

INTRODUCTION:

- 1) TODAY WE WILL BE LOOKING AT 2 PETER AND JUDE, LETTERS ABOUT FALSE TEACHING

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) 2 PETER
- 2) JUDE

PART 1 – 2 PETER:

Q 1) WHO WROTE 2 PETER?

Q 2) WHO IS THE AUDIENCE OF 2 PETER?

Q 3) FOR WHAT REASON WAS 2 PETER WRITTEN?

Q 4) WHEN WAS 2 PETER WRITTEN?

Q 5) WHAT DID THE WRITER OF 2 PETER WANT TO URGE THE BELIEVERS TO DO?

OUTLINE OF 2 PETER...

- I. Greeting, 1:1–2
- II. Take Steps to Grow in Grace, 1:3–11
- III. Pay Attention to the Scriptures, 1:12–21
- IV. Be on Guard against False Teachers, 2:1–22
 - A. The characteristics of false teachers (2:1–19)
 - B. The danger of being saved and then turning back to sin (2:20–22)
- V. Live a Holy Life Because the Lord is Coming, 3:1–18
 - A. Scoffers deny that Christ is coming again (3:1–7)
 - B. The return of Christ is certain (3:8–10)
 - C. Live ready for His coming (3:11–18)
- VI. Closing Prayer, 3:18

FIGURE 1)

2 Peter	Those who grow in grace	Those who fall from grace	2 Peter
1:5-7	Add to faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.	Relax and ignore their responsibilities, becoming near-sighted and blind. They forget that Jesus cleansed them from their sins.	1:9
1:8	Become effective and productive.	Become ineffective and unproductive.	1:8
1:10-11	Are eager to make their calling and election sure. They will never fall but will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom.	Follow and teach false doctrines. They deny the sovereign Lord who bought them and follow the desires of the sinful nature.	2:1,10
1:19	Pay attention to the Scriptures as to a light shining in the dark.	Have left the straight way to wander and follow the way of Balaam.	2:15
3:11-12	Live holy and godly lives, looking forward to the day of God and speed its coming.	Are re-entangled in the corruption of the world they once escaped through Jesus Christ.	2:20
3:14	Make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him.	Have turned their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.	2:21
3:17	Avoid being carried away by the error of lawless men and falling from their secure position.	Fulfill the proverbs: A dog returns to its vomit; a sow that is washed goes back to wallowing in the mud.	2:22

PART 2 – JUDE:

FIGURE 2)

Threefold Statements in Jude (Neyrey 1993, 28)		
Jude	Topic	Triplet or threefold statement
1	The readers	Called, loved, kept
2	Prayer	Mercy, peace, and love

FIGURE 3)

Threefold Statements in Jude (Neyrey 1993, 28) (continued)		
Jude	Topic	Triplet or threefold statement
4	The false teachers	Were written about, change God's grace, deny Christ
5–7	Sinners God judged	Israel in the wilderness, angels, Sodom and Gomorrah
8	The false teachers	Pollute, reject, slander
11	Three sinners God judged	Cain, Balaam, Korah
12	False teachers	Rainless clouds, fruitless trees, twice dead
14	The Lord	Is coming, to judge, to convict
16	The false teachers	Grumblers, faultfinders, followers of their own evil desires
19	False teachers	Divide you, follow natural instincts, do not have the Spirit
20–21	Believers	Build yourselves up, pray, wait
22–23	Helping weak believers	Be merciful, snatch, show mercy mixed with fear
25	To God	Glory, majesty, power and authority
25	God's honor	Before all ages, now, and forevermore

Q 6) WHO WAS JUDE'S AUDIENCE?

Q 7) WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF JUDE?

Q 8) WHEN DID JUDE WRITE HIS LETTER?

Q 9) FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS JUDE WRITTEN?

FIGURE 4)

Similar Verses about False Teachers (Leaney 1967, 101–104)			
Jude		2 Peter 2	
6	"And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home— these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day."	"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment"	4
7	"In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire."	"If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly"	6

FIGURE 5)

Similar Verses about False Teachers (Leaney 1967, 101–104) (continued)			
Jude		2 Peter 2	
8	"In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings."	"This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings."	10
9	"But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'"	"Yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord."	11
10	"Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them."	"But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish."	12
12	"These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves."	"They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you."	13
12–13	"They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever."	"These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them."	17
16	"These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage."	"For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error."	18
17–18	"But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, 'In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.'"	"I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires."	3:2–3

OUTLINE OF JUDE...

- I. Greeting, 1–2
- II. Purpose: Defense of the Faith, 3–4
- III. Warning about False Teachers, 5–16
 - A. Their judgment illustrated (5–7)
 - 1. Israel (5)
 - 2. Angels who fell (6)
 - 3. Sodom and Gomorrah (7)
 - B. Their condition described (8–16)
 - 1. Their speech (8–10)
 - 2. Their character (11–13)
 - 3. Their destruction (14–16)
- IV. Counsel to Believers, 17–23
 - A. Remember what the apostles warned (17–19)
 - B. Build yourselves up by praying in the Spirit (20)
 - C. Keep yourselves in God's love (21)
 - D. Help others through mercy and fear (22–23)
- V. Prayer, 24–25

FIGURE 6)

Books of the Pseudepigrapha (Gundry 1994, 44–46)		
1. 1 Enoch	7. Testament of Job	13. Life of Adam and Eve
2. 2 Enoch	8. Lives of the Prophets	14. Psalms of Solomon
3. 2 Baruch	9. Assumption of Moses	15. Letter of Aristeas
4. 3 Baruch	10. Martyrdom of Isaiah	16. 3 Maccabees
5. Sibylline Oracles	11. Paralipomena (Chronicles) of Jeremiah	17. 4 Maccabees
6. Testaments of the 12 Patriarchs	12. Jubilees	

FIGURE 7)

Jerome's List of Books in the Apocrypha (NEB 1970, v)		
1. 1 Esdras (Ezra)	6. Wisdom of Solomon	11. Susanna
2. 2 Esdras (Apocalypse of Ezra)	7. Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)	12. Bel and the Dragon
3. Tobit	8. Baruch	13. Prayer of Manasseh
4. Judith	9. Letter of Jeremiah	14. 1 Maccabees
5. Additions to Esther	10. Prayer of Azariah & Song of the Three Young Men (Metzger 1977, xi)	15. 2 Maccabees

