

## Contend for the Faith – Jude Series

### Apostates Predicted (Lesson 6)

**Text: Jude 1:14-19**

#### Introduction

1. Review of theme and structure of the Book
  - A. Part 1 – Apostates De Masked (Vs. 1-19)
  - B. Part 2 – Believers Exhorted (Vs. 20-25)
2. This lesson: The final blow to the Apostate teachers. Jude now brings two prophetic witnesses to bear on the Apostates, drawing on the prophetic predictions of Enoch (O.T.) and the Apostles (N.T.). At the end of each of these, Jude adds his own details. (See Vs. 16 & 19).

#### A Prophetic Warning

##### I. The Prophet (Vs. 14a)

- A. His Identity – seventh from Adam
- B. His Testimony (Gen 5:21-24; Heb 11:5)
  1. Walked with God
    - a. After the birth of Methuselah
    - b. For 300 years
    - c. Amidst a growing family (sons and daughters)
      - i. Psalm 127:3-5 *“Lo, children are an heritage (inheritance) of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy (blessed) is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”* Children are an inheritance, a reward and a blessing.
      - ii. Note: Having children can help make a man more conscious of his need for a personal walk with God as well as give him a greater concern for the state of the society in which his children are to grow up.
  2. Pleased God (Heb 11:5)
    - a. Question: How do we please God?
    - b. Answer: Walk with Him
- C. His Translation (Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5)
- D. Enoch had a prophetic eye for the judgment of Noah’s day. He also saw further into the future to the Second Coming of Christ who would judge people in a similar condition to those who lived at the time of Noah.

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### II. The Prophecy (Vs. 14b-15)

- A. Christ Is Coming – “Behold the Lord cometh” (14b)
  - 1. At Christ’s first coming He came as Saviour.
  - 2. At Christ’s second coming He comes as Judge.
- B. Accompanied by His Saints (14b)
  - 1. The number – “ten thousands”. Literally means ‘myriads’ or an innumerable multitude
  - 2. The purpose – “to execute judgment”
    - a. Believers will be involved in God’s work of Judgment at the end of time.
    - b. I. Corinthians 6:2-3 *“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?...Know ye not that we shall judge angels?...”*
- C. The Content (Vs. 15)
  - 1. Judgment on ungodly actions
    - a. ‘deeds’ = works
    - b. *“...God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”* Rom 2:16
  - 2. Judgment on ungodly sayings
    - a. ‘hard’ = harsh, fierce
    - b. *“against him”* = e.g. blasphemy, unholy, false teachings concerning His Person and Work.
    - c. Matthew 12:36 *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”*

### III. The Summary (Vs. 16)

- A. Murmurers
- B. Complainers
- C. Lustful – Their conduct is governed, controlled and dictated by the desires and impulses of the depraved flesh nature. They are slaves to sinful passion.
- D. Deceptive
  - 1. They impress people with bloated, extravagant language.
  - 2. They seek to create a spirit of “hero worship” and fame for themselves.
  - 3. The idea in the Greek is “marvelling or impressing faces!”
  - 4. 2 Peter 2:3 *“And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”*

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## An Apostolic Warning

### I. The Command (Vs. 17)

- A. Remember – we are prone to spiritual dementia. We need to constantly exercise our minds in remembering the truths of God's Word lest our spiritual senses become dulled and insensitive to eternal realities.
- B. Apostles – E.g. Peter & Paul. The church is built on the foundation of the Apostles & Prophets (Eph. 2:20)

### II. The Prediction (Vs. 18)

- A. The Apostates are Mockers
  - 1. 'mockers' = one who scoffs and makes fun of
  - 2. They mock the fact of Christ's imminent return, the Creation and the fact of the world-wide flood. II. Peter 3:2-6 *"That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, **walking after their own lusts, And saying, *Where is the promise of his coming?* for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they **willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.*****"
- B. The Apostates are Lustful

### III. The Summary (Vs. 19)

- A. They are Sectarian: A false form of separation. They exhibit a spirit of elitism and exclusivism.
- B. They are Soulless: They are governed by the natural man
- C. They are devoid of the Spirit: Without the Spirit you are *"none of his"* (Rom 8:9)

## Summary/Conclusion:

1. Are you ready to face the Lord Jesus Christ? Is He your Saviour or Judge?
2. Are we preaching the soon return of Christ?
3. Are we practising discernment with who we allow to have a teaching role in our lives?