




# The Book of Jude





What themes do you see in Jude?

- 1—Exalts Jesus
- 2—Judgment on Sin
- 3—Value of O.T.
- 4—Life + Doctrine
- 5—Authority



# Contend! Fight!

1. What were they fighting for? The Faith! [1-3]
2. Why did they need to fight? Sneakers. [4-7]
- 3. What were they fighting against? [8-13]**
4. How would the fight end? [14-16]
5. How were they supposed to fight? [17-23]
6. What kind of power was behind their fight? [24-25]

## Jude Verses 8-13



They were fighting against the influence of people who *rely on dreams* as justification for sin. [8-10]

The opponents commit the sins in verses 5-7...

Rely on dreams.

Defile the flesh.

Reject authority(dominions?).

Blaspheme angelic beings.

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The question of where to turn for authoritative direction continues to loom large in America. The broadly defined church is no exception.

Why might dreams, and similar sources, be so dangerous today?

How, and when, might we be willing to go to the wrong sources? **H.A.L.T.**

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What else are these people like? 9 comparisons!!!

**These people are destructive, not productive, authorities. [11-13]**

- 1-3. Like Cain, Balaam, and Korah... [11]
- 4. Hidden Reefs [12]
- 5. Selfish Shepherds [12]
- 6. Waterless Clouds [12]
- 7. Fruitless Trees [12]
- 8. Wild Waves [13]
- 9. Wandering Stars [13]

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We all want CBC to be continue to be productive and useful for the Kingdom!

A productive, useful church is one that recognizes the consequences of sin are real, indeed terrifying.

A productive, useful church is one that can recognize destructive authorities within itself **and** is willing to act accordingly in submission to Christ and love for Christ.

A productive, useful church is one that perseveres despite sin, despite satanic opposition, and despite setbacks.



# Who are we fighting against?



Jude wanted his readers, and God wants us, to fight against those who **rely on dreams** to justify sin and who are **destructive** instead of productive.

[8-13]