

Intro: What started in the Garden.

III. Apostates Be Warned

A. Their Presence - vs 4a

1. For certain men have

a. not hypothetical, they were already present

b. certain men - their historical identity is not essential to the main point

2. crept in unnoticed,

a. *pareisduno* - to settle in alongside, lodge stealthily:--creep in unawares.

i. only here in NT

ii. Has the connotation of slipping in secretly with evil intention

b. there are many false teachers outside the church

i. these had infiltrated the church and were causing harm

ii. How many books do you have by "Christian" authors that have wandered from what they once held as truth or have accepted unbiblical ideas as truth - social justice, unity with all who claim Christ with no exceptions

B. The Prediction - vs 4b

1. who long ago.....for this condemnation

a. The OT is full of passages referring to coming judgment of false teachers - Is 8:20-22; 47:12-15; Jer 5:13-14; 8:12-13; Hos 9:7-9; Na 1:9-10 ; Zeph 1:4-6; 3:1-8; Mal 4:1;

b. Jude may be referring to what he mentions in vs 14-15 about Enoch

c. Peter also refers to this judgment 2 Pe 2:3-6

2. were marked out - *prographo* - to write previously; to announce, prescribe:--before ordain, evidently set forth, write (afore, aforeside).

C. What They Are Like - vs 4c

1. Their Character

a. ungodly men - *asebes* - irreverent, impious or wicked:-- ungodly (man).

b. such people play at religion while possessing no fear of God or love for Him - Mt 23:25; 1 Ti 6:5; 2 Tim 3:5; Tit 1:16

2. Their Conduct - who turn the grace of our God into lewdness

a. *aselgeia* - licentiousness:--filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

b. connotes unrestrained vice or sensuality

i. under the tyranny of their unredeemed passions - Ro 8:3-6/ contrasted w/ believers 2 Co 7:1; Gal 5:16-17,24; 6:8; Phil 3:3

ii. To make it worse, they excuse their behavior by perverting the biblical concept of grace - Tit 2:11

3. Their Creed - deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

a. in viewing themselves as their own masters they deny - *arneomai* - to contradict, disavow, reject, abnegate:--deny, refuse. - 1Jo 2:22

c. Who

i. *despotes* - an absolute ruler ("despot"):--Lord, master.

ii. *kurios* - from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, controller; Master (as a respectful title):-- God, Lord, master, Sir.

D. Their Perishing

1. The pastoral desire to bring to mind

a. But I want to remind you, - 2 Pet 1:12

- b. though you once knew this, another indication that they were Jewish
- 2. Three Illustrations of divine judgment.
 - a. The Israelite Apostates - vs 5
 - i. that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt,
 - a vivid picture of redemption
 - an illustration of God's love for Israel - Ex 12
 - ii. afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
 - also a stern reminder of divine judgment - Nu 14:26-38; Ps 106:26
 - OT is full of passages of divine judgment - Jg 11:14-21; Neh 9:21; Ps 78; 95; 105; 106
 - b. The Angelic Apostates - vs 6
 - i. Jude not referencing which angels indicates that the readers would have known to what he was referring - vs 5
 - ii. And the angels
 - who did not keep their proper domain, - didn't remain in their realm of authority - Eph 2:2
 - but left their own abode, - Gen 6:2
 - iii. He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
 - not referring to Satan as he is not bound at this time
 - temporary judgment - 2Pe 2:4
 - final judgment - the judgment of the great day
 - c. The Gentile Apostates - vs 7
 - i. as Sodom and Gomorrah, - Babylonianism's (Satan's) encroachment into God's gift to Abraham
 - and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, - 4 of 5 cities
 - Ge 19:24; De 29:23; 2Pe 2:6
 - ii. having given themselves over
 - to sexual immorality - *ekporneuo* - to be utterly unchaste:--give self over to fornication.
 - and gone after strange flesh, - so deviant that even an over abundance of what was proper was not sufficient
 - iii. are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. - Mt 3:12; 13:42,50; 25:41