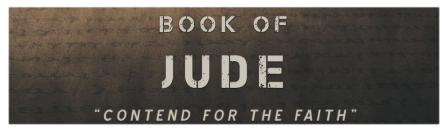
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#### INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

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#### 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" - aphobos - 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" – akarpos - 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.