

“CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH - PART 7” (Jude 1:14-15)

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INTRO: Jude exhorts believers to contend for the faith because of the infiltration of false teachers [apostates] (vv. 3-4).

Two Primary Lessons:

1. It's not how you start, but how you finish – persevere!
2. Sin & unbelief have consequences that will be realized!

APOSTATES ARE DESTINED FOR JUDGMENT (vv. 14-15)

- A. This prophesy is not in the Old Testament (1Enoch 1:9).
- B. What the Bible says about Enoch (Gen. 5:21-24; Heb. 11:5).
- C. Enoch's Prophecy (Jude 1:14-15).
 1. *“Behold, the Lord comes”* – Personal!
 2. *“with 10,000's of His saints”* – holy ones, holy angels (Matt. 16:27; 25:31; Deut. 33:2; Dan. 7:10; Rev. 19:11-14).
 3. *“To execute judgment on all,”* – Universal!
 4. *“to convict all who are ungodly”* – Impartial (just)!
 - a. No partiality (Gen. 18:25; Rom. 2:11; 1Pet. 1:17).

The Resurrection of the Dead & Final Judgment (Heb. 6:1-2)

1. A literal resurrection of the just & unjust (Acts 24:15).
2. Believers will be given glorified bodies (1Cor. 15:51-53).
3. Believers will meet Jesus in the clouds (1Thess. 4:13-18).
4. All will be judged (Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31).
5. The final judgments lead to eternal destinations (Jn. 5:28-29).
 - A. The Judgment Seat of Christ [rewards for the just] (Rom. 14:10; 2Cor. 5:10; Jn. 5:24; Matt. 16:27; 1Cor. 3:11-15).
 - B. The Great White Throne Judgment [punishment of unjust] (Rev. 20:10-15; 21:7-8; Matt. 25:41; 2Thess. 1:7-9).
6. A new heaven & earth – renovation by fire (2Pet. 3:10-13).
7. The New Jerusalem (Rev. chapters 21-22; 21:1-5, 27; 22:17).

CONCLUSION: There are apostates in our culture, but God will bring justice to them. This may happen imminently but will also happen at the final resurrection and judgment! His judgment will be Personal, Universal & Impartial. Therefore, let's contend earnestly for the faith! Are you right with God?