

CONTENDING FOR OUR FAITH

Lesson 4: False Teachers-Their Character, Destiny and Actions Jude 12-19

- A. **Their character:** Jude identified himself in terms of his ministry and his relationships (12-13).
- A. “Spots”- They are hidden reefs that crash the lives of believers (12a).
 - B. “Clouds without water”- They promise but never deliver (12b).
 - C. “Fruitless autumn trees”- They fail to provide the nourishment they offer (12c).
 - D. “Raging waves of the sea”- They put on a good show but their shameful deeds betray them (13a).
 - E. “Wandering stars”- They appear bright but their dark end is certain (13b).
- B. **Their destiny:** These apostate teachers have a certain judgment awaiting them (14-15).
- A. The apocryphal book of Enoch prophesied the doom of evil people like this (14a).
 - B. Believers will accompany the Lord when He returns to judge the wicked (14b; Revelation 19:14).
 - C. The Lord will execute His righteous justice on the wicked, including these evil teachers (15).
- C. **Their actions:** These false teachers sin with their words and through their sensual lifestyles (16-19).
- A. These individuals complain about everything (16a; see 1 Corinthians 10:10).
 - B. These discontent individuals find fault with everything and everyone (16b).
 - C. Driven by their sensual passions, they use pompous words to impress and woo people in order to exploit them (16c).
 - D. The apostles warned about these individuals and believers should not be taken off guard (17-18; 2 Peter 3:3; Acts 20:30).
 - E. These sensual, divisive individuals do not have the Spirit of God and do not know the Lord (19).