

They all come from the same root word and it's related to the stated characteristics and activities of the false teachers. All that we have seen about them in verses 4 through 13, all of the characteristics and qualities that a believer should be able to identify when seeing or hearing a false teacher.

Can you identify a false teacher who is a purveyor of a false gospel? Is that something that you are able to do?

Have you ever heard of "itching ears" that need to be scratched.

Itching ears simply means that you will listen to anyone. You'll tune in on TV. Watch videos, etc. That's okay but if you're going to do that, you'd better be able to recognize what is false. Find a pastor who teaches correct doctrine and learn from him.

Jude uses a very repetitive word here in ungodly. So that means that these ungodly are not true spiritual leaders. They're phonies.

They're not leading anyone in spiritual growth and so they should be avoided at all costs.

They are ungodly persons with ungodly characteristics performing ungodly activities. They are ungodly sinners.

That's what verse 15 says. But one thing I can say is that the ungodly, as phonies, are inherently dishonest. They are performing the characteristics and activities of liars.

Falsehood is a lie, but they're also posing as truth-tellers. "Listen to me and I will tell you the truth." But they lie concerning the truth of God's Word, and they lie about the gospel.

They give you a facade of holiness. Anyone who does not have faith alone in Christ alone is a false teacher. Anyone who is touting faith plus be a good person is a false teacher. They do not understand the grace of God.

Anyone who does not understand the grace of God is a false teacher. They would rather be emotional and get their congregation to be emotional, and that is a false teacher.

This is the most blatant form of opposition to the Lord. But their very unbelieving existence is opposition to the Lord. What they say is in opposition to the Lord, no matter how good it sounds, no matter how compassionate it sounds, no matter what good is involved.

Human good, another characteristic of the ungodly, and evil can only be spoken by them concerning the Lord, because it always omits God's grace.

False teachers are legalists. False teachers focus on themselves. They focus on man. They focus on humanism. They focus on relativism. They focus on activism. They've got all kinds of political ideas for you, i.e., how you can change the country, how you can change the world. But they cannot change your souls.

They're apostates bringing apostasy, and their apostasy is a contagious disease to those Christians unvaccinated by doctrine.

The ungodly claim just the opposite. They claim to be those who speak directly from the Lord, bypassing the Bible.

Sometimes they claim to be prophets, like Muhammad or Brigham Young or a whole bunch of other people who are anti-Christ. They want to speak new revelation from God, which contradicts existing revelation from the Bible. That is a fundamental quality of a false teacher.

Teaching something that you know is in contradiction to the Bible means being a false teacher, like when it comes to the gospel, or the basics of the faith, such as the Trinity, the hypostatic union, the resurrection, redemption, reconciliation, propitiation – the basic doctrines of Christianity.

Another one they miss is justification by faith. They teach justification by works and that is false.

There are false teachers that speak in tongues, claiming to speak the language of angels. It doesn't work to say they're speaking another language. Too many people know what another language on this earth might be. So now it's the language of angels, so that they can validate their falsehood. Then nobody else speaks the language of angels except me, so I can say anything I want, and it's from angels.

This kind of stuff happens all the time. It's happening in churches all over the country.

They blatantly distort doctrines of the Bible, including faith alone. They substitute legalism for grace or emotionalism or ritual without reality. It always obscures or distorts Bible doctrine and the truth of the gospel. That's what Jude is talking about.

Most believers are unaware unless they are armed with sound doctrine resident in their souls. That is your only sure defense. You put yourself in harm's way when you start thinking you know exactly what truth and falsehood is. Eventually you will hear that subtle falsehood that creeps into your soul.

Verse 15: to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

We first have the aorist active infinitive of the verb, “ποιέω” – “*poiéō*.” It means to “carry out,” “to execute,” or “to execute judgement.”

Next, we have the accusative feminine singular noun “κρίσις” – “*krísis*.” It means “damnation,” “judgement,” or “condemnation.”

We then have the genitive plural masculine adjective “πᾶς” – “*pās*,” translated “all.”

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Then we have the aorist active infinitive of the verb “ἐξέλεγχω” – “*exelénchō*” which can be translated as “to convict fully” or “to punish.”

We now have the first Greek derivative from word for “ungodly” which is the noun “ἀσεβής” – “*asebēs*.” It means “impious” or “irreverent.” It could mean wicked.

I think “irreverent” works best here. “*Asebēs*” refers to those people, unbelievers, who have no doctrine and, more specifically, to the unbelieving false teachers, but the term can be applied to all unbelievers. Here it fits the false teachers best. Their “irreverence” is to God's Word, to Bible doctrine, and how they handle it.

Speaking false doctrine in the place of truth is inherently “irreverent.” There is no respect for the word of God.

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We have our next use of our four uses of the root word “as-eb-ace.” It’s the noun “ἀσέβεια” – “asébeia” accompanied with the noun, “ἔργον” – “érgon.” “érgon” means deeds. So the two together mean “godless” or “irreverent in deeds or actions.” At best, the false teachers can only produce human good.

Jude uses the words to describe the full range of the characteristics and activities of the ungodly.

As such, they have a hypocritical facade. Often outwardly very, very nice people, great personalities, very attractive, well-spoken, charismatic even, in the best sense of that word.

Convincing others that which they do or say is God-pleasing. Especially in that area of false compassion.

Human good has many forms. Compassion is one of them. Compassion is something necessary in this world but the false teacher hangs his hat on compassion that is separate from the grace of God, and from Bible doctrine. There is no true compassion without Bible doctrine in the soul.

Otherwise, it’s arrogance. They desire a better political climate or they’re activists for a good cause. Sometimes human good is activism or just for a good cause but it’s still humanistic.

Whatever they accomplish by way of good deeds is motivated by their arrogance, human altruism, or both. There is nothing wrong with altruism. There is nothing wrong with charity. But when they are accomplished by man without the Holy Spirit, unbelievers or even reversionistic believers, they have a false motive. Even when the cause is good, the motive is the elevation of humanity, not God.

Elevation of humanity: look how great we are, wonderful, compassionate human beings. That has nothing to do with elevating God, and that's exactly what's important here.

It's doctrine that is theocentric. It is doctrine that is our criteria for all good things, divine good. That's the difference. Don't be taken in by humanism, a facade.

So, godless actions promote these false teachers' notoriety. It promotes satisfaction of their lust patterns or their desire to do good as they continue to deceive those ignorant believers concerning spirituality and the spiritual life.

Too often the criteria for the Christian life from a false teacher is just “do good.” Be good. Be nice. Live a good life.

That's not the spiritual life. Human good has the wrong motivation and it is for the wrong purpose elevating mankind.

And so, they deceive ignorant believers, and this activity will be verified in verse 16 of Jude. As unbelievers without the filling of the Holy Spirit, even though they may accomplish what appears to be good actions, they are incapable of divine good, which only the believer in Jesus Christ can produce.

The more you grow spiritually, the more divine good you produce. On the other hand, at their godless worst is the production of great evil, including all the inherent sins of evil in this world, which is frequently the case with false teachers.

We find hidden mental attitude sins, sins of the tongue, and overt sins. We also find blasphemy against the truth by teaching false doctrine, which is the greatest of all evils.

Jude 15: “To execute judgement (condemnation – baptism of fire) upon all (false teachers and all unbelievers) and to punish fully all the irreverent deeds (human good) ...”

Now we have two more of these to cover, two more derivatives of “*as-eb-ace*’.” There are four uses, three derivative words.

Now we come to the third derivative, the omega. This is the aorist active indicative of the verb “ἀσεβέω” – “*asebéō*,” and it means to commit “impious,” “wicked,” or “irreverent.”

This is the action, the various activities of unbelievers in being ungodly.

There are many different kinds of sin and the false teachers who oppose God are promoters of the cosmic system. That’s what “*asebéō*” means. Their deeds are promotion of the cosmic system. They do it through their speech and their human good.

But “*asebéō*” is the deeds that promote, so it's by word and deed in which they are promoting the cosmic system. They are leading others by their evil examples. They trap believers with their words, but they lead them away by their deeds.

As false teachers, they attempt to drag believers into the activities of reversionism. When they speak, they directly attack the mentality of the soul of believers with false doctrine. Their deeds are a direct attempt to drag believers into the activities of reversionism.

It may be sin; it may simply be human good or activism or humanism or relativism or several other “isms.” Some of them seem to be good, when in fact these deeds are based on human good or evil and are not good for the believer.

As this passage is in relation to the Second Advent, we understand from verse 14 that the Lord is coming - the Second Advent, the return of Christ with his angels. But it can also refer to the evil deeds committed at that future time by tribulational unbelievers.

That includes all of the evil produced by the various factions during the seven years of the Tribulation, especially the attempt to destroy Israel. That will be one of Satan's primary objectives in the tribulation and four armies will approach Israel for her destruction. They are the kings of the east, west, north, and south, all part of the book of Revelation.

That's what will happen in those seven years, leading to the moment when Israel is about to be destroyed. This is part of this judgment of Jude 15 and there will be false teachers in the tribulation as well.

There are those in Jude's time, and in our time, who are leading people down the primrose path, who are taking them away from Bible doctrine.

So first, identify the problem. Secondly, get away from the problem. And thirdly, be encouraged.

These people who seem to be having victory in the church, who seem to be having victory in our society, here's the final outcome and it's grim.

Even though some of these people you would wish the worst on, you would never wish this on anyone.

Finally, we come to the fourth use of ungodly and it is a repetition of the first use.

The first Greek derivative from the word for “ungodly” is the nominative plural masculine adjective “ἀσεβής” – “*asebēs*” along with the nominative plural masculine adjective of “ἁμαρτωλός” – “*hamartōlós*.” It means “sin,” “sinful,” or “sinners.”

These are “irreverent sinners,” unbelieving false teachers, and it includes all unbelievers, including those in the tribulation.

Why? Because this is the context of the second advent of Jesus Christ.

What's happening here is Jude is speaking to his generation, but the context tells us it goes beyond his generation. So it's the false teachers, the unbelievers of the Church Age and the false teachers and unbelievers of the tribulational age.

Next, we have the aorist active indicative of the verb “λαλέω” – “*lalēō*.” It means “speak” or “preach.” It could mean “talk” or “say” but is best translated “speech.” So these false teachers are “irreverent in speech.”

These false teachers have spoken against Christ and anytime you speak false doctrine, it's irreverent speech. When you produce human good, it's “irreverent deeds.”

Even though these false teachers may sound holy, so doctrinally correct, if you don't have doctrine in your soul, you will never recognize the difference. You'll be hoodwinked, taken in, and dragged off into reversionism.

This is also the modus operandi of the evil unbelievers of the Tribulation, like the Antichrist, the false prophets, and others who are named figures from the book of Revelation, as well as other minor figures that are unnamed in the book of Revelation.

The false teachers, first and foremost, are recognized by their ungodly speech but also their actions, so you have a twofold shot at recognition by what they say and what they do.

It's sad to see what's going on in churches today, but judgment will come to these ungodly of speech and actions who demonstrate their ungodliness.

Sometimes it is hard to discern who they are because it's so subtle. You should see that Jude is helping you discern who these false teachers are, but he also warns you to beware of them and don't get involved with them.

So, all this terminology concerning the ungodly refers to anyone who is without regard for God, without any association with God, who denies Him, and who denies His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

No association with God through faith in Christ is the real reason for judging all the false teachers and all the unbelievers. You begin with their rejection of Christ, then you add their "irreverent" speech and deeds, and you have the whole picture.

Back at the beginning of Jude, he made it clear these were people who have no shot at being true doctrinal teachers. They began with false doctrine, and they can only teach false doctrine.

Here's something you should never forget. Jude makes us aware of the unbelieving false teachers, but you should never forget that there are plenty of false teachers out there who are believers. You can only discern them by their speech and their deeds. Don't think that every believer is pure as the driven snow when it comes to speech and deed. They're not.

There's lots of reversionism out there, so be careful who and what you listen to. If you're interested in "accurate Bible Doctrine," I can count on one hand those I would listen to. When you get outside of what I'll call your "doctrinal lane," you put yourself in danger. Just a little movement away from true doctrine, accepting one bit of deviation that sounds good or better than what you're hearing from our pastor, and you're done. If you buy into the subtleties of a false teacher, you're done without even recognizing it.

So, all this terminology refers to anyone who is without regard for God. In this case, the unbeliever and their ungodly speech and deeds are opposed to Christ in the Angelic Conflict.

You see, this is not only a personal church problem, but also a universal problem, the Angelic Conflict. These people being ungodly are at the heart of the Angelic Conflict. They are, in fact, Satan's minions.

That's particularly true as it applies to the false teachers of the tribulation. They are

amazingly clear false teachers that are of Satan's ilk. They directly represent him. But they will all be called at the last judgment to account for their unbelief.

They will be called to account for their rejection of God's grace in the person of Jesus Christ. That's why the tribulation is so important here to understand because it's so overtly anti-Christ. Today, it's more subtle. Then, it will be out in the open. One nice thing is you will not be here.

The church will not go through the Tribulation. We are pre-tribulation, meaning that the Lord comes for us, and then the Tribulation begins. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Vs.13: “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

Vs.14: For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Vs.15: According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

Vs.16: For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Vs.17: After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Vs.18: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

After this, the tribulation starts. False teachers will be rampant. They cannot be missed, and they will lead lots of people down that road.

Jude, however, is pointing out what these ungodly, apostate teachers speak, and how they act in their unbelief. But their ungodly speech and deeds are the symptoms, not the real reason they will be judged.

To those in the churches, Jude is writing his letter to, it doesn't matter. What they want to hear is that these false teachers, unbelievers, will be judged. They understand what's going on in the church, and so it makes perfect sense when Jude says these people will be judged, but they're going to be judged just like every unbeliever for exactly the same reason.

So many people reject the concept of hell, they reject the concept of punishment. People are following those who teach universal salvation. Everyone will end up going to heaven whether they're believers in the Lord Jesus Christ or not.

I've mentioned before about those who were strong doctrinal pastor teachers who now believe everyone will go to heaven including Satan. They say God is love. Yes, He is. It's part of His essence. But the greatest manifestation of God's love that has ever existed, and ever will exist, is the gift of His Son: the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ and what Christ did for us by going to the cross and paying a penalty we couldn't pay, which provides eternal life by simple faith alone in Christ alone. Our so great salvation.

That is love. He sent His own Son to die for us. No greater love has anyone than to lay down his life for a friend!

But God doesn't give up His justice so He can love you? He cannot do that and remain deity. So, those who reject His love, those who reject His grace, this will be their end.

Jude is not only warning of the speech and deeds of the false teachers, he is actually predicting their ultimate end.

This is encouragement to those under attack from these false teachers. It will be encouragement in the future for those under attack from false teachers. And it will be encouragement in the Tribulation for those under attack from some of the worst false teachers in the history of mankind, and yet people will buy into it. Just like they're buying into evil in this country today.

All who have died throughout history as unbelievers, including the false teachers of Jude's day, the false teachers of our day, and all the unbelievers of the tribulational period who are wiped out at Armageddon or who are removed, all will be resurrected.

We, as believers, will be resurrected in a certain order.

The first one who has ever been resurrected is the Lord Jesus Christ, the “First Fruits.” No one has been resurrected before him. There have been those who have been resuscitated from the dead, but never resurrected to a new body in Heaven.

The second group, Bravo Company, to be resurrected will be you. The universal church at the Rapture.

The third resurrection, at the Second Advent, is all Old Testament believers and Tribulational saints (Charlie Company).

The fourth resurrection will occur at the end of the Millennium, all those who died during that period who were believers (Delta Company).

But there's another resurrection, called the second resurrection. All those who have died without Christ will come back, but they will come back for judgment, and only judgment.

You cannot attack God's Word with false teaching, with lies, with deception, and not receive divine judgment. That is the bottom line of Jude or Enoch's prophecy.

Of course, the timing of this is up to God, but there is no doubt that judgment will be forthcoming on those who are false teachers and, of course, others as well, but the context here is about false teachers, and Jude is specifically concentrating on unbelieving false teachers.

There are believing false teachers in churches today. These false teachers who are believers and are in reversionism, who are perpetrating and purveying false doctrine in one form or another. You should be confident God will handle them, as well.

Some are worse than others, but certainly false doctrine in many ways, and I don't count a few deviations here and there as false doctrine. However, when you get into emotion, healing, and other aspects of theology, then we're talking some serious false doctrine. And of course, the definition of false doctrine in the churches is a pastor who is not bringing his congregation to any sort of maturity by