

Jude

(3) The Apostate Identified

The first description of these apostates... Jude 8-10

What's the first key(s) to identifying the apostate? vs.8

1. defile the flesh (sexual) 2. reject authority 3. revile (slander) angelic beings.

How might you summarize these actions/attitudes?

They are depraved, filled with intellectual insubordination and spiritually irreverent.

Who does Jude use as a positive example of submission to angelic authority? vs.9

Michael. In a verbal dispute with Satan he invoked the Lord's rebuke, not his own.

Give some examples where this principle is involved today... Acts. 19:11-20

So what is the first summary description of the apostates given by Jude? vs.10 IIPet.2:10-11

1. They speak abusively against what they don't understand. Revile (any) authority.

What's the second summary description? vs.10 IIPet.2:12

2. What they do understand (instinct, sodomy?) is the very thing that destroys them.

The fate of the apostate...Jude 11-16

What are Jude's triad (3) points on the *woe* upon the apostates? vs.11

1. Gone the way of Cain 2. For profit to the error of Balaam 3. Rebellion of Korah

What is the "way of Cain"? IJn.3:10-12

Evil deeds vs. righteous deeds. Evil hates and murders, like Cain. Love one another...

And what is the "error of Balaam"? Num.31:13-16; IIPet.2:15-16; IICor.6:14-18; Rev.2:14

For personal gain he taught Israel to sin. Sexual, idolatry, disobedience... wrath of God.

And what is "Korah's rebellion"? Num.16:1-14

Rebellion against God's delegated rule through Moses. Take over leadership by force...

What was God's feeling about this rebellion against Moses? Num.16:19-35

The ground opened up and swallowed them alive. Fire consumed the others.

What "memento" was made to remind the congregation of this rebellion? Num.16:36-40

The bronze censers used by the rebels were hammered into plating for the altar.

And did the whole thing sink in? did the congregation learn? Num.16:41 Results? 16:42-50

The NEXT DAY they grumbled! God's wrath only stayed by Aaron. Obey your leaders!!

Why does God not take such visible action against these apostates today? Rev.2:12-17

He does! Churches have disappeared, rebels have died, apostates are in hell today.

What are some applications for us today in this area?
