



BOOK OF JUDE SERIES
“HOW TO RECOGNIZE SPIRITUAL APOSTATES” Part 4
Jude 8-10

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

REALIZING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE WHO DECEIVE – 8-11

1. In terms of the ATTITUDES they reflect – 8-11

A. An Explanation of those attitudes – 8

- Their Immorality – *defile the flesh* – v. 8b
- Their Insubordination – *reject authority* – v. 8c
- Their Irreverence – *blaspheme glorious ones* – vv. 8d – 10

B. The Experience of Michael and the Devil – v. 9

C. The Extent to which these false teachers will go – v. 10

D. The Examples they follow – 11

- Cain – and the application of God’s truth
- Balaam – and sinful ambition in God’s work
- Korah – rebellion against God’s appointment of authority

2. In terms of ASSOCIATION with believers – 12-13

A. Selfish Concealment – v. 12 – *“hidden reefs at your love feasts”*
“hidden reefs” – *spilas* – *heretics who mingle in the church* – 2 Pet 2:13

“love feasts” – *agapē* - similar to our fellowship meal each Sunday

“without fear” – *aphobōs* – devoid of the fear of God

“feeding themselves” – *poimainō* - indicating that the apostates shepherded no one but themselves. *Their only interest was self-interest and self-gratification—at the expense of anyone else.*

B. Personal Conduct – v. 12 - “*waterless clouds*” – 2 Peter 2:17

They promise but don’t contribute or deliver – empty - Proverbs 25:14

“*waterless*” - *anudros* - reference to the wanderings of evil spirits through dry and barren places - Matthew 12:43; Luke 11:24–26

“*swept along*” – *parapherō* - easily blown to and fro

C. Spiritual Character – v. 12

“*fruitless trees*” – *akarpōs* - diseased and plucked up - pictures the disappointing reality of a barren harvest.

D. Moral Corruption – v. 13

“*wild waves*”- disgraceful attitudes and actions froth up to display all forms of heresy, deception, immorality, irreverence, insubordination.

E. Eternal Consequence – v. 13

“*wandering stars*” – signifies a meteor or “shooting star” that flashes across the sky in an uncontrolled moment of brilliance and then disappears forever.