

## The 'Last Days' Mockers

### The content:

(Jude, vs 3-23) could be divided into three sections of studies by the word **beloved** (agapetos / v.pl.m), established in Jude 1b: "To those (who are) **called (kletos / d.pl.m)**, **beloved** (agapao / perf.p.ptc. **d.pl.m**) in (en+loc.) God the Father, "**and kept** (tereo / perf.p.ptc. **d.pl.m**) for (personal interest or dative of advantage) Jesus Christ."

The word **beloved** is used in verses 3, 17, and 20 to divide the content of Jude into three sections for study: (3-16); (17-19); (20-23). Peter did similar thing in (2 Peter 3:8, 14, 17).

We could use the word **beloved** to divide the entire Book of Jude into the following five sections:

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| • Salutation               | (vs.1-2)   | <b>(beloved)</b> | Called  |
| • Ancient Warning          | (vs.3-16)  | <b>(beloved)</b> | Collection of biblical examples                         |
| • <b>Apostolic Warning</b> | (vs.17-19) | <b>(beloved)</b> | Categorical bible doctrines                             |
| • Accountability Warning   | (vs.20-23) | <b>(beloved)</b> | Contenders of the faith                                 |
| • Benediction              | (vs.24-25) |                  | Common salvation of the Beloved Son (Jude 3; Matt.3:17) |

We will examine our lesson text by the following two homiletical pints.

- Messengers of Last Days doctrines (vs.17).
- Mockers of Last Days doctrines (vs.18-19)

### **Today we will study four aspects of Last Days Mockers.**

#### **1. There will be an increase of apostate teachings in the Last Days as a result of the intensification of the angelic conflict between the Devil and the Church.**

(Jude 18; 2) "**In** (epi+gen. of time) [at] **the last time** (eschatos chronos) **there shall be mockers.**" Pet.2-3; 1 Tim.4:1-2)

**First Coming:** "**In these last days** has spoken to US in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world." (Heb.1:2)

(1 Pet.1:20) "For He was **foreknown** before the foundation of the world, but has **appeared in these last times** for the sake of YOU."

**Second Coming:** "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." (Rom.16:20).

Satan understands that at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Satan will be crushed (Gen.3:15) [Operation footstool] (Rev.20:1-3); (Matt.25:41); (Rev.20:10).

#### **2. These mockers (empaiktes) [scoffers / to treat with contempt] of church age doctrines are the adversaries that the contenders of the faith must oppose in the church age (**Jude 17-18**) (2 Pet.3:3) (Matt.2:16; 20:17-19; 27:29-31, 41-44) (1 Tim.1:18-20).**

(**Heb.11:36**) "And others experienced mocking and scourging's, yes, also chains and imprisonment."

3. **Jude gave a four-fold description of these mockers of the last days in (Jude 18-19).**

We will examine them by the following four homiletical points:

- **Defiance** “following (poreuomai / p.a.ptc. / n.pl.m) after their own ungodly lusts (ton asebeia tas epithumia).”
- **Divisive** “these are the ones who cause division (apodiorizon / p.a.ptc. / n.pl.m).”
- **Diabolicus** “worldly-minded (psuchikos).” (No ptc.) [status]
- **Devoid** “devoid (me echo / p.a.ptc. / n.pl.m) of the Spirit.”

**Devoid of the Spirit** is a reference to unsaved.

(Rom.8:9) “However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you,  
**But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.**”

**Worldly-minded** is also a reference to unsaved.

(1 Cor.2:14) “But the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.” (Rom.3:1-3)

**Ungodly** is a reference to the unsaved

(Rom.1:18) “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

4. **In the Last Days, anyone who believes that Jesus died for his sins, was buried and raised from the dead on the third day will be (is) Saved. (The Grace Gospel)**

(1 Cor.15:1-4) “For I’m not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews and also to the Greeks.” (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit does eight (8) works for every Church Age Believer (CAB) that can never be lost in time or eternity.

Adoption	(Rom.8:14-17)	Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism	(1 Cor.12:13)	<b>Seals and pledge</b>	(2 Cor.1:21-22)
Indwelling	(1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual gift	(1 Cor.12:11)
Regeneration	(John 3:1-8)	Spiritual life	(Rom.8:9-11)

(2 Cor.1:21-22) “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also **seals** us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a **pledge.**” (NASB) (2 Cor.5:5; Eph.1:13-14)

All spiritually advancing church age believers are the **Contenders of the Faith** who must “fight the good fight of faith” against these Last Days Mockers (1 Tim.6:12-14).

(Titus 1:9-11) “**Holding fast the faithful word** which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able **to** exhort in sound doctrine **and to** refute those who contradict. For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, must be silenced because they are upsetting whole-families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.”

(Jude 17) “**But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”