

# SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS IN THE CHURCH

## (THE BOOK OF JUDE)

### Part 3

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The enemy of the church is determined to destroy the testimony of the church here on earth. This enemy, the Prince and Power of the Air, is very masterful at this type of warfare. He has a proven strategy and very willing soldiers in his army. With "stealth" like cleverness, he is continually in the attack mode. He never rests, but is always looking for a weakness in his enemy, the body of Christ.

It is no wonder we, as believers, are encouraged to *"be of a sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about."* (1 Peter 5:8) We are engaged in a brutal war! We must be very aware of the enemies' tactics and understand their "track record" from God's point of view.

Jude gives us, through inspired Scripture, an inside look at the very nature of false teachers. He drives home the point that they are never as they appear. They are fakes! They are out to destroy the church and gain personal wealth and glory! Watch out!

### THE DISTORTED THEOLOGY OF FALSE TEACHERS

#### Jude 8-11

- Present false teachers are under the same godly **judgment** as those who lived long ago.

- The **pattern** of false teachers has a likeness to three Old Testament examples.

## The Way of Cain

- The Lord did not **respect** Cain's offering. (*Genesis 4:5*)
- Abel's offering was offered in the attitude of **faith**, not selfishly (or without faith). (*Hebrews 11:4*)
- Cain, the first false teacher, claimed you could **please** God apart from faith.
- Cain was determined to come to God his **way**, not God's way!

## The Error of Balaam

- Balaam, the godless false prophet, tried to **plan** Israel's destruction. (*Numbers 22-24*)
- He was a prophet "for **hire**" and was a prophet for personal gain.
- He defiled "the **truth**" for the sake of money and recognition.
- Balaam was responsible for **leading** Israel into apostasy. (*Numbers 31:16*)

## The Rebellion of Korah

- Korah led a rebellion against the **authority** of Moses and Aaron. (*Numbers 16:1-3*)
- He **despised** God-appointed authority and wanted equality.
- Korah directly opposed God's **Word** and plan for their lives.
- He wanted the fleshly desires of the people to **rule**, not God's appointed authority.

CAIN	BALAAM	KORAH
Genesis 4:5 Hebrews 11:4 I John 3:12	Numbers 22-24 II Peter 2:15 Revelation 2:14	Numbers 16:1-3
Refused God's <b>way</b>	Denied the truth, God's <b>truth</b>	Rebelled against <b>authority</b>
Religion without <b>righteousness</b>	Religion <b>apart</b> from God's truth	Religion void of God's <b>authority</b>

## THE RESULT OF THEIR PERVERTED THEOLOGY

### Jude 8-10

#### Dreamers

- These teachers are blinded to the truth and see **delusions**.
- Their minds are perverted by the enemy and they believe **lies**.
- They dream **false** dreams and delude even themselves.
- As a result, they...
  - corrupt fleshly **desires**.
  - hate authority and are **arrogant**.
  - blaspheme the **glory** of God.
  - do things even **angels** would dare not do.

## Blasphemers

- They criticize the truth that they don't even **comprehend**.
- They deny "natural instincts" and do anything to fulfill their **sensual** desires.
- They promote a religion of "**fleshly**" desires.
- Great **grief** will come to them.

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. How careful are you as you learn from those who teach? Explain.
2. Do you show discernment as you read and watch teachers?
3. What kind of strategy do you follow to expose false teachers?
4. Are you spiritually lazy, and as a result, are easily misled?
5. What does the Holy Spirit need to change in you now so you will no longer be misled?