

BE AWARE OF APOSTASY
(Jude 17-19)

- I. The Urgent COMMAND to Remember (17*a*; cf. vv. 3, 20)
 - A. Demonstrates a change in FOCUS and TONE
 - 1. He focuses on the BELIEVING READER rather than on the FALSE TEACHERS
 - 2. He changes from DENOUNCING the DOOMED to INSTRUCTING the BELOVED
 - B. Demands our concentration on a MESSAGE we KNOW
 - 1. There is no "OTHER TRUTH" you need to be SEEKING
 - 2. You need to KNOW, UNDERSTAND, and APPLY the message you have

- II. The Specific CONTENT to Remember (17*b*-18)
 - A. The IDENTITY of the messengers (17*b*)
 - 1. They are the APOSTLES of "OUR LORD Jesus Christ"
 - 2. These words "were SPOKEN BEFOREHAND"
 - 3. They "were SAYING" this "to YOU"

B. The INFORMATION they communicated (18; cf. 2 Pet. 3:3-4)

1. It will occur during the TIME that is LAST
2. There will be MOCKERS
3. They PURSUE their own "UNGODLY LUSTS"

III. The Final CHARACTERIZATION of the Apostates (19)

A. "These" are the ones who CAUSE DIVISIONS

1. This probably does not mean they segregate THEMSELVES as ELITES
2. It more likely means their CONDUCT and TEACHING were causing DIVISIONS within the Christian community

B. "These" are WORLDLY-MINDED

C. "These" are DEVOID OF THE SPIRIT