

REVIEW: False belief is dangerous in that it leads to rebellion against God. Vs 3-4

To illustrate: Jude draws three parallels to verses 3-4.

1. **Parallel #1: The generation of Israel that was delivered from captivity. Vs 5**
2. **Parallel #2: The Angels that sinned. Vs 6**
3. **Parallel #3: The sexual perversion of Sodom and Gomorrah. Vs 7-8**

Fool's destruction: Warning of error. Vs 11

- Way of Cain – envy, murder and lying.
- Error of Balaam – teaching wrong to trip people up and get paid. (Like the Word of Faith cult)
- Gainsaying of Core –preaching so as to promote self vs submission to God's structure. Strive Division.

Five Pictures of Apostates.1. _____ . Apostates are brazenly _____. **Vs 12**

- Early Believers had regular times where they met for a meal together. They were called love feasts or "Agape Feasts."
- _____ around food has always been a very significant thing.
BUT, to sit at table with someone – all with the aim of making merchandise of them was horrid. It is the worst kind of betrayal. Apostates come in like they are with us, but really they are only with themselves fulfilling their own mission. **Romans 3:13**
- Notice that these _____ are "with you."

The mixed multitude is always a _____ for any people of faith. **Numbers 11:1-6**

Example: The Trojan Horse. **Titus 1:16**

"feeding themselves without fear"

Remember: they are eating at a love feat. They are pigging out, while others go hungry. There was a similar problem in Corinth! **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

I do wonder, when I look at the text, that these people should feed themselves without fear. I suppose this may allude to the love feasts, but also to the Lord's Supper. How an ungodly man can drink the wine that typifies the blood of Christ when he is all the while crucifying Christ, I cannot understand. How he can break bread at the Lord's Table when he is spending his life with harlots, or gaining money by dishonesty, I cannot comprehend. But sin is an incomprehensible thing.

Some of the best Christians who come to the Lord's Table come there in great fear and trembling, and I have known some, who have had an undoubted right to be there, half afraid to come. Yet those very persons who have a holy fear lest they should come amiss are those who really ought to come. – Charles Spurgeon

2. _____ . Apostates are in reality _____. **Vs 12b**

- They come with the **promise** of help / life. (They look like ministers of Christ!)
In **reality**, they fail to deliver! No life. (They are frauds!)
- Clouds are supposed to carry what? _____
KEY: God's people need the water of Jesus! **John 4:14; Ephesians 5:26** compare **Ephesians 4:17-24**

3. _____ . Apostates are spiritually _____ ! **Vs 12c**

- No life! What they do produce - ROTS.
- **RED FLAG:** If everyone you disciple ends up misfiring / divisive / contentious. That's fruit of you, tree!
Some trees, you water, you feed, you work – for NOTHING in return! **Matthew 7:15-21; 15:13**

4. _____. Apostates are terribly _____. **Vs 13**

- Here: They will overturn you. The waves of the sea are a POWERFUL force.
- An apostate's teaching is damaging. They are brazen in their rebellion. They foam out their shame! Beware! **Philippians 3:19; Romans 2:21; Proverbs 11:2**
- These apostates, in their pride, look like they are right (they are so confident!) They seem powerful, invincible! But rest assured, they will be shown shameful. Example **1 Timothy 1:18–20**
- **Solution? 2 Corinthians 4:2**

5. _____. Apostates are eternally _____. **Vs 13b**

- Stars can equate to Angels. (Described in Job and pictured 1 Cor 15:40-41)
- Physical stars were created by God. **Genesis 1:16**
Their purpose Genesis 1:14
- **KEY:** Stars used to be THE way to _____. Any star without a _____ course cannot be trusted to navigate!

Pick the _____ star as a guide and you will get _____!

What the "stars" should teach. **Psalm 19**

Tremble at the idea of leading a false course!

Warning: "to them is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever!" Because of their rebellion against God, He gave Egypt a taste of this horrible condition. **Exodus 10:21–23**

Proverbs 21:16; 27:8; 2 Peter 2:15

Why does God give all of these warnings? **Vs 14-15: Retribution**