

# SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS IN THE CHURCH

## (THE BOOK OF JUDE)

### Part 2

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Most professing believers are quite gullible. They buy “Christian” books by the volumes without much discernment. They also send much money to “ministries” around the world without checking to see how the money is spent. Add to that the compromise in many fundamental churches as they give away the truth of Scripture for the sake of pleasing people. The bottom line...the enemy is having a “field day” in the battle for truth. He is deceiving many in the church with a very clever tactic. He energizes those who appear to be defenders of “the faith,” but they are really “destroyers” of the faith.

Again, look at the warning in Jude’s letter.

**STEALTHLIKE INFILTRATION**

Jude 4-7

#### False Teachers identified

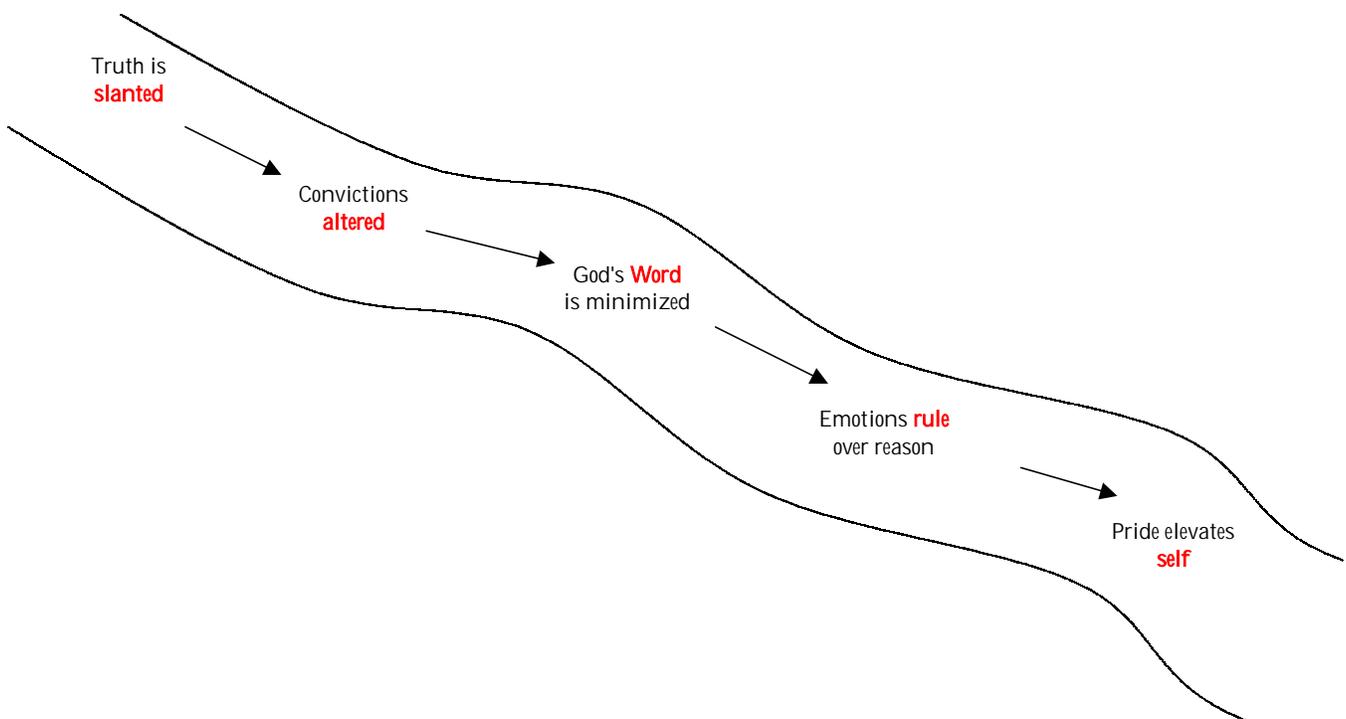
- They are the **topic** of Jude’s letter.
- They are already **active** in the church as Jude writes his letter.
- Much had already been **written** by Old Testament prophets and even the Lord Jesus made **public** declarations about false teachers.
- Their **fate** is already determined by God.

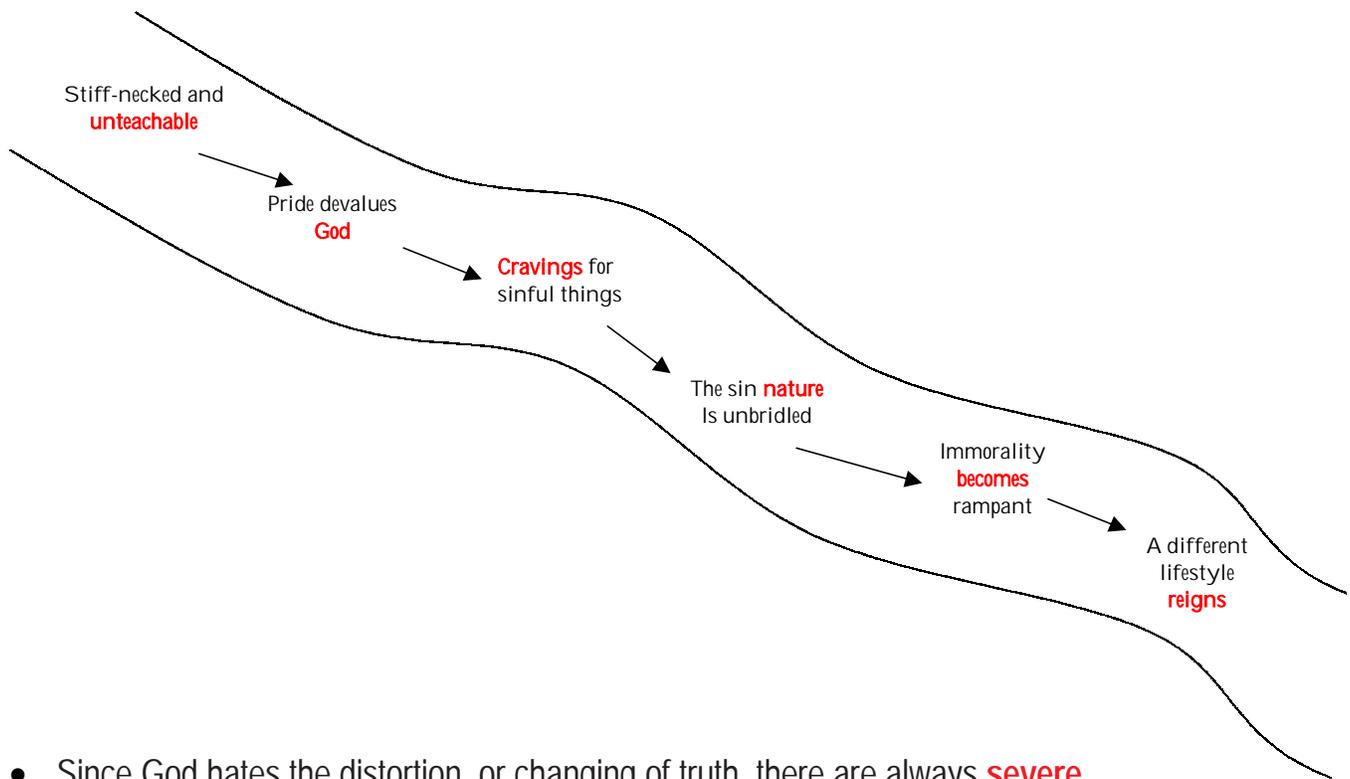
## False Teacher's Strategy

- They use cunning tactics to **sneak** in unnoticed.
- Their deception is **very** camouflaged.
- They fit right in because they **say** one thing and **believe** something very different.
- They do this by...
  - continually changing the definition of **sin**.
  - continually pressuring believers to accept Jesus Christ as one of many "**lords**."

## False Teacher's Divine Punishment

- 1) Three illustrations are given to emphasize how God **hates** the results of false teaching:
    - 1) Children of **Israel** and the exodus.
    - 2) Angels who become **demons**.
    - 3) Inhabitants of **Sodom** and Gomorrah.
- These illustrations all show the **trail** left by false teachers.





- Since God hates the distortion or changing of truth, there are always **severe** consequences!
- Notice in these three illustrations...
  - Verse 5 = **Destroyed** those who did not believe.
  - Verse 6 = Kept in eternal **bonds**.
  - Verse 7 = Punishment of eternal **fire**.
- Remember, in “contending for the faith” we not only stay true, but we don’t **corrupt** others.

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Do you let the smooth presentation of teachers and preachers cloud the reality of truth? Why?
2. How many times have you been tricked by false teachers and false teaching?
3. Does the \_\_\_\_\_ of displeasing God and the fear of punishment cause you to be more discerning about “the faith”?
4. What area of your life is being compromised because you have fallen for a false teaching?