

SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS IN THE CHURCH

(THE BOOK OF JUDE)

Part 4

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As we study the book of Jude, which identifies false teachers, we are reminded of the intense spiritual warfare that takes place in the church. Jude is carefully identifying apostate false teachers. These are apostate because they reject "the faith" which is contained in Holy Scripture. But they also desire to push their false doctrine on others. They are never satisfied unless they can deceive many others with their teachings. They are driven by impure motives and satanic energy. They are very destructive!

Their theology is always distorted and their "trail" always leads to the same end. They make sin seem acceptable and standards are always changing.

In light of this warfare, the author, Jude, is led by the Holy Spirit to expose the motives and methods of apostate false teachers. Remember, they are clever as they infiltrate the church because they always say one thing, yet believe something else. Watch out!

THE PRODUCT OF THEIR TEACHING

Jude 12-13

Natural Descriptions	Actual Results
1. Hidden Reefs (rocks)	1. Destructive practices that destroy the fellowship of the saints
2. Clouds without water	2. Profess to have truth , but nothing to offer
3. Autumn trees without fruit	3. No righteousness is produced . They are spiritually dead and condemned to everlasting punishment.
4. Wild waves of the sea	4. Out of control teaching that always leaves a devastating trail
5. Wandering stars	5. They come and go with nothing of lasting value .

THE PENALTY FOR FALSE TEACHERS

Jude 14-15

- Enoch, before the **flood**, prophesied about Christ coming in judgment.
- Enoch gives the first prophetic statement about the **Second** Coming of Christ.
- Jude states this prediction with absolute **certainty**. ("The Lord came")
- All ungodly **acts** will one day be punished according to each act done.
- No ungodly person or ungodly act will **escape** the careful judgment of the Lord God.

THE PERSON ATTRIBUTES OF FALSE TEACHERS

Jude 16

- These false teachers are...

Described	Result
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. grumblers or continually murmuring.2. complainers who find fault.3. those who speak arrogantly.4. those who flatter people.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. They always are discontent with God's way.2. They are always finding fault with people and life situations to enhance their own selfish desires.3. They boast with empty, non-factual words as they deceive others.4. They tell people what they want to hear so they can gain their trust and money.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. How careful are you as you accept biblical teaching?
2. How has false teaching caused damage in your own personal life?
3. Are you doing something in your life that is contrary to the truth of Scripture and has been promoted by false teaching?
4. Do you practice any of the traits listed in Jude 16? What does the Lord God need to do to change your behavior?