

Variant Rank of MSS Containing Jude (as per Wasserman)¹

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Orientation: this study makes no claim to precise accuracy. I simply followed Wasserman, without checking any MSS, except as noted in comment 4 below. I did not count any variant read by over 5% of the MSS, even when both Wasserman and I rejected it; had I done so, the number of variants for many of the MSS would go up. Wasserman did not register some six types of dittography, which I would certainly include—the number of variants for MSS like 01 and 03 would go up sharply. So, what follows should only be taken as a rough approximation, but is valid and adequate for my purpose: to give a statistical demonstration of the mentality of the copyists. It is quite obvious that some copyists did not take their task seriously (quite apart from deliberate alteration), while others took it very seriously.

# of var.	MSS	f ³⁵ MSS are underlined
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51	p ⁷²	our oldest extant MS is by far the worst!
34	1241	
32	378, 631, 1838	
30	1646	
29	1847	
28	1751	
25	044	
24	01, 90	
23	1243, 1881	
21	1066, 2147	
20	6, 61, 915, 1505	19 MSS so far
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19	38, 629, 1852, 1875, 1886	
18	621, 1729, 2675	
17	88, 322, 323, 1311, 1735, 2495	
16	522, 1611	
15	43, 459, 460, 616, 618, 918, 1739, 1834, 1844, 2242, 2298, 2344, 2412, 2674	
14	03, 93, 104, 181, 321, 633, 680, 1292, 1845, 2652	
13	04, 0142, 442, 630, 1104, 1523, 2200, 2818	
12	02, 33, 180, 431, 1240, 1405, 1837, 1877, 2138, 2186	
11	94, 131, 177, 307, 337, 496, 506, 636, 665, 876, 1501, 1661, 1827, 1828, 1869, 2544, 2691, 2805	
10	056, 326, 489, 625, 1067, 1315, 1409, 1595, 1610, 1642, 1719, 1832, 1836, 1842, 1874, 1893, 2404, 2494, 2696	+ 95 MSS so far
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9	218, 254, 263, 309, 458, 467, 1107, 1270, 1319, 1367, 1424, 1524, 1598, 1678, 1765, 1840, 2197, 2473, 2816	
8	102, 436, 453, 582, 608, 615, 927, 996, <u>1247</u> , 1297, 1390, 1425, 1448, 1509, 1649, 1702, 1724, 1762, 1839, 1890, 2194, 2400, 2502, 2516, 2718	
7	3, 203, 312, 421, 469, 628, 639, 914, 941, 999, 1003, 1175, 1245, 1573, 1718, 1741, 1744, 1753, 1780, 1799, 1829, 1872, 1882, 2127, 2243, 2318, 2401, 2513, 2865	

¹ Tommy Wasserman, *The Epistle of Jude: Its Text and Transmission*, Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International, 2006.

6 P⁷⁸, 5, 42, 62, 234, 383, 393, 607, 623, 632, 641, 917, 921, 922, 1563, 1736, 1830, 1850,
1853, 1857, 1868, 1896, 2086, 2125, 2180, 2279, 2492, 2508, 2625, 2705

5 018, 0316, 51, 81, 103, 206, 327, 384, 385, 390, 452, 454, 606, 637, 945, 1070, 1099, 1127,
1359, 1360, 1594, 1626, 1727, 1731, 1831, 1843, 1873, 1880, 1888, 1891, 1902, 2085, 2288,
2501, 2527, 2716 + 139 MSS so far (253 total)

4 049, 1, 76, 205, 223, 241, 252, 296, 363, 424, 429, 466, 592, 620, 642, 656, 901, 912, 913,
1069, 1103, 1106, 1149, 1162, 1244, 1248, 1352, 1495, 1521, 1717, 1734, 1757, 1760, 1767,
1847, 1851, 1860, 1861, 1863, 1889, 1894, 1895, 2131, 2378, 2423, 2558, 2712, 2736, 2746,
2774

3 020, 57, 82, 110, 205^{abs}, 221, 250, 314, 330, 400, 432, 451, 456, 462, 465, 491, 613, 614, 617,
619, 634, 635, 664, 796, 801, 832, 1022, 1250, 1251, 1277, 1384, 1398, 1599, 1622, 1673,
1721, 1742, 1747, 1769, 1841, 1849, 1856, 1859, 1862, 1867, 1876, 2191, 2201, 2218, 2374,
2475, 2484, 2627, 2704, 2776

2 35, 97, 105, 142, 149, 328, 367, 398, 404, 425, 450, 468, 610, 622, 676, 720, 808, 910, 920,
986, 1105, 1115, 1242, 1354, 1490, 1609, 1617, 1720, 1730, 1732, 1743, 1750, 1754, 1871,
1885, 1892, 1903, 2143, 2289, 2466, 2483, 2626, 2653, 2815

1 025, 69, 101, 133, 172, 175, 189, 201, 209, 242, 256, 440, 444, 479, 483, 517, 547, 601, 602,
605, 638, 699, 712, 997, 1058, 1102, 1161, 1249, 1404, 1548, 1597, 1628, 1643, 1722, 1725,
1726, 1728, 1733, 1746, 1748, 1749, 1766, 1768, 1795, 1854, 1870, 1897, 2255, 2431, 2587,
2777

0 P⁷⁴, 18, 141, 204, 216, 226, 302, 308, 319, 325, 386, 394, 457, 603, 604, 627, 757, 824, 928,
935, 959, 1040, 1072, 1075, 1094, 1100, 1101, 1400, 1482, 1503, 1508, 1618, 1619, 1636,
1637, 1652, 1656, 1668, 1704, 1723, 1737, 1740 1745, 1752, 1761, 1763, 1835, 1855, 1858,
1864, 1865, 1899, 2080, 2221, 2261, 2352, 2356, 2511, 2541, 2554, 2723

Comments:

- 1) The grand total of MSS listed above is 514; because of lacunae, at any given point the number will be around 500. Wasserman also included Lectionaries, but I have not.
- 2) P⁷⁴, 319, 325, 603, 2356 and 2511 are evidently fragmentary or with little legible text, which is why they score zero.
- 3) 216, 226, 302, 308, 457, 935, 959, 1094, 1668, 1835 and 2541 are not normally f³⁵, but have retained its text for this short book (if both Wasserman and I have registered the facts correctly).
- 4) Where I have myself done a complete collation of an f³⁵ MS for Jude, I have used my own data, when I disagree with Wasserman—I changed the rank of twenty-three f³⁵ MSS (one fourth of the total).
- 5) Of the 88 MSS that I have underlined as belonging to f³⁵, almost half are perfect. 1247 is rather careless, but belongs to the family.
- 6) Anyone who has collated any number of MSS will have observed that along about the 3rd or 4th page the copyist starts to get tired or bored, and in consequence the number of mistakes goes up noticeably. If this were a longer book, the ‘rank’ of most of the MSS would go up. The core f³⁵ representatives would stay about the same.
- 7) For a book this short, I consider five variants to be unacceptable, so virtually half of the MSS fall below my respectability line.