

17 - THE ISSUE OF APOSTASY – PART 2 (JUDE 12-25)

I. The Presence of Apostates (Jude 12-16)

A. Among God's People (Jude 12-13)

1. At the Lord's Table (Jude 12a)

- They blemish the Lord's Table with their presence.

2. Their Attitude (Jude 12b)

- They are serving only themselves.

3. Their Emptiness (Jude 12c-13)

- Despite their appearance, they present only emptiness.

B. The Prophecy of Enoch (Jude 14-15)

1. Concerning the Lord's Coming (Jude 14)

- Enoch prophesied that the Lord would come with His saints.

Historical Note: Enoch

Enoch was the son of Jared and father of Methuselah. Genesis records that Enoch walked with God. It is also recorded that Enoch did not die since he was taken by God. There is no record of Enoch's prophecy in the Old and New Testaments apart from Jude's reference to it. See: Genesis 5:18-24; 1 Chronicles 1:3; Luke 3:37; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14.

2. The Coming Judgment (Jude 15)

- He will execute judgment on the lost for their deeds and speech.

C. Their Speech (Jude 16)

- They grumble and complain as they live according to their fleshy desires.
- They flatter people with grand words to gain an advantage over them.

II. Instructions Concerning Apostasy (Jude 17-23)

A. Remember (Jude 17-19)

1. The Apostles' Teaching (Jude 17)

- They were to remember the teaching of the apostles.

Facing The Coming Storm: 1 & 2 Peter, Jude

2. The Warning Concerning Apostates (Jude 18-19)

- The apostles warned that mockers would come who follow their own desires.
- They warned against worldly people who would cause divisions in the church.

B. Strengthen (Jude 20a)

- We are encouraged to strengthen ourselves in the faith.

C. Pray (Jude 20b)

- We must pray out of hearts that are filled with the Holy Spirit.

D. Stay close (Jude 21a)

- We must stay close to God and ourselves with the bond of love.

E. Watch (Jude 21b)

- We must be watchful for the Lord's return.

F. Compassion Toward Others (Jude 22-23)

- We must have compassion for doubting believers, the lost and those who are corrupt.

III. The Doxology (Jude 24-25)

A. Praise for God's Action Toward Us (Jude 24)

- He praises God for his preservation of the saints.

B. Praise for Who God Is (Jude 25)

- He praises God as Savior, wisdom, and supreme.