

**Series "Contending For The Faith"**  
**"What They Are"**  
**Jude 1:12-16**  
**Study-3**

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**Jude 1:12-13 – "These are the men who are,"; Jude 16 – "These are"**

**Jude 3**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** The Ungodliness Of The False Teachers Is Revealed In Their Character, Being Dangerous And Bringing Judgment.

**1. Jude 12-13 – The Character Of The False Teachers**

**2. Jude 14-16 – The Judgment Of The False Teachers**

**1. Jude 12-13 – The Character Of The False Teachers:**

Jude 1:12

"These are the men who are" – describing false teachers/apostates in Jude 5-11, Jude 1:11.

**6 Metaphors From Nature Of Those Perverting God's Truth:**

**Description #1 – Hidden Reefs:** "hidden reefs" or "spots" only used here in the NT; "a ledge or reef of rock in the sea, (covered by the water); (KJV Jude 1:12 spots ) 2 Peter 2:13 – "They are stains and blemishes,"

**(Spots from a distance but are really dangerous reefs)**

"in your love feasts" – The Corinthians practiced this, 1 Corinthians 11:20-22.

"when they feast with you" – These men had invaded the "love feasts".

**Description #2 – Selfish Shepherds:** "caring for themselves;" – or "feeding"; means "shepherding, shepherding themselves, to pastor."

Acts 20:28

Isaiah 56:10-12

(NLT 2 Corinthians 11:20)

Ezekiel 34:2

**Description #3 – Empty Clouds:** “clouds without water, carried along by winds;”

“clouds without water,” – Luke 12:54

God’s Word Is Compared To Rain And The Dew:  
Deuteronomy 32:2; Isaiah 55:10.

Empty Promise: Proverbs 25:14

Promising Liberty, But Give Bondage: 2 Peter 2:19

“carried along by winds;” – “carried away, carried alongside of or off course.”

**Description #4 – Dead Trees:** “autumn trees”

Fruitless, Barren And Useless: “autumn trees without fruit,” –  
An orchard in autumn, the farmer expects fruit. But these trees are fruitless!

**Evidences Of True Salvation Is Producing Spiritual Fruit:  
John 15:8**

**Fruitless Because They Deny The Source! Jude 1:4**

Psalms 1:3

Matthew 7:16

“doubly dead,” – (dead in appearance and dead in reality)  
“uprooted”; “plucked up by the root”, 1 Timothy 5:6.

Jude 13

**Description #5 – Wild Waves:** “wild waves of the sea,”

“wild waves of the sea,” – “raging, savage, fierce waves of the sea”; Noisy And Dangerous!

Jude 16 – “they speak arrogantly,”

Their Unruliness: "casting up their own shame like foam;" – Literally "to foam at the mouth" as "waves in uninterrupted succession, dashing themselves."

Isaiah 57:20

Philippians 3:19

**Description #6 – Wandering Stars:** "wandering stars,"  
**Their Disobedience:** "wandering stars," – Meteors, falling stars.

"Black (blackest) darkness has been reserved forever." (False Teachers) God has reserved chains of darkness for the rebellious angels, Jude 1:6.

## **2. Jude 14-16 – The Judgment Of The False Teachers:**

Jude 14

"that Enoch," – All that we know, Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5.

He is called "in the seventh generation from Adam," – Genesis 5:4-20.

"prophesied, saying," – The Book of Enoch (108 Chapters).

Jude's Present Application From The Oldest Prophecy: "about these men that Enoch,"

Personal Judgment: "Behold, the Lord came" – James 5:9

"with many thousands of His holy ones," – When Jesus returns, He will do so with the angels, Matthew 25:31, and the saints, Col 3:4; 1 Thess 3:13.

Jude 15

Universal Judgment: "to execute judgment upon all," – None will escape.

Just Judgment: "and to convict" – "to prove to be wrong, to convince, to prove guilty of sin", John 5:22.

Moral Judgment: "all the ungodly" – The word "ungodly" is used 4X in this one verse! 2 Peter 3:7

Ungodly – "no reverence for God, total moral and spiritual breakdown, living without God"; Enoch Called Sin, Sin.

"of all their ungodly deeds" – Revelation 20:12

"and of all the harsh ("rough, stern, uncivil") things which ungodly sinners"

Jude 16

### **Jude Cites 5 Ungodly Practices:**

**#1 – "These are grumblers,"** – "smoldering discontent expressed in loud outspoken outcries, or muttered undertones against God," Exodus 17:3 (1 Corinthians 10:10).

Philippians 2:14

**#2 – "finding fault,"** – "to find fault, to complain"; With "lot or fate"; it means "to find fault, dissatisfaction with ones lot in life." (Attitude)

**#3 – "following after their own lusts;"** – Jude 1:10

Jude 1:18

2 Peter 2:14

**#4 – "they speak arrogantly,"** – "speaking haughty words, great swelling, noisy words"; to impress ignorant people. 2 Peter 2:18

**#5 – "flattering people"** – "admiring faces, show respect to faces."

"for the sake of gaining an advantage." – Leviticus 19:15;  
James 2:1-9

### **Application:**

1. False Teachers Pose A Great Danger In The Church. Like **Hidden Reef's** – Shipwreck; **Selfish Shepherds** – Caring Only For Themselves; **Empty Clouds** – False Promises; **Dead Trees** – No Fruit; **Wild Waves** – Noisy And Unruly; **Wandering Stars** – Disobedience.
2. God's Judgment Rightfully Falls Upon The Ungodly. How Gracious Of God To Continually Warn Us In Scripture So That We Can Repent And Be Saved.