

Jude 11 - Way or Walk of Cain

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Prologue - Understanding Blasphemy: Not Just Heresy

- ▶ People associate blasphemy with heresy; believing, speaking or writing obvious error against the Bible: Father, Christ, Son and the Gospel
- ▶ Blasphemy {βλασφημέω, blasphemēō} refers to **any** disparagement of **anyone** by defamation, slander, libel, and sarcasm {comedy}; even speaking factually from a rebellious spirit conflates the Gospel with Satan; examples:
 - ▶ Christ cast out demons but would not permit them to identify Him which would conflate Christ with Satan in people's minds {Beelzebub} (Mk 1:21-34; Lk 11:14-20)
 - ▶ Woman prophesizing identifies Paul as Christ's apostle; when he ordered demon to leave her, her masters had Paul beaten and imprisoned illegally at Philippi (Ac 16:16-24)
 - ▶ Satan blasphemes God accusing Him of bullying-bribing Job into worshipping Him; Job blasphemes that wicked rich do not suffer: Empirical knowledge ignores that God's mercy and long-suffering encourages repentance (Job 1:8-12; 21:9-15; Ro 2:1-11)

Prologue - Michael: Refuses to Blaspheme Satan

- ▶ Michael, considered the patron angel over *True Jews*, did not rebuke Satan as it is for God to judge at His determined time (Da 10:12-13; 12:1; Re 20:7-10)
 - ▶ Archangel {ἀρχάγγελος,, archaggelos} refers to only one position
 - ▶ God appointed Michael to Satan's position when the latter sinned (Ez 28:12-17)
 - ▶ When given the charisma Michael did remove Satan, and his demons, from Heaven which was now hallowed by Christ's propitiation (Jn 12:31-32; Ro 3:21-26; He 10:23-28; Re 12:7-12)
- ▶ Angels, and Christians, must only act within the limits of their specific mandate lest they become guilty of Blasphemy
 - ▶ Christ did not rebuke Satan but said, God rebuke you *at proper time* (Ze 3:1-5; Re 20:7-10)
 - ▶ Christian mandate during *First Fruits* Dispensation: Stand {Hypomene} (Ep 6:10-18a)
 - ▶ If you act apart from your mandate, you disobey God and are in danger of blaspheming: defaming Him while succumbing to Satan (1Co 9:24-27; 2Co 10:3-5)

Woe: Dire Warning

- ▶ Jude cries out a dire warning to False Teachers as Christ did to the scribes and Pharisees; forerunners of modern Jews (Mt 23:1-36)
 - ▶ Woe {ούαί, ouai} - Onomatopoeia {imitative word} exclamation; imagine this as the sound of agony the souls will utter throughout eternity (Lk 16:24, 31; 2Pe 2:1)
- ▶ Three Old Testament events that warn of the sinfulness of False Teachers
 - ▶ Way of Cain (Ge 4)
 - ▶ Error of Balaam (Nu 22-24; 25:1-5 Re 2:14)
 - ▶ Rebellion of Korah (Nu 16)
- ▶ We will study the significance of these in separate lessons
 - ▶ These apply to all sinners; not just False Teachers who are the Pied Pipers

Way of Cain: Path of Sin

- ▶ Everyone walks a path {Road or Way}: Hebrew - *HaDerek*; Greek - ὁ ὁδός
- ▶ Law of Excluded Middle: **Only** two paths, each having its own gate (Mt 7:13-14)
 - ▶ Way of Christ - Salvation (Ac 9:1-2; 18:24-25; 24:14-15)
 - ▶ Way of Cain - Sin upon which all begin life (Ps 51:5; Ro 3:10-18, 23)
- ▶ Why not call it, *Way of Adam*?
 - ▶ Adam not deceived when he sinned, he had a plan {to rule world?} (Ge 1:26-30; 1Ti 2:13-14)
 - ▶ Adam the *gate* for sin to enter Creation and Man, not its organizer (Ro 8:18-22; 1Co 15:42-49)
 - ▶ Adam eclipsed providing for the family; Eve supplants him as she *names* and raises the children, loyalty to her beliefs {Mother of all living-Diana} (Ge 3:16; Mt 5:2-12; Ac 19:24-34)
 - ▶ Adam, rejected by wife and children, probably learns meekness; trait Lost despises
 - ▶ God rejects Cain as Messiah, picks Abel as example for people to follow: Meek (Ge 4:3-5)

Way of Cain: Devouring the Weak

- ▶ Cain {*Given of God - Messiah*} successfully wrestled prosperity from the earth; however, God judges the inner while Man judges the outer: God chose Abel {*Worthless*} over Cain (Ge 3:14-15; 4:17-19; 4:3; 1Sa 16:7)
 - ▶ Cain, consumed by anger marring his visage {*Mark of Cain*}, felt cheated from his promised, by his mother, destiny; temper tantrum {Lack of father's leadership} (Ge 4:6, 15)
 - ▶ Rather than protecting *weak* Abel, Cain killed the righteous one mirroring Satan his spiritual father (Ge 4:8; Ez 28:16; Mt 23:35; Jn 8:44; 1Jo 3:12)
- ▶ Cain wandered {Nod} to the land of Nod {Wanderers}; brothers and sisters who had already rejected God: Cain fulfilled his destiny, leader of the Lost (Ge 4:16)
 - ▶ Driven from the ground, source of prosperity, Cain gained prosperity building first cities, requires government to Control sin lest unrestrained violence destroy the society {One is not a king if there are none to rule} (Ge 4:17; Pr 14:28)

Way of Cain: Developing Civilizations

- ▶ Cain's descendants develop accoutrements of civilization (Ge 4:19-22)
 - ▶ Husbandry - Wanderers and herd developers {No farmers; work for slaves}
 - ▶ Music - Worship and unifying indoctrination
 - ▶ Bronze - Iron: Implements of War and Work
- ▶ Lamech's defense poem shows Law's failure to Control sin's violence (Ge 4:23-24)
- ▶ Violence against the faithful, *meek*, threatens to destroy hope of Christ's promised salvation; God *resets* Earth via Noah's Cataclysm (Ge 6:5-8; Mt 5:2-12, 21-16)
- ▶ After Cataclysm, Nimrod rebuilds Cain's civilization based on king-priest model which celebrates power over meekness (Ge 10:9-10)
 - ▶ God *resets* Babel by introducing differing worldviews {languages} exposing sin's hatred of differences {Lie: *Strength through Diversity*} (Ge 11:1-9)

Way of Cain: World System

- ▶ *Way of Cain* developed the World system, violently antithetical to Christ
(1Jo 2:15-16)
 - ▶ World system includes all governments-societies, they belong to Satan (Mt 4:8-10)
 - ▶ Foundational world religion: Covetousness (Col 3:5)
 - ▶ Covetousness foundation of violence (Ja 4:1-4)
 - ▶ Covetousness entices people exposed to Christ to return to debasing sin (2Pe 2:20-22)
- ▶ What is the *Way of Cain*?
 - ▶ World system opposing Christ at every level, offers Delusion of Control (2Th 2:3-12)
 - ▶ Based on empiricism, World rejects Christ's Truth to legitimize practice of sin
(Ro 1:18-28; 1Jo 3:8-10)
 - ▶ Works-based system to *prove* oneself righteous; instead, it shows one's sinfulness
(Ro 1:29-2:5; Ga 5:16-21)

Way of Cain: Organized Rebellion

- ▶ Before Cain, those who rejected God wandered disorganized; Cain organized them into the World System encompassing **all** civilizations: Every strata organized toward one goal-Rule by Satan via Antichrist {Globalization} (2Th 2:3-12)
 - ▶ Satan-World-Flesh work together rejecting Christ's Gospel Truth keeping Man Lost
 - ▶ False Teachers the active agents at the church level keeping people enmeshed in their sinfulness telling them what they want to hear: Good for Evil (2Ti 3:1-5; 4:3-4)
- ▶ But people do not willingly embrace their own destruction; they must be deceived to accept error as truth and truth as error: Error of Balaam
 - ▶ Balaam learned from Eve who set Cain up with the illusion that he was Messiah
 - ▶ Balaam taught Cain's system to use Mothers working within the family to subvert the Righteous through education
 - ▶ Balaam, feigning godliness, became the type for all False Teachers; and grew rich