

Jude 1.11-16

- Jude sees a very real threat to the Church. 1.4

## In response, Jude has

- Described 3 judgments: Israel, Angels, Sodom. 1.5-7
- Provided 3 characteristics: Immorality, Insubordination, Irreverence. 1.8-10
- And now provides 3 examples. 1.11-13
- He pronounces woe upon them: the certainty of God's judgment

# Cain 1.11

- Cain was the first son of Adam and Eve. Genesis 4.1
- His offering was not accepted; his brother Abel's was accepted
- And Cain killed Abel.
- Cain had no faith. Hebrews 11.4
- Cain was an unbeliever. I John 3.12
- Cain hated righteousness. I John 3.12

# Balaam 1.11

- Balaam's activity is seen in Numbers 22-24
- He is a false prophet, who sought money
- Jude says the false teachers of his day run greedily in that same deception.
- He was willing to say whatever you would pay to have said

# A sidebar about the relationship between the prophet and money

- It is right to pay him. Leviticus 18.26, I Corinthians 9.13-14
- 1Co 9:13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?
- 1Co 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

- Be he cannot be greedy
- 1Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- 1Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

# Korah 1.11

- “Core” is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word “Korah”
- Numbers 16, he rebelled against God and Moses, and the ground opened and swallowed him
- Jude calls it “gainsaying.” We’d call it contradicting. He contradicted God.



Jude then describes the peril they present to the Church. 1.12-13

- They are “spots in your feasts of charity”
- He is talking about a common meal, most likely what we would call “fellowship”
- These people fearlessly mingle
- The word “spot” refers to hidden rocks, or reefs.
- They are an unseen danger. Cf. 1.4

- They are clouds without water: Empty promises
- They are autumn trees: what “fruit” they produce is dying. Matthew 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up
- “Twice dead” probably refers to being lost and fruitless, since it is placed between the two.
- They are raging waves: wasted effort. Like fools, spewing forth their folly to their own destruction

- Wandering (planetary) stars: Aimless
- They will be kept in black darkness forever
- Illustrated from God's creation, Jude portrays these men as dangerous, deceitful, and doomed.

Enoch told of these. 1.14-15

- This is the Enoch of Genesis 5, I Chronicles 1.1-3
- Jude is either giving revelation never before told
- Or he is quoting from a Jewish source, I Enoch 1.9

## Enoch's message is

- The Lord is coming to earth
- To judge and punish (that's the meaning of "convince")
- All ungodliness:
- Ungodly deeds Him
- Ungodly words against Him

Jude then describes them 1.16

- They are grumblers. They don't praise God
- They are discontented. They don't thank God
- They pursue their own sinful interests. They don't serve God

- They deliberately work to please men for gain
- They “look at men’s faces.” “for the favor of advantage”
- They don’t fear God. They “work the crowd”