Jude

Who, When, Where

Written by Yehuda (Jude). Yehuda was brother of Yaakov, and therefore of Yeshua. But apart from that we don't know very much about him at all.
We don't know when this letter was written other than it was sometime in the last half of the first century… so somewhere 50-100AD
We don't know where Yehuda was living when he wrote this letter.

Summary

A short letter to "the called". Those who have been made holy in Yahweh and who are watched over by Yeshua.
Yehuda's basic message was to watch out for immoral, complaining, divisive people who are only interested in their own selfish desires.
But his advice is more about how YOU should act, not what you need to do to them. Interesting.

The Bible says in many places that mockers will rise up in the last days. There is certainly no shortage of them these days.

Before You Read

How do you react to people you don't like?
What do you do when people come in to groups you are part of and you wish they weren't there?

What's the difference between holy and righteous?

Key Verses

Jude 24

And to the one who's able to guard them from tripping, and to stand them up in the sight of his glory, blameless in exultation, 25to the only wise god, our saviour – are glory and majesty, might and authority, both now and into all the ages.

Yahweh is able to keep you from tripping. He is able to stand you up, blameless. Wow.

After You Read

What verses really stood out to you?

How would you summarize this book in a sentence or two? What is it about? What is God trying to say to us?

Do you know anyone like that?
People who speak abusively against things they know nothing about. People who criticise and grumble about everything? People whose lifestyle is questionable at best, and at worst, downright sinful?
What is Yehuda telling you to do about it?

So how does that fit in with Cain, Balaam and Korah? What did those three do wrong? How can you avoid falling into those traps?

Yehuda says we should have mercy on some, and snatch some from the fire. Not all? We should make a distinction.
The reality is that not everyone will be saved. We have to discern Yahweh's intention in people before we act.

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