

THE WRONG RESERVATION FOR ETERNITY – JUDE 1:12-13

Today we resume our study of Jude's _____ - _____ epistle. To remind us of the author's purpose, let's read the following excerpt from Dr. David Allen Hoffman:

Jude as the previous seven epistles is a general description of the apostasy and spiritism in the last days. Jude reveals some strange insights into the evil influences of the underworld and spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:12; Heb. 13:9). The insights reveal the reason for the destruction of the world by a flood of water and the destruction of the cities by fire. This same perversion will be repeated during the tribulation (Mt. 24:36-38, Lk. 17:26-32).

The Common Man's Reference Bible – Hoffman – pg. 1850

There have been and will continue to be wicked apostates trying to infiltrate Bible-believing churches in an attempt to stop our work and hinder the spread of the gospel. This morning's text reveals yet more identifying characteristics of these certain men—comparing their likeness to things in _____. And, as is Jude's manner, he reminds us of their _____.

1. These certain men and their likeness in _____ – Jude 1:12-13b

a. Like spots – verse 12a

- They are in your feasts of charity

On the _____ of the local church

- They infiltrate without _____

They do not fear God or man

They do not fear taking advantage of the weak because of _____ (they are apathetic)

b. Like clouds without water – verse 12b

- They are _____ around like a cloud in the wind

- They boast themselves of false gifts – Prov. 25:14

- They boast of great things to start a fire within the local church – James 3:5

c. Like trees – verse 12c

- With withered fruit or no fruit at all

- Twice dead

Born once die twice, born twice die once – Rev. 20:15

They can be saved but they reject biblical salvation

- Plucked up by the roots

The living _____, prepared and waiting to be cast into a lake of fire – Rev. 21:8
Hellbound – where the worm dieth not – Mk. 9:44, 46, 48

- d. Like raging waves of the sea – verse 13a

- Foaming up on shore with their stench and debris

- e. Like wandering stars – verse 13b

- 2. These certain men and their _____ for eternity – Jude 13c; Ezek. 33:11; 2 Thess. 1:6-10

- a. Blackness of darkness

- Like a _____ with no eyes or ears, and no mouth; crawling around in a fiery
brimstone pitch, cursed to the blackness of darkness

- b. For ever

- For all eternity – for ever and ever and ever and ever... with no hope of deliverance,
falling under the wrath and judgment of Almighty God