

Verse 12: 'These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves.'

'**These**', Jude meaning: false Christians, false teachers, false prophets, false apostles: the same evil men these early church bodies were being warned of from Paul, Peter, John and also Jesus Christ Himself. They would receive the same condemnation as earlier ones who had turned away from the Truth such as, Cain, Balaam and Korah. They have been turning away from the Truth and yet have stayed in the Church. Jude says they are blemishes and spots in their 'love feasts.' These are not people who are really saved, not real Christians.

The NASB translates this word better than simply, 'spots'; it says, 'These are the men who are **hidden reefs** in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves;'

'Love feasts' refers to the Church eating meals together but also of 'Communion.' Paul wrote of Communion: 'For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner shall be guilty of the Body and the Blood of the Lord.' (this is the danger of churches who say, 'Everyone is welcome to join us in Communion.' They may be producing the cause for an unbeliever to stand guilty of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul goes on: 'But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment.' 1 Cor 11:26 Jude says, 'these aren't waiting for one another... they serve only themselves.

The idea of hidden reefs is that by their presence, these ones, of whom Jude warns, damage the faith and obedience of others, especially weak Christians. A hidden reef can destroy a ship and everyone on board.

Verse 12b: they are 'clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;'

These false teachers give great swelling words that are empty, void of truth, like a cloud that forms in a desert land, offering the hope of rain but giving nothing, offering nothing.

They are like fruit trees that produced buds and then blooms in the spring, promising fruit and yet, when fall came there was no fruit. They are worthless, they are to be pulled up and thrown into the fire... maybe, at least, they can offer a little warmth.

These false teachers promise great things with great words but give nothing. We see them today in the 'prosperity gospel' preachers... promising riches but delivering emptiness and heartache.

Verse 13: they are 'wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.'

Often these would be traveling itinerate preachers acting and speaking with great power and authority but the end of their ministry, the end of their empty words leaves nothing more meaningful than the brown, grubby foam left on the sand after a wave has come, crashed and receded... nothing useful at all. They are come and soon gone, having left shipwrecked faith and destroyed lives. Today we have the same type, people like Rodney Howard Brown, Todd Bentley, Kenneth Copeland and so many more.

Today, they don't have to be itinerate preachers going from church to church. They can invade every home, 24 hours a day, through so called '*christian*' television.

Most stars are connected and held in the gravitational pull of various galaxies. Our Sun is one of the billions of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. All of the stars we see in the night sky are also part of our Milky Way Galaxy. Some stars... way 'out there,' have not been pulled into a galaxy. They are wandering stars in the empty blackness of space.

Our word 'planet', is derived from a Greek word meaning, 'wandering star.' Stars are fixed in their orbits but planets move, orbiting around their star. Before they knew that planets were planets, they believed them to be stars that wandered through space, orbiting our Sun, just like Earth does.

All of the planets orbiting our Sun, except Earth, are dead rocks, lifeless waste places... they may not have always been so, but they are now, as they were when Jude wrote this.

These false teachers like dead rocks, devoid of life. Jesus spoke of these 'fake Christians' when He said:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.(from the very beginning, God the Father planned to call a bride for His Son) ³ And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. ⁴ Again he sent out other slaves saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.”’(the first ones He invited to the wedding were Israel) ⁵ But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, (He sent His Prophets to them) and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. (so God sent first the Babylonians, then the Assyrians and finally the Romans against them) But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. (then He sent out Evangelists to call anyone who would hear to come and not only be invited to the wedding but to actually be the beloved Bride for His Son) Then he *said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests. (but only those who had believed the message of Salvation through the death and resurrection of the Son were called and chosen) “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, (he was a wolf dressed as a sheep, he was a liar and a false teacher) ¹² and he *said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ And the man was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”

These are the false prophets, false teacher and unbelievers who fill church pews. In the end, they will finally be cast into the absolute darkness of the Lake of Fire... the place God had originally created to finally hold Satan and all the angels who had rebelled with him... the place of torment, of total darkness, the place of eternal weeping and gnashing of teeth... to forever be tormented without even being able to see where the torment comes from... absolute misery and hopelessness for all eternity... forever and ever more.

Theirs will be complete darkness, darkness that can be felt... it's strange how you can actually feel total darkness... it's like an oppression. Years ago, sometime, somewhere, we were in a deep cavern along with our daughters and other tourists. When they extinguished all the lights, we were in total darkness... it seemed we could even feel the darkness; it was so complete and all consuming. However large that cavern was, if someone had simply lit a match hundreds of yards away, we would have seen it clearly. When God caused the Plagues on Egypt, the next to last one was darkness over the land. In Ex. 10 it says, 'Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, ***even a darkness which may be felt.***’

Outer darkness is an appropriate place for God to send those who have rejected His free gift of Salvation through faith in His Son; it says 'And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.' John 3:19

Verse 14: ' Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among

them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.'

Here again, Jude is quoting from the Book of Enoch. Remember, the Book of Enoch was not considered inspired by the Holy Spirit and it wasn't really written by Enoch but parts of it were chosen to be quoted, chosen by the Holy Spirit to be included into the final Canon of Scripture. That fact does, then, give the book a modicum of credence regarding the rest of it... and if you'll remember, the Book of Enoch is where we get a great deal of information regarding what occurred in Gen. chapter 6 to which Jude has just alluded, back in verse 6. That is, 'the Sons of God coming down to the daughters of men and intermarrying with them... fallen angels with human women.

Let me stress again: there are many fine Christians and teachers who believe that Gen 6 refers simply to the Godly line of Seth intermarrying with the ungodly line of Cain. That is fine and I don't say anything against any of them. But, I do believe it is a very important point for all believers because the World is being prepped now to accept and enter in to the same practices even now as they are being prepped to welcome the Antichrist.

Here is an added thought: they do know for certain that the book of Enoch was, in fact, written around 200BC which proves beyond doubt that the identity of the 'sons of God' was considered to be fallen angels... clear back then, 2200 years ago. Therefore, whatever someone thinks or teaches about it now... even way back then they knbelieved it to be fallen angels.

In verse 6, Jude refers to what is found in the Book of Enoch and then in verse 14, he quotes from the Book of Enoch... you decide if that makes the Book of Enoch's version of what happen in Gen. 6 worth contemplating. And if Gen 6 refers only to the human lines of Seth and Cain... why does the writer of Genesis put into the middle of the story... giants being the result?

The main reason some deny that it could have been angels intermarrying with humans is because they say that angels are spirits... it's impossible.

If that were true... how is it that one of the angels who came to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah could grab hold of Lot and pull him back into the house and then how could both angels have grabbed hold of Lot, his wife and both of their daughters to pull them to safety out of the city? If an angel can take on human, solid, physical form to grab hold of people, to pull on people and to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah... why couldn't they also engage in forbidden sexual activity also?

Some others believe that Gen 6 is referring to fallen angels inhabiting human men, as in demon possession, who then cohabited with human women. But, again, if that were the case, why does Moses, in writing Genesis, put giants into the middle of it? Remember, Moses, who wrote Genesis also wrote Exodus where we learn of the 12 spies who went into the Land and saw the giants. Giants, a race of giants had to have some kind of unusual beginning.

Here is why this is important... Jesus said that before He returns for us, the state of the World would be like it was in the days before the flood. If we were paying attention, we'd see that entertainment today is rampant with the demonic and with humans having sex with demons or aliens or some other kind of 'other.' The World is being primed to accept everything supernatural in these last days.

It's all coming and it will break forth like a flood, the moment the Holy Spirit stops restraining evil... probably the moment we are Raptured.

Jude is quoting the Book of Enoch regarding Christ returning with 10,000's of His Saints to bring Judgment.

Enoch was Raptured in a picture of our soon coming Rapture when Jesus Christ will come for us in the clouds. When Jesus returns to Earth, we will return with Him, our having been Raptured 7 years before; we see it in Rev. 19: 'Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine

linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. Rev. 19:11

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in full Glory, riding a white horse with us accompanying Him, also on white horses... YeeHaa

First, we will be with Him in the clouds at the Rapture: 'When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.' Col 3:4

Then we will appear with Him at His return, as seen in Rev. 19 and quoted here from the Book of Enoch.

In Isaiah 61, we see what Jesus quoted when He began His Earthly ministry:

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound;
²To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

But He left off the next line from Isaiah's prophecy: '***And the day of vengeance of our God;***' He left that line off because it wasn't part of the ministry of His First Coming but it will be of His Second Coming.

We will judge with Him and we will rule and reign with Him.

He will judge every person who has rejected God's revelation of Himself, whether through nature, through His holy Prophets or finally through the Person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ... all the ungodly and specifically all that they have spoken against Him. Imagine... people today who've spent their lives using the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ as an expletive of swearing. The internet is replete with those who are more than willing to tell you that they hate Jesus Christ.

Verse 16: 'These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage.'

Grumbling and complaining is the proof of a person who does not trust God, of one who is unwilling to submit to the will of God. God is sovereign; He is in complete control of all things at all times. To complain is to say, either, I don't believe He cares for me and is orchestrating circumstances for my good, or that I don't believe He is in control.

A person who trusts God is not going to walk according to his own lusts. Those who don't trust God believe that their well being is up to themselves, they must direct circumstances and so they will do whatever they can to sway life's happenings in their favor... flattering others, not believing that usually, others are intelligent enough to recognize empty flattery when they hear it... unless, of course, they are empty flatterers themselves who love to hear others singing their praises.

Verse 17: But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸ how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

As they flatter, they seek to cause divisions in order to enlist others to 'their side.' They seek to divide a church body and peel away others who, like themselves, don't want to hear the truth from Godly leadership. This is how churches split. Not having the Spirit means that they are unbelievers; they are not saved. Every born again believer has God's Holy Spirit living within themselves.

Verse 20: 'But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.'

We build ourselves up on our faith by reading and hearing God's Word and by spending time in prayer. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Praying in the Holy Spirit does not mean praying in a 'prayer language' or

'praying in tongues.' It means to pray consistently in the will of God. Just like we are to pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, we are to pray in the will and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Keeping ourselves in the love of God means to seek God's will and to walk in God's will anxiously awaiting and looking for His return for us in the Rapture.

Verse 22: And on some have compassion, making a distinction; ²³ but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.'

Remember, Jude has been warning of apostates in the Church, those who are not true believers who are destroying churches. We are to practice discrimination. We are to know God's Word well enough so that we can make an accurate determination as to whether or not someone is a true believer by what they say and do. There are those who really are saved but who are so ignorant of Scripture that they might say and do all the wrong things simply because they are so immature in their faith. Others might not be born again but think they are but even though they are not... they want to be... those are the ones we would pull from the fire. We are to have compassion of those who are not born again unless they are the apostates who cause division and have no desire to submit and surrender their lives to God.

Verse 24: 'Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,
And to present *you* faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,'

This is a great verse for every believer. This is the security of every believer. Not only was our salvation only according to God's will... He elected and chose each of us before He even laid the foundation of the World... we are saved only by God's Grace through our God-given faith... not only was our being saved all and only God's work... but our staying saved is all and only God's work. Our finally making it to Heaven is all and only God's work.

None of us could ever have been good enough to be saved and none of us could ever be good enough to stay saved. The Lord Jesus Christ has promised to keep us secure and present us faultless before His Father's throne. None of us need ever fear hearing any judgment coming from God's mouth to us... He will only say, well done, good and faithful servant. God will have accomplished everything He planned to, in us and through us, until the moment He comes for us and takes us home in the Rapture or in physical death like He did Bill Rouse.

That exceeding great joy... that is the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ... It will be His great joy at finally having His Bride with Him forever to rule and reign at His side.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus" Rom 8:1

Verse 25:

To God our Savior,
Who alone is wise,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever.
Amen.

Nothing can be added to that greatest of benedictions.