

Infiltrated

Jude

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The early assemblies of believers were infiltrated by the very people the apostles warned would come – false teachers whose only purpose was to satisfy their own desires. They had no real reverence for God and were saying, "God's grace is sufficient to forgive whatever sins we commit." And they proceeded to engage in a wide variety of sexual perversions and financial swindles.

These people took no notice of God's history of judgment. The Israelites rejected God's authority and suffered death in the wilderness. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah gave themselves over to sexual immorality and suffered fire from heaven. The fallen angels who took human women as wives are suffering imprisonment until the end of days.

When the archangel Michael was in a dispute with the devil over the body of Moses, he didn't presume to mock his opponent but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Yet these false teachers ridiculed anything they didn't understand. Like Cain, they tried to get by with a minimum of effort; like Balaam, they tried to profit from their sin; but like Korah, their rebellion condemned them.

The believers were encouraged to defend the faith. "These people have insinuated themselves into our fellowship. They are a menace. They are driven by human emotions rather than by the Spirit of God. They're like storm clouds that bring no rain or trees that bear no fruit. They are ungodly sinners. Still, we must try to save them from the fire. Hate the sin, but love the sinner. And be careful to support those in our fellowship whose faith is wavering."