

## “Greetings, My Name is JUDE!”

**J**ude. The epistle that the Lord God blessed me to be able to write is the next to the last book of the Bible. It is a small book – only one chapter. But, do not let that fool you; I have plenty to say! You will see that my words are varied. I have something to say to strengthen you and also to warn you. I cover a wide range of characters, too! Michael, Cain and Moses are mentioned, just to name a few. My small epistle has two main themes. First, there is the exhortation to the saints to hold on to the truth. Lastly, there is a strong warning to the ungodly that God will ultimately judge the wicked.

*“Forewarned is Forearmed!” Read my Book and be Wise!*

**U**ngodly men and their ungodly deeds are a prevalent theme of my epistle. Actually, the word “ungodly” appears six times in my book. Of the six times, four times it occurs in one verse – verse 15. That is a terrible description to be known as: “Ungodly!” I realize that we all come into this world as sinners. But, the ungodly that I am speaking of in my book, especially in verse 4, are those who intentionally turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness. In other words they say something like, “Since God is a forgiving God, it does not matter what we do. We can do whatever we want!” They also deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why as Christians we must stand and defend the truth.

*“Earnestly Contend for the Faith!”*

**D**oxology. God blessed me to pen one of the most beloved and one of the most quoted doxologies of the Bible. When I was inspired to write it, I had no idea that thousands of churches would close their morning and evening Sunday worship services with that doxology of praise hundreds and even thousands of years later! The words are just as true today as when I penned them many years ago! “Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God, our Savior be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen!”

*“Praising God for His Keeping Power!”*

**E**noch's prophecy is the earliest recorded prophecy concerning the second coming of the Lord. “The Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints!” Imagine that! Oh, glorious day! At the first coming of the Lord Jesus to earth, He came as Savior - to save us from our sins. But, when He comes again, He will be coming as Judge – to those who reject His offer of salvation.

*“Behold, He Cometh with Clouds and Every Eye Shall See Him!”*