

# CHARACTERISTICS OF PRESENT-DAY APOSTATES

**June 1, 2025, 2025 - Jude 8-11**

Central Idea: All authority comes from God. Are you living under God's authority?

Introduction:

In verse 8 Jude returned to the apostates within the church, altering the order of his historical references in verses 5-7. Jude 8-11 describes these evil men who lead others astray. He portrays the conduct of these apostates and notes the kind of company they keep.

Jude describes some of the characteristics of present-day apostates so his readers might recognize these false teachers for what they really are.

## I. Conduct of Apostates, vv. 8-10

1. They defile the flesh, v. 8.
2. They reject authority, v. 8.
3. They slander glorious ones, v. 8.
4. Example of Michael, v. 9
5. Example of blasphemy, v. 10

## II. Company of Apostates, v. 11

1. Cain—to reject the right way
2. Balaam—to reject the truth
3. Korah—to reject life—John 14:6

Conclusion:

All three of these men knew the truth and chose to move away from it, and their lives ended in fear, violent death, and divine judgment. The men of whom Jude spoke rebelled against God's authority and as a result would be destroyed suddenly. That destruction was so certain that Jude stated in the past tense that "they are destroyed."