, “That if you confess with**

**your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe**

**in your heart that God has raised Him from**

**the dead, you will be saved.”**

**STEP #6: “PRAY A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**FOR SALVATION. COMMIT TO READ YOUR BIBLE.”**

**Romans 8:1, “*There is* therefore**

**now no condemnation to those who are in Christ**

**Jesus,who do not walk according to the flesh,**

**but according to the Spirit.”**



***HOW TO USE THE “ROMANS ROAD” METHOD OF EVANGELISM IN WITNESSING***



* 1. **The Old Testament Path**

**The Old Testament Route to SALVATION THROUGH ISAIAH and More!!**

**This is the verse which compels YOU to witness: Isaiah 6:8-9, “Leaders, SpiritualThen I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; keep on looking, but do not understand.'”**

**STEP 1: Explain who God is to the one you are witnessing to: Isaiah 46:4-5, “Even to *your* old age, I *am* He, and *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you!* I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you.* 5“To whom will you liken Me, and make *Me* equal And compare Me, that we should be alike?”**

**STEP 2: Explain that everyone is a sinner: Isaiah 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

**STEP 3: Explain why Jesus came for sinners and that everyone must confess their sins to Him: Isaiah 53:4-5, “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”**

**STEP 4: Explain what Jesus did on Calvary was for a sacrifice for our sin: Isaiah 53:7-9, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9And theymade His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth”.**

**STEP 5: Explain why you must trust Jesus for salvation and ask Him into your heart; at this point, pray with the person (and have them pray, as well) and explain that they must invite Jesus into their life: Isaiah 12:2-3,” Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘For Yah, the Lord, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.’” 3Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.”**

**STEP 6: Explain to the “person you are witnessing to” that once you have invited Christ in, He will never leave or forsake: Isaiah 41:10,” Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’”**

**STEP 7: Explain the joy which the Lord feels at them being saved: Zephaniah 3:17, “The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”**

**STEP 8: Remind the person of who God is: Psalm 145:8-9, “The Lord *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. 9The Lord *is* good to all, and His tender mercies *are* over all His works.”**

**STEP 9: Sum-up what just happened in “eternal terms!” Rejoice and be thankful! Psalm 32:11, “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.”**

**STEP 10: Give thanks for what God just did! Pray again with the “newly saved saint” and thank God for their salvation!** [**Psalms 107:1**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-107-1/)**,**  **“O give thanks unto the LORD, for [he is] good: for his mercy [endureth] forever.”**

**Salvation is:**

1. **Acknowledging that all sinners sin and need a Savior, and that includes you!**
2. **Confessing your inadequacies and sins to Jesus in prayer.**
3. **Praying and asking Jesus to forgive and enter the heart.**
4. **Acknowledging that Jesus: is the Son of God, Savior of the World, Virgin Born, Crucified and Resurrected Savior.**
5. **Understanding that salvation is by God’s grace and Jesus’ great sacrifice; it is nothing that man deserves or can earn.**
6. **Believing that Jesus has saved you because of His great promise!**
7. **Confessing out loud that your life has been transformed by the King of Kings!**
8. **Living your life with Jesus as your center...**
	1. **The Journey to Salvation with John**

**The Journey to Salvation through John:**

**BEGIN WITH THIS: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:16-17**

1. **Acknowledge that everyone is a sinner and all people need a Savior; and that includes you!**

**“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12**

**“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” John 14:1**

1. **Confess your inadequacies and sins to Jesus in prayer.**

**“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9**

1. **Pray and ask Jesus to forgive and enter your heart.**

**“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3**

1. **Acknowledge that Jesus: is the Son of God, Savior of the World, Virgin Born, Crucified and Resurrected Savior.**

**“And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.” I John 3:5**

**“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.” I John 4:10**

1. **Understand that salvation is by God’s grace and Jesus’ great sacrifice; it is not anything that you deserve or can do on your own.**

 **“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6**

1. **Believe with your heart and mind that Jesus has saved you because of His great promise!**

 “**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.” John 11:25**

**“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:18**

1. **Confess out loud with your mouth that your life has been transformed by the King of Kings!**

**“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” I John 4:15**

1. **Live your life with Jesus as your center.**

**“And this is eternal life that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3**

**“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+16%3A33&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26760a)**] have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33**

1. **Recite and believe:** “**And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32**

**And…Here are the promises……Review some assurances about Jesus’ salvation in: John 10:27-29 and John 4:14**

**Homework assignment: Genesis 6, 2 Peter 2 (find the answered prayer), and review Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28.**