

VI. Divine Judgment of False Teachers

A. The Promise of Judgment - vs 3b

1. for a long time their judgment has not been idle,
 - a. for a long time
 - i. the timing of their determined judgment
 - ii. *ekpalai* - long ago, for a long while:--of a long time, of old.
 - iii. Historically, Satan's judgment was proclaimed in Ge 3:13-15
 - iv. God has also condemned those who distort divine truth - Is 8:19-21; 28:15; Jer 9:6-9; 14:14-15; Zeph 3:1-8; Rev 21:8,27
 - b. their judgment - eternal - Rev 21:8
 - c. has not been idle
 - i. Emphasizes the sober reality of divine judgment
 - ii. Jude 1:4b who long ago were marked out for this condemnation,
 - iii. The filling of the cup of wrath - Ge 15:16b for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete. - Re 14:10; 16:19
2. and their destruction does not slumber.
 - a. personifies destruction as the executioner awaiting the day
 - b. fully awake, ready to administer God's just sentence of condemnation

B. The Precedent for Judgment - vs 4-8

1. Fallen Angels - vs 4

- a. For if - conditional sentence
 - i. extends through vs 8
 - ii. Does not imply uncertainty
 - iii. Better rendered "since"
- b. God did not spare the angels who sinned
 - i. God did not provide a way of salvation for them
 - ii. not speaking of when angels originally sinned, but a specific group understood in context
 - iii. Men who pervert His truth should not expect to escape His vengeance
- c. but cast them down to hell
 - i. *tartaroo* - from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment:--cast down to hell.
 - ii. Derived from Greek mythology
 - used only here in the NT
 - came to refer to the abode of the most wicked spirits
- d. and delivered them into chains (pits) of darkness,
 - i. *paradidomi* - to surrender, yield up, entrust, transmit:--betray, bring forth, cast, commit, deliver (up), give (over, up), hazard, put in prison, recommend.
 - ii. to be reserved for judgment - like guilty prisoners awaiting final sentencing and execution
- e. Jd 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode,
 - i. moved out of their proper sphere of existence
 - ii. Refers to Ge 6:1-4
 - iii. Jd 7 refers to their immorality likened unto Sodom and Gomorrah going after strange flesh

2. The Ancient World - vs 5

- a. and did not spare the ancient world,
 - i. bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;
 - ii. the ancient world - referring to those alive at the time of the flood
 - iii. Flood - *kataklusmos* - an inundation:--flood.
 - iv. Ungodly - *asebes* - irreverent, impious or wicked:-- ungodly (man).
- b. but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness,
 - i. Noah - Gen 6:3-13
 - his days shall be 120 years - warning of coming judgment
 - a preacher of righteousness - found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
 - Ge 6:13-21 - let Noah in on the plan
 - ii. one of eight people, - wife, sons, and daughters in law

3. Sodom and Gomorrah - vs 6-8

- a. Sodom and Gomorrah
 - i. two cities judged for gross immorality
 - once main cities on the Jordan plain and basin - Ge 13:12; 14:8
 - located SE of the dead sea
 - ii. condemned them - turned them to ashes - Ge 19
 - *tephroo* - to incinerate, consume:--turn to ashes.
 - *katastrophe* - an overturn ("catastrophe"), demolition; apostasy:-- overthrow, subverting.
- b. making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; - Mt 10:14-15; 11:23-24; Lk 17:28-32

4. and delivered righteous Lot

- a. who was oppressed
 - i. *kataponeo* - to labor down, wear with toil (harass):-- oppress, vex.
 - ii. Connotes the idea of exhausting one by wearing him down
 - by the filthy conduct of the wicked
 - tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds
 - *basanizo* - to torture:--pain, toil, torment, toss, vex.
 - *aselgeia* - licentiousness, filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.
- b. that righteous man, dwelling among them
 - i. Ge 13:5-13 - Lot was relatively selfish, superficial, and worldly
 - ii. Abraham living godly before him, influenced him to faith - 1 Pet 3:15

C. The Pattern of Judgment - vs 9-10a

1. The then of the if in vs 4

2. the Lord knows - as He did in the past, He does in the present and will in the future

- a. simultaneous preserving His own while judging others - Ex 7-10
- b. how to deliver the godly out of temptations - Ps 34:17,19; 1Co 10:13
 - i. *peirasmos* - a putting to proof (by experiment (of good), experience (of evil), solicitation, discipline or provocation); adversity:--temptation.
 - ii. Usually connotes the concept of testing
- c. and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,
 - i. the unjust - like prisoners in jail awaiting sentencing and final judgment
 - ii. 2 primary characteristics
 - especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness - Jd 10, - *miasmos* - (morally) contamination.
 - despise authority. - Jd 10,16 - *kuriotes* - mastery, rulers:-- dominion, government.