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The Bronze Snake (Part 1)

The purpose of the Book of Jude is to encourage spiritually advancing believers to "contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 3b).

In Jude 4, Jude gave <u>six ways to MARK OUT</u> - "Those who were **long beforehand marked out** of this condemnation." (Jude 4)

Today we will study the first two Marks.

Last week, we introduced them by the following six homiletical points. "those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation."

•	(Jude 4a)	Crept in unnoticed	
•	(Jude 4b)	Condemnation of ungodly	
•	(Jude 4c)	Corrupting grace by licentiousness	
•	(Jude 4d)	Contradicting the person and/or work of Jesus Christ	
•	(Jude 16a)	Complainers against the promises of God	
•	(Jude 16b)	Conceited, prideful with a haughty spirit	(2 Tim.3:1-12)

This lesson will study the first of Jude's eight biblical examples, the First Exodus Generation (Jude 5).

Out of some two million Exodus generation Israelites that came out of Egypt, <u>only two believers went into Promised Land (Joshua and Caleb)</u>. The Levite leaders of the Exodus, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, didn't make it (Ex.2:1).

(Heb.3:17) "And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? WHY? (Heb.3:18-19) Disobedience and unbelief (Heb.3:12-16)

Out of many examples of the First Exodus Generation, I chose **Num.21:4-9** and the **Bronze Snake** for this lesson

1. First, we will identify "those who were long beforehand marked out of this condemnation" that CREPT IN UNNOTICED of the First Exodus Generation.

<u>It was **not who, but what**</u> crept in unnoticed. What crept into their minds was their Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) <u>Egyptian "Welfare Mentality".</u> (Eph.4:22-24, 27).

We don't often know what a person believes until some distressful situation overcomes them; or until a person has an opportunity to explain to others what he believes about some doctrine.

Our lesson occurred in the 40th year of the Exodus shortly after the death of Aaron (Num.33:37-39; 20:1, 23-29).

The Israelites had spent 400 years as slavers under a ruthless dictatorship of the client nation of Egypt and 40 years under the freedom of God's Grace Theocracy as the priest-nation of Israel (Acts 7:6-7).

But because of <u>OMCD institutionalized welfare mentality</u>, they always wanted to return to slavery when under pressures rather than to remain under freedom under God's Grace Theocracy.

A common complaint: (Num.21:5; 14:2-3; 11:5-6; Ex.16:3; Luke 15:14-18; Gal.5:1, 13). "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"

(Num.21:5) "The people spoke against God and Moses, 'Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food.""

(1 Cor.10:3-6) "And ate **the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink**, for they were drinking from a **spiritual rock** which followed them; and **the rock was Christ.** Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now **these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved." (John 6:31-33, 41)**

2. Condemnation of ungodly was the sin unto death (Jude 4-5; 1 John 5:16; Num21:6, 9).

Note: These were those Jews who placed the <u>Passover blood of Christ on their houses</u> while in Egypt (Ex.12:7, 12-13, 21-23; **1 Cor.5:7**; **John 1:29, 36**).

These were Jewish Age Believers (JAB) who were living in a <u>state of carnal-reversionism</u>

(Prov.14:14a) "The back-slider in heart will have his fill of his own ways." (1 Cor.3:1-3)

These were JAB's dying the "Sin Unto Death" under Reverse Process Reversionism (RPR)

(Acts 7:39) "Our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him <u>and in their hearts</u> turned back to Egypt."

(Heb.3:12) "Take care, brethren, that there not be in any of you an <u>evil</u>, <u>unbelieving heart</u> that falls away from the living God."

After 400 years, these same (Exodus generation) believers (JAB) loved deliverance of God from Egypt and hated the oppression of Egypt (Ex.2:23-25; 3:7-9; Acts 7:34).

Just 40 years later these same JAB's declared love for the Egypt they once hated and hatred for the God they once loved. **Doctrinally we call this <u>Reverse Process Reversionism</u> (RPR).**

RPR led to their committing the "sin unto death". (Heb.3:17) [Carcasses) (kolon) (Num.14:29, 32; 1 John 5:16).

(1 Cor.10:9) "Nor let us try the Lord, as some did, and <u>were destroyed by the serpents</u>." (Num.21:6; Jude 5) [Note 5 groups] - I, you, Lord, people, and "those who did not believe.")

Confession:

(Num.21:7a) "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and you." (1 John 1:9)

Christ:

(John 3:14-15) "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life." (Num.21:8-9/ read)