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# Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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# Jude

- God is the one who accomplishes our sanctification (Jude 1:1). On top of that, our sanctification has already been accomplished! Jude says that we “are” sanctified, not that we “will be” sanctified.
- It's impossible to lose our salvation because Jesus Christ preserves us (Jude 1:1). If Jesus preserves us and keeps us in the faith then that means we don't have free will.
- Defending the faith was so important that it took precedence over discussing the gospel (Jude 1:3).
- The faith has already been delivered to us (Jude 1:3). The process of receiving new divine revelation is over.
- Certain men have secretly crept into the church and put it in great danger (Jude 1:4). This is still happening today.
- The evil men who were attacking the church from within were predestined by God to do what they were doing (Jude 1:4).
- It's very evil to turn God's grace into a license to sin (Jude 1:4).
- Evil men within the church led it astray and caused it to forget the truths of the Old Testament (Jude 1:5-7). Specifically, they caused the church to forget the Exodus, to forget that God destroyed those who didn't believe, to forget the Nephilim (the fallen angels who committed fornication with human beings and were imprisoned for it), and forget that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah as punishment for its sexual immorality. The specific doctrine which the church had forgotten was that God punishes sexual immorality and destroys unbelievers.

- Jude responded to ungodliness by preaching a message of God's judgment upon the wicked (Jude 1:5).
- There are some angels who sinned and lost their original position (Jude 1:6). Angels who sin can't obtain forgiveness, which means the holy angels who are in Heaven have never sinned. Paul calls these the "elect angels", signifying that the reason they never sinned is because God predestined them to be holy (1 Timothy 5:21).
- The fallen angels who committed fornication with human women (Genesis 6:2) aren't free to roam the Earth. They've been imprisoned in darkness and are held in everlasting chains, awaiting the final judgment.
- God holds cities accountable for their sin (including Gentile cities that He doesn't have a covenant relationship with). He has destroyed cities in the past because they were sexually immoral (Jude 1:7). God judges people, angels, and cities for their sins.
- The fire of God's wrath lasts for all of eternity (Jude 1:7). It never goes out.
- We shouldn't bring railing accusations against demons (Jude 1:8-9). God will judge them in due time. Instead we should pray that God would rebuke them (Jude 1:9).
- There's only one archangel. His name is Michael (Jude 1:9). He fights against the devil and his schemes.
- Michael once disputed with the devil over the body of Moses (Jude 1:9). This is only referenced in one place in the entire Bible and we aren't given an explanation about what was going on.



- There are some teachings that everyone knows naturally without having to be taught. However, ungodly men have corrupted the innate knowledge that God gave them (Jude 1:10).
- The ungodly have chosen the way of Cain: they hate the righteousness of the saints and persecute them for it. The ungodly have chosen the way of Balaam: they will sin if it pays well. The ungodly have chosen the way of Korah: they seek power that doesn't belong to them and will seize it however they can. The ungodly hate righteousness and seek money and power. This will be their downfall and one day they will perish for what they have done (Jude 1:11).
- The early church had "love feasts" where the poor came to eat (Jude 1:12).
- Enoch was the seventh from Adam (Jude 1:14). This means there are no gaps in the genealogy that's recorded in Genesis 5.
- Enoch prophesied that when the Lord returns He will be accompanied by a mighty army of His saints (Jude 1:14). This is speaking of the return of Jesus Christ at the end of the seven-year tribulation period. That means Enoch prophesied about the Second Coming centuries before the Flood (and thousands of years before the First Coming).
- When Jesus returns He will execute judgment upon all those who are on the Earth (Jude 1:15). At that time all of the ungodly will be confronted with all of their wicked words and deeds, and will be judged for what they've done.
- God wants us to remember the words of the apostles and

hear what they have to say (Jude 1:17).

- In the last days the church will be filled with wicked people who mock righteousness and holiness, and who do whatever they please (Jude 1:18).
- Having compassion on one another makes a difference (Jude 1:22).
- Christians must hate sin and view it as our enemy. We must fight against all sin in our lives no matter how small it may seem (Jude 1:23-24). God commands us to be spotless and faultless.
- It's possible for garments to be sinful (Jude 1:23).
- Our God is able to keep us from falling into sin (Jude 1:24).
- God is the reason why we will one day stand before His presence in perfect righteousness (Jude 1:24). That will be entirely His doing.