

The Letter of

Jude

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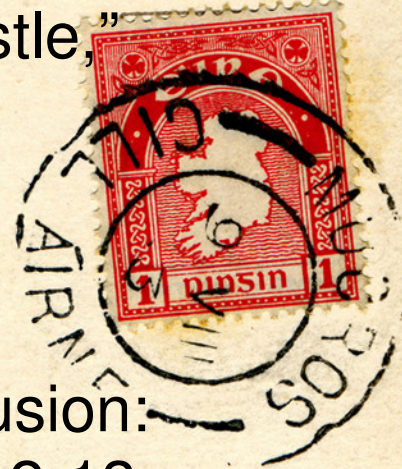
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Tonight, we continue with the last “General Epistle,”
the Book of Jude.

3. Some pictures, 1:12-16

- a. The question of successful delusion:
a look at hostile nature, 1:12-13



Apostates are...

- (1) Tremendously deceptive, 1:12a “These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear...”

Original Word: σπιλάς

Transliteration: spilas)

Short Definition: a hidden rock, false teacher, fig: a flaw, stigma.

The first illustration: “...spots in your feasts... without fear...”

Beware the coast of Cornwall! How countless sailors have drowned off idyllic holiday shores during centuries of shipwrecks



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Eph. 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having **spot**, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



2 Pet. 2:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. **Spots** they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

(2) Actually disappointing, 1:12b

“...clouds they are without water, carried about of winds...”

The second illustration: “clouds...without water..”

Prov. 25:14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is **like clouds and wind without rain.**

“All fluff and no stuff.”

(3) Spiritually dead, 1:12c “...trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;”

The third illustration: “trees...twice dead...”



Jn. 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.



Psa. 52:5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.



Prov. 2:22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Jer. 1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Rom. 13:11 And that, **knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep:** for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

1 Pet. 4:7 But **the end of all things is at hand**:
be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,
that **in the latter times** some shall depart from
the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and
doctrines of devils;

1 Jn. 2:18 Little children, **it is the last time**: and as ye have
heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many
antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

(4) Terribly dangerous, 1:13a “Raging
waves of the sea, foaming out their own
shame; wandering stars...”



The fourth illustration: “Raging waves of the sea...”

Isa. 57:20 But **the wicked are like the troubled sea**, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 **There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.**



The fifth illustration: “...wandering stars...”

(5) Eternally doomed, 1:13b “...to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.”

The first illustration: “spots in your feasts of charity” = undaunted phonies

The second illustration: “clouds they are without water, carried about of winds”
= unsettled phonies

The third illustration: “trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots” = unproductive phonies

The fourth illustration: “Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame” = unsatisfied phonies

The fifth illustration: “wandering stars” = unstable phonies



b. The question of secular humanism:
a look at Holy Scripture, 1:14-15

(1) The Lord's coming with His
people, 1:14



Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam,
prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with
ten thousands of his saints,

Mt. 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in
heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and
they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of
heaven with power and great glory.

2 Thess. 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.



(2) The Lord's coming and His purpose, 1:15



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Conclusion

2 Tim. 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:** from such turn away.

