

BEWARE: God Severely Judges Apostasy

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Jude 5-7 English Standard Version (ESV)

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6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— **7** just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Review:

- 1) Jude's theme — BEWARE of APOSTATES.
- 2) Apostates: 'one who dissents, abandons, defects'
- 3) How to identify an apostate person/teacher: see vs. 4
 - A- their character is ungodly. *ungodly*
 - B- their conduct is immoral. *sensuality*
 - C- their confession is flawed. *deny Christ*
- 4) Remember, God's Word warns of a great 'falling away'.
2 Thess 2:3; Matt. 24:10-12; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:4-5; 2 Pet. 2:1;

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S JUDGEMENT

- 1) God's determination of right (holy) and wrong (sin).
- 2) God's condemnation of wrong (sin).
which involves retribution— rejection and punishment.
- 3) God's gracious and glorious salvation from sin.
Romans 8:1-3; John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:21

THREE ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOD'S JUDGEMENT OF APOSTATES

Verse 5 - THE HEBREWS in the Wilderness

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

- A- notice we need to be reminded.
- B- notice the reference to Jesus as OT Savior.
(Creator, Savior, Judge— God)
(Father, Son, Spirit — 'three in one')
- C- notice His judgment for unbelief.

Exodus 1-15; Numbers 13-15; Hebrews 3

Verse 6 - THE ANGELS in Heaven

And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

- A- Admit it, our understanding of angels is limited.
- B- Apparently they rebelled and abandoned.
- C- Their judgement/doom is severe.
 - everlasting, escape-proof chains
 - terrible, dense blackness (Tarus)

Gen. 6:1-6; Matt 22:30; 2 Peter 2:4; Rev. 20:7-10

Verse 7 - THE GENTILES (non-Hebrews) in the World

just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

- A- The bizarre events are in Genesis 19.
- B- The opposite of the previous example. (men/angels)
- C- Romans 1: All creation gives the knowledge and design of God so that men are without excuse.
- D- The depraved acts they were known for was their rebellious apostasy that brought great judgment.

RUN TO CHRIST. STAY WITH CHRIST.

