

Apostasy

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As we read in Ecclesiastes 1:9, there is no new thing under the sun. And how true it is as we are sometimes surprised at the apostasy of this day. However, as Jude urged his readers then to earnestly contend for the faith (v.3) he knew and warns of the past apostasy and its judgements, knowing how much worse it would get during these end times.

As noted by many, the book of Jude is the only book devoted entirely to the great apostasy. It appears to be the preamble to the Revelation. Jude very quickly, within 25 verses, takes us on a journey through history, encompassing all of creation, one that describes the apostasy through examples, metaphors and God's judgements.

Initially wanting to address the subject of the common salvation and victory in Christ Jesus that they had in the brotherhood of the saints, Jude feels led by the Holy Spirit to address the ever present and ever worsening problem of apostasy.

In verse 5, Jude is determined to put them in remembrance of things that he obviously feels they have forgotten, only to bring the past to the present, as the apostate teachers were apparently following in the footsteps of old.

At the height of his warning, Jude jumps ahead to Jesus' promise to return (Rev. 22:12) and His promise to execute judgement, reminding them that there will be a price to pay.

Then as He always does, God through Jude once again reminds and gives hope to the saints. He encourages us to be diligent in our study of His Word, in prayer, not forgetting to continue to look forward to the blessed Hope we have in eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ (v.21), and not to overlook our charge and responsibility to carry out the great commission.

And finally, verse 24 makes it so very clear that we serve a Holy, Omnipotent God who is able and willing keep us and was willing, by his shed blood to make atonement for us, for His glory with exceeding joy.

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