

Jude 12-25  
The Apostates' Doom

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Jude 12 -13

- Jude chooses five similes from the world of nature to picture the character and destiny of the apostates.
  - Unseen dangers, disrupt Biblical fellowship. A blemish within the Church as they care for themselves – **first**.
  - Appear refreshing: leave disappointment & disillusion.
  - No fruit and a dead root. Dead now & in the future.
  - Uncontrolled like sea waves, wandering stars that provide no navigation of place or season.
  - Their future is utter darkness = where God is not.

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Jude 14-19

- Enoch walked with God; was taken up (Gen. 5:21-24)
- Holy Spirit led Jude to make a profound statement:
  - Partial fulfillment when the Lord returns (Rev. 19:11–16).
  - May refer to both angels and Believers.
  - Final fulfillment after the millennial reign (Rev. 20:10-15).
- Judgment will be executed (in full) on the ungodly.
  - Complainers against God, Narcissist, attack the Word.
- Mockers, godless, create divisions, void of the Spirit.

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Jude 20 - 21

- With a knowledge of Evil and the future, we are to build ourselves up in the faith:
  - Worship, Ministry, Discipleship, Fellowship, Evangelism.
  - Prayer: honest confessing prayer, *guided* by the Spirit.
- Do your part to be in relationship with God by grace.
- Since we know what we have been rescued from and know our future, how do we live our lives here and now?
- We actively await the future which is eternity with God in perfection; no sin, no sorrow, no worry, and *no needs*.

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Jude 22 - 23

- Have compassion, care, & mercy on those who are victims of deception by apostates and their influence (struggling).
  - Come alongside them, encourage their involvement in what is wholesome and true.
  - Check in on them, make sure they are ok. Bring them back.
- For those captured by apostates and their teaching:
  - Go after them, show Christ's mercy, reassure them of His grace, do your prayerful part to rescue them. (POW rescue mission)
- Despise that which is polluted. Do not engage in anything that may entice further sin. *Use prudence!*

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Jude 24 - 25

- God has all-power to keep us as His children from falling away. Hebrews 7:25, John 17:12.
- In the future, we will stand in His presence, pure, faultless, and we will experience exceeding joy.
- Notice the closing description of God:
  - The only God (Deut. 6:4) who is our Savior (Is. 43:11), thru Jesus Christ our Lord (John 20:28), infinite before all time (1 Peter 1:20), in all authority (Romans 13:1) for all time (Psalm 90:2).

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