

THE DERELICT CHARACTER OF APOSTATES
(Jude 12-13)

- I. Apostates are HIDDEN REEFS (v. 12*a*)
 - A. They are DANGEROUS
 - B. They PARTICIPATE in the church “LOVE FEASTS”
 - C. They do so without the FEAR of the LORD they should demonstrate
 - D. They are concerned only for THEIR OWN BENEFIT

- II. Apostates are WATERLESS CLOUDS (v. 12*b*)
 - A. They are DISAPPOINTING (cf. Prov. 25:14)
 - B. Their MOTIVATIONS and ACTIVITIES are DIABOLICAL

- III. Apostates are AUTUMN TREES (v. 12*c*)
 - A. They are DEAD
 - B. They are spiritually BARREN and UNPRODUCTIVE
 - C. They are “DOUBLY DEAD”

1. Probably refers to their deadness seen in their being FRUITLESS and in their being UPROOTED
2. Which would refer to their CURRENT state being dead in SIN and to their ultimate DOOM in the "SECOND DEATH" (1 Tim. 5:6; cf. Rev. 20:6, 14; 21:8)

IV. Apostates are WILD WAVES (v. 13a)

- A. They are DEFILING
- B. They are a REPROACH to the church and REPULSIVE to God

V. Apostates are WANDERING STARS (v. 13b)

- A. They are DAZZLING
- B. They are DECEPTIVE
- C. Their DESTINY is "BLACK DARKNESS" forever