Jude 1:12-16

Review…

- **Prepare to FIGHT…**
  - Jude WARNED us – we NEED to FIGHT for THE [τῇ] FAITH [πίστις]
  - Because FALSE teachers had CREPT into the church – with a DESIRE to deceive…
  - These FALSE teachers INTERPRET - the GRACE of God as a license to SIN…
  - They TEACH - there are OPTIONS on how to get to HEAVEN…
  - They do not TEACH - Jesus is the BOSS [κύριος] – the one who OWNS us!
- **Defining False teachers…**
  - Jude looked BACK to the Old Testament – to define what FALSE teachers look like TODAY…
    - They LOOK like Israel – who refused to OBEY the Lord and enter the LAND…
    - They LOOK like Angels – who rebelled against God thinking there was another way to heaven…
    - They LOOK like Sodom – who sinned thinking there were no consequences – were destroyed!
  - These FALSE teachers have NO respect…
    - They speak evil [βλασφημέω] – of the GLORY [God almighty]
    - While even Michael the Archangel – did not speak evil [βλασφημία] of the devil…
    - He said the Lord give you HONOR [ἐπιτιμάω] – He will JUDGE your worth!
  - Which is why FALSE teachers have NO hope…
    - Like CAIN – they refuse to OBEY – and SIN dominates their lives…
    - Like Balaam – they only live for PLEASURE – and it bring them destruction…
    - Like Korah – they refuse to FOLLOW the way of the Lord – and it causes death!

Fate of False teachers…

- **1st – Five Illustrations… vs. 12-13**
  - 1st – Hidden REEFS… vs. 12
    - The WARNING regarding FALSE pastors…
      - Having given us the THREE things FALSE pastors preach…
      - And shown the EXAMPLES from the Old Testament on what FALSE pastors look like…
      - JUDE will finish up by DESCRIBING the FATE of FALSE pastors!
    - These are spots in your love!
      - SPOTS [σπιλάς] – only here NT – a ROCK or REEF just under the surface of the water…
      - They are a REEFS – that try to stumble us in - THE [ὁ] LOVE [ἀγάπη]
      - The LOVE – in context – talking about the LOVE we are to have for each other in the church!
      - One of the most DANGEROUS things for a boat – is a REEF…
      - Because you cannot see the DANGER [under the surface] – until it is too late!
      - The GOAL of FALSE pastors is to try and remove LOVE from the church…
      - Because if we do not have LOVE – then we do not represent Christ – **John 13:35**
      - The challenge is we cannot easily see the DANGER – FALSE pastors are not obvious…
      - They are UNDER the surface – waiting patiently to SHIPWRECK our LOVE!
    - They feast with you without fear - serving only themselves!
      - They go to DINNER with the believers – trying to blend in…
      - No FEAR [ἀφόβως] - they are confident we cannot SEE them…
      - But we can always SPOT a FALSE pastors – because they only FEED [serve] themselves…
      - FEED [ποιμαίνω] – 11x in the NT – where we get the word PASTOR!

- **Ezekiel 34:2** - "Destruction is certain for you [Pastors] who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Should [Pastors] not feed their sheep?"
- Watch out for any PASTOR who abuses the authority they are given in the church...
- Who uses the pulpit as a means for personal gain – to take advantage of people...
- Whose MOTIVE is not to FEED the people – but only to FEED themselves…
- They are a FALSE pastor – a REEF – trying to destroy the LOVE of God in the CHURCH!

o 2nd – Empty CLOUDS… vs. 12

- They are clouds without water!
  - FALSE pastors – are like CLOUDS in the sky – that have no RAIN…
  - The idea being they APPEAR to be something that would be REFRESHING…
  - A much needed RAIN that will bring life to a DRY land…
  - But instead of being a BLESSING – FALSE pastors turn out to be FALSE advertising!
  - **II Peter 2:17** – "[FALSE pastors] are wells without water – clouds carried by a tempest!"
  - Anyone who teaches us to look to the world for PROMISES…
  - The PROMISE if we MARRY the right person – we will find HAPPINESS…
  - The PROMISE if we have enough MONEY – we will have no WORRIES…
  - These PROMISES look good - but they are EMPTY promises….
  - What they do not tell us – ONLY in Jesus - are PROMISES Yes and Amen – **II Corinthians 1:20**
- Carried about by the winds!
  - CARRIED [περιφέρω] – root of the word PERIPHERY [outer edge] - by VIOLENT winds…
  - The PICTURE is powerful – these FALSE pastors are continually [present]
  - Trying to take us away from center of the will of God – away from Jesus…
  - By getting us caught up in the LATEST powerful TRENDS to blow through the church!
  - If you are around long enough – you will see WINDS blow through the church…
  - From the TORONTO blessings [1990s] – to the PURPOSE driven life [2000s]
  - Every new TREND or TRUTH - that comes along tries to blow us in a new direction…
  - Do NOT be fooled by NEW ideas – the TRUTH does NOT change…
  - Instead of being blown around – come back to the CENTER – to the Rock that is Jesus!
  - **Ephesians 4:14** - "Then we will no longer be immature like children. We will not be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth." [NLT]

o 3rd – Dead TREES… vs. 12

- Late autumn trees without fruit!
  - Late AUTUMN trees – describing deciduous trees…
  - In ISRAEL – trees will LOOSE their leaves as they prepare for WINTER…
  - They APPEAR to be DEAD – they have NO fruit on their branches…
  - But these TREES will come back to life in the SPRING – once the weather warms up!
- Twice dead - pulled up by the roots!
  - FALSE pastors – in contrast – are TWICE dead…
  - They do not just LOOK like they are DEAD – they are really DEAD…
  - Because they are going to DIE physically – and also DIE spiritually…
  - Like a TREE that has been pulled up by the ROOTS – there is no LIFE!
  - Jesus – said about the Pharisees - who were FALSE pastors…
  - **Mathew 15:13** – "Every [tree] which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted…"
  - A powerful warning of the FATE of FALSE pastors – they will not STAND…
  - Because they do not bear good FRUIT – because they are SPIRITUALLY dead…
  - God will UPROOT them – and they will be cast into the FIRE!

- **John 15:6** – "[They are] cast out as a branch and is withered - and they gather them and throw them into the fire - and they are burned."

- 4th – Raging WAVES… vs. 13
  - Raging waves of the sea - foaming up their own shame!
  - RAGING [wild or untamed] waves…
  - In a violent storm – the wind causes the WAVES to crash uncontrollably…
  - The result is the smashing WAVES - cast FOAM in all directions!
  - In the same way – FALSE pastors – driven by their SINFUL lusts…
  - End up casting out [foam] - their FILTH in all directions - to their own DISGRACE [shame]!
  - Over the years – many FALSE pastors have been DISGRACED…
  - It might be an AFFAIR – or FINANCIAL ruin – but their lives do NOT say hidden…
  - You will see their STORIES on the news – open for everyone to see…
  - Because their SELFISH motives [FOAM] always come out – the TRUTH is revealed!
- 5th – Lost STARS… vs. 13
  - Wandering stars!
    - WANDERING – from the root [πλάνος] – to be DECEIVED…
    - A WANDERING star has another name – it is called a COMET…
    - They travel through the universe without direction – they are LOST…
    - If they are LOST – why would we want to FOLLOW them!
    - Too often in life we blindly follow the examples of others...
    - We do what others do - because everyone else is doing the same thing...
    - It is always a wise question to ask - whom am I following - where are they going!
    - **Matthew 15:14** – "If the blind leads the blind - both will fall into a ditch."
  - For whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever!
    - God has already decided [perfect] the fate of these FALLEN stars…
    - They are DESTINED [τηρέω] – for BLACKNESS [ζόφος]
    - A word used 4x NT – to describe everlasting punishment – the Lake of Fire – **II Peter 2:17**
    - The bottom line – the destiny of these teachers is sealed – their doom certain!
    - All the more reason why we want to make sure to avoid them – and not share their fate!

- **2ND – DESTINED TO BE JUDGED… VS. 14-15**
  - 1st – The prophet Enoch… vs. 14
    - Enoch - the seventh from Adam!
      - We first read about ENOCH in the genealogy of Adam – **Genesis 5:21-24**
      - One of only two men in the Bible [also Elijah] - who God took alive to heaven!
      - **Hebrew 11:5** – "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death - and was not found because God took him. Before he was taken he had this testimony - he pleased God."
    - The PROPHET…
      - ENOCH – meaning TEACHER [חָנַךְ] – was the first PROPHET [προφήτης] in the Bible…
      - We know of TWO prophecies that came from ENOCH…
      - FIRST - ENOCH received the prophecy of WHEN the FLOOD would occur…
      - He was told that as long as his son was alive the JUDGEMENT would be withheld!
      - The name METHUSELAH – means his DEATH shall bring…
      - By GRACE - God allowed METHUSELAH to be the OLDEST man in history – 969 years old…
      - But the year his son METHUSELAH died – the FLOOD came!
    - Prophesied about these men also!
      - SECOND – ENOCH received a prophecy about FALSE pastors [these men]
      - And much like his FIRST prophecy – it included the JUDGMENT of the whole world…

- Because what ENOCH predicted was the SECOND coming of Jesus Christ!

- 2nd – The Second COMING… vs. 14-15
  - Saying – Behold - the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints!
    - ENOCH says [present] – he is STILL speaking to us through the WORD…
    - BEHOLD [imperative] – we must KNOW [εἴδω]
    - Lord [κύριος] is coming with ten THOUSANDS [hundred million]– innumerable number!
    - At the end of the SEVEN years of Tribulation – **Revelation 6-18**
    - Jesus will come out of Heaven on a white horse – King of Kings – **Revelation 19:11-19**
    - He will return with an innumerable number of His SAINTS [ἅγιος]
    - Included will be ALL of the SAINTS from the OLD testament…
    - ALL the SAINTS who died in FAITH – and went to be with the Lord – **II Corinthians 5:8**
    - As well as everyone who was RAPTURED before the TRIBULATION – **I Thessalonians 4:17**
    - We will all ride out together – on our own horses – alongside of Jesus!
    - **Revelation 19:14** – "The armies in heaven - clothed in fine linen white and clean [SAINTS] - followed [Jesus] on white horses."
  - To execute judgment on all!
    - Jesus will come to JUDGE [κρίσις] the WHOLE [πᾶς] world!
    - The battle begins in Bozrah – where a remnant of Israel is hidden for 3½ years - **Isaiah 63:1**
    - He will then arrive in Jerusalem – coming to the Mount of Olives - **Acts 1:11**
    - When He touches down the Mountain will split in TWO – **Zechariah 14:4**
    - Jesus will leave us in Jerusalem – and will go ALONE to the valley of MEGIDDO - **Joel 3:14**
    - With one word he will defeat the Antichrist and his army – **II Thessalonians 2:8**
    - And Jesus will JUDGE those who survive the Tribulation – **Matthew 25:31-46**
    - Then He will establish His MILLENNIAL Kingdom - **Revelation 20:1-4**
    - And we – the CHURCH - will rule and reign with Him for 1000 years – **I Corinthians 6:2-3**
- 3rd – The Judgement… vs. 15
  - To convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds!
    - When Jesus comes – He will JUDGE in THREE ways…
    - FIRST – He will CONVICT [ἐξελέγχω] – to bring to LIGHT or EXPOSE…
    - All who are UNGODLY [ἀσεβής] – of their UNGODLY [ἀσεβής] works!
    - When Jesus comes – He will bring EVERYTHING in the LIGHT…
    - There will NOT be any more SECRETS – it will all be EXPOSED…
    - Everyone is going to have to give an ACCOUNT for their ACTIONS!
    - **Luke 8:17** – "Nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest - nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light…"
  - Which they have committed in an ungodly way!
    - SECOND – Jesus will also JUDGE our MOTIVES…
    - Not just WHAT we did – but the UNGODLY [ἀσεβέω] WAY [motive] we did it!
    - God is NOT just concerned about WHAT we do – it also matters WHY we do it…
    - God knows everything we do – also SEES our heart – our MOTIVES…
    - And we will have to give an ACCOUNT for our HEART!
    - **Proverbs 15:3** – "The eyes of the LORD are in every place - beholding the evil and the good."
  - And of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him!
    - THIRD – Jesus will JUDGE our WORDS…
    - All the HARD [harsh] word - UNGODLY [ἀσεβής] sinner spoke against the Lord!
    - That might mean using the name of God without respect – cursing – **Exodus 20:7**
    - It could mean making foolish promises to God – **Deuteronomy 23:21**

- Or it could be REBELLION – denying God will JUDGE – **II Peter 3:4**
- The bottom line – is when Jesus comes – JUDGMENT is certain…
- We will be held accountable for ALL of our ACTIONS – MOTIVES – and WORDS!
- **Matthew 12:36** – "I say to you that for every idle word men may speak - they will give account of it in the day of judgment."

- **3RD – REASON FOR JUDGMENT… VS. 16**
  - 1st – Grumblers…
    - GRUMBLERS – from the verb [γογγύζω] – to not be CONTENT…
      - FALSE pastors – like to GRUMBLE about what God has provided them with…
      - They are not CONTENT – they THINK they deserve MORE – or BETTER…
      - And they will encourage others to CONSPIRE with them – on how to get it!
      - When Israel was in the WILDERNESS – because they DISOBEYED the Lord…
      - God gave them MANA [מָן] – but they were not CONTENT – **Numbers 21:6**
      - They began to GRUMBLE – as a result the LORD sent SERPENTS to kill them…
      - When they repented – God had Moses put a BRONZE serpent – look at LIVE!
      - **I Corinthians 10:10** – "Nor GRUMBLE [γογγύζω] - as [Israel did] … and was destroyed..."
    - Be CONTENT…
      - The reason people give thousands of dollars every day to the Lotto...
      - They think if I had lots of money like the rich people – then I would be CONTENT!
      - We are to be CONTENT with whatever we CURRENTLY have – **Hebrews 13:5**
      - Because God has promised to give us EVERYTHING we NEED– **Luke 12:31**
      - There is a BIG difference between NEED and WANT…
      - We all have a LOT of WANTS in life – but the question is do we NEED it…
      - When we are NOT content – think we NEED more - we are essentially calling God a liar!
  - 2nd – Complainers…
    - COMPLAINERS – only here NT – to BLAME someone else for our portion in life…
    - Very similar to the idea of GRUMBLING – but with an emphasis on BLAMING God!
    - People like to COMPLAIN about their CIRCUMSTANCES…
    - If ONLY – I had been born in a different place – was smarter – more handsome…
    - And they look to God – and BLAME Him – for their portion in life!
    - We need to be CAUTION not to GRUMBLE about what God has given to us…
    - We are called to give THANKS – it is the WILL of God for our lives - **I Thessalonians 5:18**
    - In ALL things – no matter what our PORTION - trusting God know BEST!
  - 3rd – Lustful…
    - Walking according to their own lusts!
    - Why do FALSE pastors – GRUMBLE and COMPLAIN…
    - Because they are ALWAYS [present] going [walking] after their LUSTS!
    - Have you ever craved a certain kind of food – mouth salivating to get it…
    - And when we finally eat it – one bite is NOT enough - we want more...
    - We could eat till we become sick – and yet it is never enough!
    - Lust can never be satisfied – it will always want more…
    - Lust wants more: more money - more pleasure - more things - more power...
    - But it is never enough – in the end it costs us everything – for nothing…
    - When we are driven by our lusts – we will hurt ourselves!
    - **Galatians 5:16** – "Walk in the Spirit - and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."
  - 4th – Selfish…
    - They mouth great swelling words - flattering people to gain advantage!
    - FALSE pastors say things that sound PROFOUND – great swelling WORDS…

- But the PURPOSE of those WORDS – all their FLATTERY – is for their own PROFIT…
- They use their WORDS to try and make MONEY off of us!
- The Temple - the Jewish religion - had become a moneymaking industry...
- The priests would always find a flaw in a sacrifice – you had to buy theirs – TRIPLE rate…
- All purchases had to be with a Sanctuary Shekel - exchange rate was EXTORTION…
- So Jesus drove people from the temple with a whip – overturned tables!
- **John 2:16 –** "Do not make My Fathers house a house of merchandise!"
- Churches are to be a place where people come to LEARN about the Lord...
- Instead many PASTORS today – use swelling words today to try and get MONEY...
- Giving people the idea that Jesus is just another SCAM…
- God does not want or need our MONEY – He is the creator of Heaven and Earth!
- His church should be a place of PRAYER – where men can come to KNOW God!
- If Jesus walked into many churches TODAY - He would OVERTURN a lot of tables!
- And Jesus is coming SOON – and He will JUDGE – which is the FATE of all FALSE pastors!