

The Book of Jude

- I. THE PROBLEM OF APOSTASY (JUDE 1:1-4).
 - A. Jude's commendation (1:1-2).
 - B. Jude's compulsion to write (1:3).
 - C. Jude's concern (1:4).

- II. THE DESCRIPTION OF APOSTASY.
 - A. Apostates are ungodly (1:4).
 - B. Twisters of God's grace (1:4).
 - C. Christ deniers (1:4).
 - D. Sensuous (1:8).
 - E. Flesh defilers (1:8).
 - F. Despisers of authority (1:8).
 - G. Ignorant critics (1:10).
 - H. Unreasoning animals (1:10).
 - I. Immoral fault-finders (1:16).
 - J. Arrogant to the core (1:16).
 - K. Lying flatterers for personal gain (1:16).
 - L. Divisive (1:19).
 - M. Worldly minded (1:19).
 - N. Devoid of the Spirit (1:19).

- III. HISTORICAL EXAMPLES AND CAUSES OF APOSTASY.
 - A. The nation Israel--apostasy caused by unbelief (1:5). (See also Num. 14:22-23; Ps. 78:10-54, 106:6-33; Heb. 3:8-19.)
 - B. The fallen angels--apostasy caused by disloyalty (1:6). (See also 2 Pet. 2:4; Rev. 12:3-4.)
 - C. The citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah--apostasy caused by sexual perversion (1:7). (See also Gen. 13:13; 18:20-21; 19:4-13; 2 Pet. 2:6.)
 - D. The devil--apostasy caused by pride and self-will (1:8-9). (See also Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19.)
 - E. Cain--apostasy caused by religious perversion (1:11). (See also Gen. 4:1-8; 1 Jn. 3:12.)
 - F. Balaam--apostasy caused by greed for money (1:11). (See also Num. 22:15-17.)
 - G. Korah--apostasy caused by rejection of divine authority (1:11). (See also Num. 16:1-3.)

- IV. THE METAPHORS OF APOSTASY (1:12-13).
 - A. Hidden rocks (1:12). This describes the unseen dangers of apostasy.
 - B. Waterless clouds (1:12). This describes the false claims of apostasy.
 - C. Dead autumn trees (1:12). This describes the barren profession of apostasy.
 - D. Wild waves (1:13). This describes the wasted efforts of apostasy.
 - E. Wandering stars (1:13). This describes the aimless purpose of apostasy.

- V. THE JUDGMENT UPON APOSTASY (1:14-15).
 - A. The messenger--Enoch (1:14).
 - B. The message--judgment (1:14-15).

- VI. THE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST APOSTASY (1:20-25).
 - A. The believer and himself.
 - 1. He is to build on the Word of God (1:20).
 - 2. He is to pray with the Spirit of God (1:20).
 - 3. He is to keep in the love of God (1:21).
 - 4. He is to look for the return of God (1:21).
 - 5. He is to testify to the glory of God (1:24-25).
 - B. The believer and the lost.
 - 1. Concerning those in great doubt (1:22).
 - 2. Concerning those who are in great danger (1:22).
 - 3. Concerning those who are in great depravity (1:23).
 - C. The believer and the Lord.
 - 1. What he does for us now (1:24).
 - 2. What he will do for us later (1:24).