

Jude IV
Jude 8-16
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I. Jude's Description of and Indictment Against Ungodly Persons – vs. 8-16

- A. Historical examples of those who rejected the truth – vs. 9-11
1. The Devil – v. 9
 - a. This may have reference to the pseudepigraphical book *The Assumption of Moses*
 - b. Micheal is God 's agent for the defeating of Satan's purpose against God's earthly people Israel.
 - i. Daniel 10:13; 12:1; Revelation 12:7-9
 - c. The burial of Moses: Deuteronomy 34: 5, 6
 - d. See also: II Kings 18:4; Zechariah 3:2; Titus 3:1, 2, 9
 2. The people of Jude's day – v. 10
 - a. They thought they comprehended what was above them (the angels) when they only understood what was below them (animals).
 - b. II Peter 2:12
 3. Cain (plain People) – v. 11a
 - a. He did it "his way"
 - b. He established himself as the final authority
 4. Balaam (priest) v. 11b
 - a. Numbers 22: 21-31; Deuteronomy 23:4, 5; Numbers 31:16
 - b. He sacrificed eternal riches for temporal gain
 - c. He sacrificed "His walk with God"
 5. Korah (prince) – v. 11c
 - a. He was related to Moses – Exodus 6:18-21
 - b. He rebelled against Moses and Aaron – Numbers 16; 26:10
- B. Further descriptions and Indictments – vs. 12-16
1. “. . . *hidden reefs in your love-feasts . . .*”
 - a. Unseen danger
 - i. Love-feasts: close times of fellowship usually followed by communion
 - ii. They thus became "reefs" or "blemishes"
 2. “. . . *caring for themselves . . .*” – v. 12
 - a. Our world is infested with selfish people
 - i. Just like the false shepherds of Israel – Ezekiel 34:1-10
 - ii. Just the opposite of the way it should be – I Peter 5:1-3; Philippians 2:1-5

3. “. . . *clouds without water, carried along by the wind . . .*” – v. 12
 - a. False promises
 - i. They promised a lot but were short on delivery
 - ii. They are unstable
4. “. . . *autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted . . .*” – v.12
 - a. Barren profession
 - i. They themselves bear no spiritual fruit
 - ii. There are no results (converts etc.) of their ministry
 - iii. "Every plant which my heavenly Father did not plant shall be rooted up" – Matthew 15:13
5. “. . . *wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam . . .*” – v. 13
 - a. Wasted effort
 - i. They seek to destroy the very foundation but cannot.
 - ii. Psalm 104:9; Revelation 21:1
6. “. . . *wandering stars for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.*” – v. 13
 - a. Wandering or shooting stars; nice to watch but provided little light and no direction.
 - i. Airless course
 - ii. Judgement awaits them
7. Prophecy of Enoch – vs. 14, 15
 - a. Genesis 5: 18-27
 - b. A portion of this prophecy is found in the Apocryphal Book of Enoch 1:9
 - c. Jesus will return (Matthew 24: 30; II Thessalonians 1:10) and will judge (II Thessalonians 1:7-10)
 - d. He was the father of Methuselah whose name means "when he dies it will come" – Genesis 5:21, 22
8. “*These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts . . .*” – v. 16
9. “. . . *they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.*” – v. 16.
 - a. "arrogantly" =puffed up or swollen
 - b. II Peter 2:18, 19