

**“Beware of False Teachers”**  
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**Exhortation Text: Jude 1-25**

**I. Introduction**

Two forms of false teaching warned against in the New Testament:

- Ascetic – characterized by or suggesting the practice of severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.
- Abuse of Christian liberty – characterized by emphasis on sensuality, pleasures of the flesh, greed.

**II. “Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James.” (vs. 1)**

**III. A Message of Significant Importance (vs. 3-4)**

Ungodly people - designated for condemnation - crept in unnoticed!

**IV. Old Testament (and some extrabiblical) Examples (vs. 5-16)**

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (vs. 5)

Revelation 20:1-3 (vs. 6)

Genesis 19:4 (vs. 7)

Revelation 12:1-12 – Parallel to Assumption of Moses (vs. 9)

Genesis 4:5-9; Numbers 22 (vs. 11)

I Enoch (vs. 14-15)

**V. Perseverance of the Saints (vs. 17-25)**

**VI. Applications to us Today**

False teachers will blend-in to the assembly – they can be difficult to spot

False teachers preach messages that:

1. Present novel, innovative interpretations of scripture
2. Require you to do things to be saved – salvific works vs. faith alone
3. Appeal to the flesh – human sensuality