

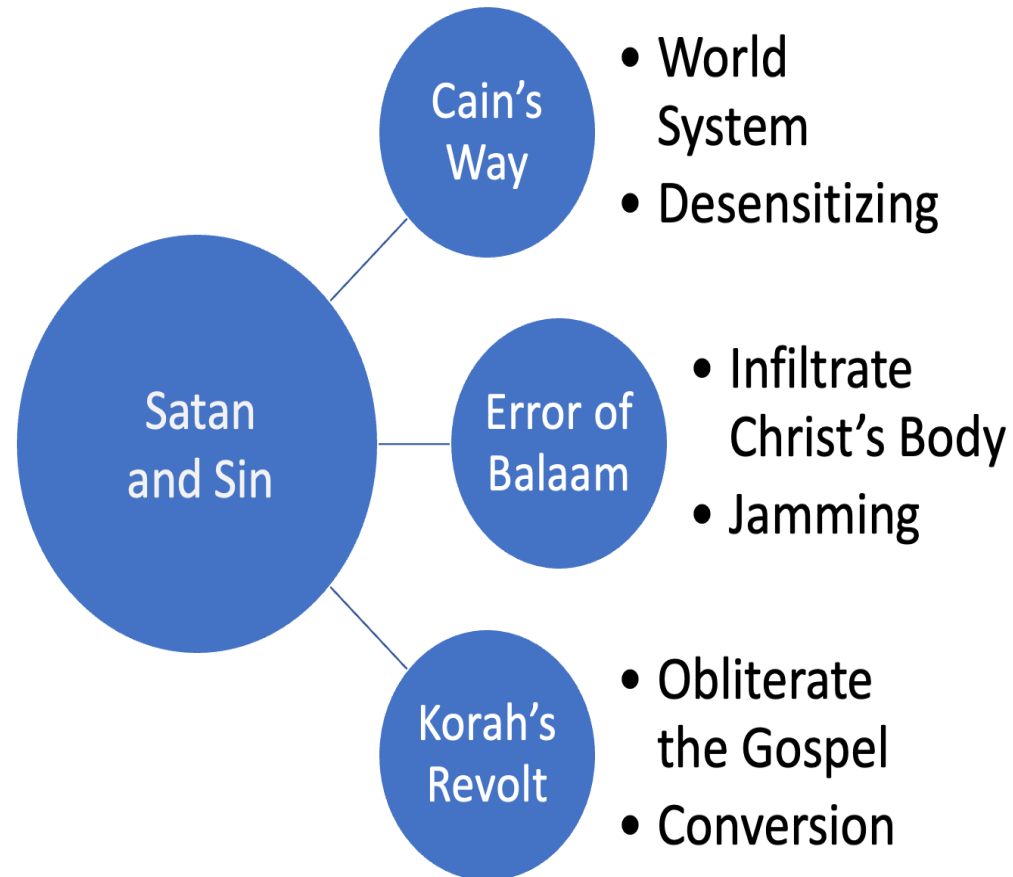
Jude 15 - Wanderers into Eternal Darkness

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Jude 12-13

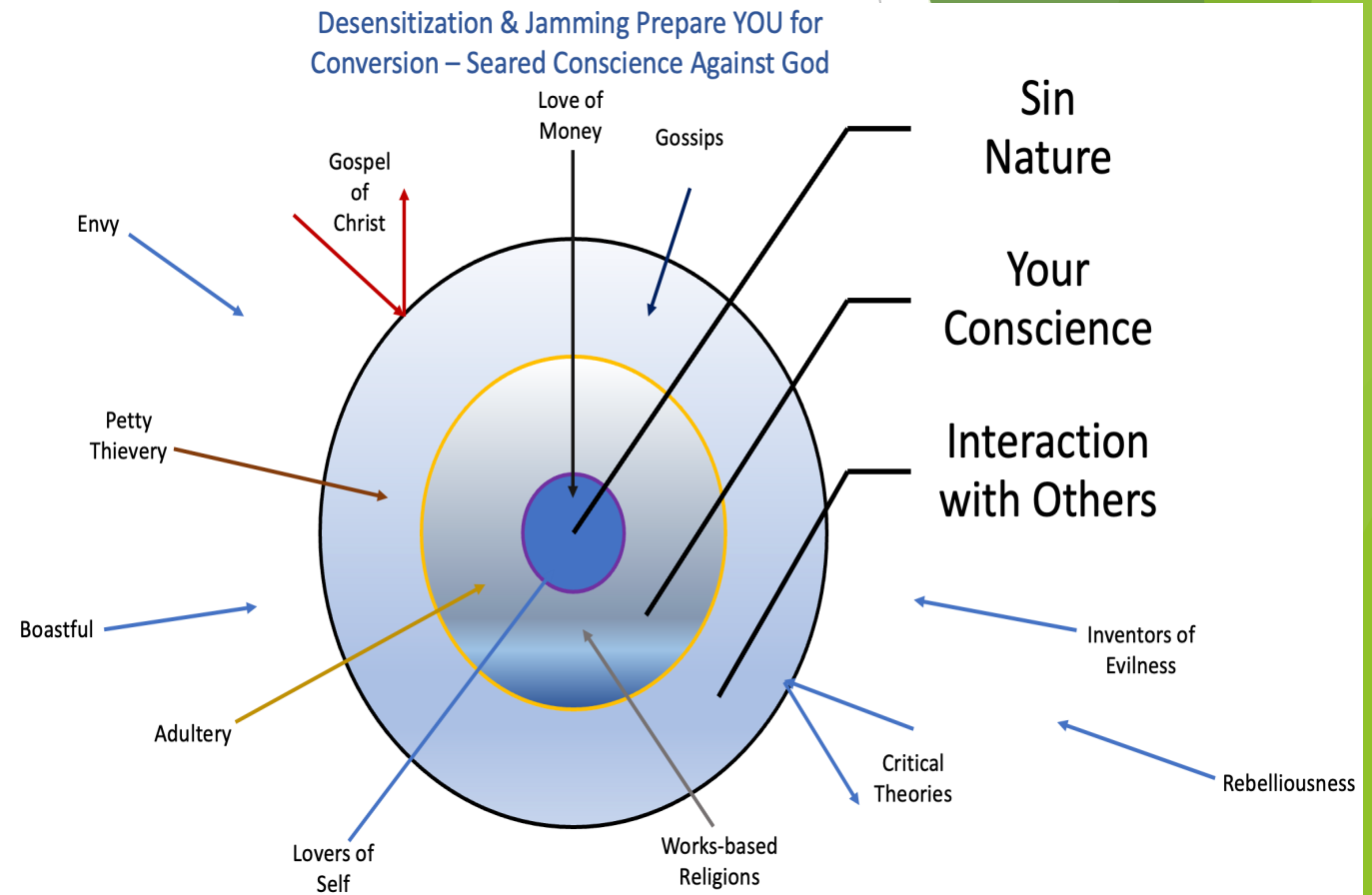
Three Slaves to Sin and Satan

- ▶ Cain, Balaam and Korah form a three-prong attack
- ▶ Orchestrated by Satan, also a slave to sin, to obfuscate Truth
- ▶ Major fallacy: Satan trying to enlarge his Control
 - ▶ Everyone born is sinful; already under sin's Control (Ps 51:5)
- ▶ Truth: Satan trying to obliterate Christ's Gospel



Korah's Rebellion: Attacking Truth

- ▶ Conversion: active, to eradicate the Gospel preventing Salvation
 - ▶ Conversion actively seeks to eradicate Christ's body, church; i.e., all believers (1Co 12:12-20)
 - ▶ Believers, by existing, reveal the lie of Satan's Delusion destroying his claim (2Co 2:14-16)
 - ▶ Sinners ignoring the Gospel prove themselves worthy of Hell and Judgment (Ro 1:28-32)



“Gates of Hell”

Attack the Church (Mt 16:18)

- ▶ Jude details Satan’s three-prong attack against Christ’s Body - Church(es); i.e., You
- ▶ Each *prong* interdependently Controlled by Satan(ish)
- ▶ Cain and Balaam infiltrate preparing for Korah’s Revolt
- ▶ Revelation’s Church Letters reveal this insidious attack
- ▶ Revelation shows the Church remains while God judges sinners; He is victorious



Ἀγάπαις {Plural of Agape}: Love Feast; Not Today's Church Meals

- ▶ Jude uses a term little used in Scripture referring to an early church practice little understood today leading to fantastical conclusions of church socialism
 - ▶ In Jewish culture a person who left Judaism was ostracized from society; thus, they could not buy or sell, obtain housing, etc.: They were outcasts
 - ▶ Jewish People of The Way {Christians} were outcast; hence, when the church met on *first day of the week*, there was a meal in which those with means contributed to those without means (Ac 2:42-47; 4:32-35)
 - ▶ I believe it grew out of Christ's instituting *Last Supper* after Passover meal {3rd cup}; thus, early church celebrated *eucharist* ending church meal {Love} (Mt 26:26-30)
 - ▶ This practice quickly became a source of abuse and division condemned by Paul and was abandoned by the 2nd-3rd century churches (1Co 11:17-34)
 - ▶ Undisciplined celebration allowed False Teachers to inject their Balaamic errors into the hearts of immature believers and the Lost; swaying them away from Truth (2Pe 2:13-16)

Metaphoric Language: Hebraic Idioms-Imagery

- ▶ Modern *scientific* societies seek precision quickly descending into irrelevant incomprehensible wordiness; limited to current cultural contexts
 - ▶ Metaphors transfers this *heavy lifting* from the writer to the reader making it relevant to everyone {Once metaphor understood}; crosses cultural lines
 - ▶ Jude is like *prophetic writing* which requires understanding of Jewish culture, history and practice as well as the Bible; ignoring these issues prevents coherent interpretation to descend into ludicrous interpretations {Medieval RCC}
- ▶ Jude's grasp of the Old Testament, his Bible, displayed by his metaphors describe qualities of False Teachers {Who hide their true goals}
 - ▶ Effective public relations; i.e., propaganda to subtly indoctrinate you in stages
 - ▶ By the time the true goal is revealed the target agrees with his/her own enslavement (Ge 3:1-6; 1Ti 2:14)

Metaphoric Language: Hidden Rocks

- ▶ Satan *mimics* Christ whom he rebelled against; hence, restless seas is a metaphor of Satan's and sinner's relentless rebellion against God (Job 38:8-11; He 1)
 - ▶ Christ is the Rock from which water flowed in the Wilderness (Ex 17:1-7; Nu 20:1-13; 1Co 10:1-7)
 - ▶ Whereas Christ is visible, False Teachers hidden in restless seas luring you to make shipwreck of your faith as Hebrews in the Wilderness (1Ti 1:18-19; He 3:7-18)
 - ▶ False Teachers insidiously inject their errors at the Ἀγάπαις appealing to your fleshly morality to question God's Word (Ge 3:1; Mk 10:18)
 - ▶ Like Absalom, these false shepherds, who feed themselves at your expense, profer their solutions as better than teachings of faithful pastors (2Sa 15:1-6; Ez 34:1-10)
 - ▶ Wolf in Sheep's clothing is not the wolf disguising himself as a sheep; Wolf murders the sheep for his fleshly purposes versus protecting them {Cain} (Mt 7:15-20; Jn 10:1-18)
 - ▶ False Teachers, Wolves, produce divisions destroying the church body (Re 2:14-16, 20-23)

Metaphoric Language: Pretenders of Hope without Hope

- ▶ Three elements refer to spiritual forces at work: Water, Wind and Fire (Mt 3:13-17; Ac 2:1-4)
 - ▶ Controlled elements represent Holy Spirit, Christ and Father (Da 7:13-14)
 - ▶ Uncontrolled elements represent Satan, Fallen Angels, Sinners (Lk 8:22-25)
- ▶ Jude uses this imagery showing False Teachers do not offer hope of life, whatever they promise; they only produce Death; asebeia knowledge (Ge 2:16-17)
 - ▶ Clouds without rain, *water* {No Rains}, driven by winds: False Teachers driven by demonic spiritual forces satiating their own asebeia aspirations (Pr 25:14; Je 5:13; Ja 5:5-8)
 - ▶ Dead fruit trees, not producing *good* fruit, their purpose; thus, they will be plucked up by their roots and thrown into fire {Judgment} (Mt 3:10; 21:18-19)
 - ▶ False Teachers *appear* to offer Christ, but only give Satan's lies: Grasp for Asebeia Knowledge for Control; but they will receive only Second Death

Metaphoric Language: Wanders without Hope

- ▶ False Teachers cannot offer what they do not possess; they are creatures of this creation rejecting God's image; they forsake *new Earth* (Ro 1:18-28; Re 21:1-8)
- ▶ They are *wild* waves driven by Satanic forces announcing their own shame while calling themselves wise raging against God's boundaries (Da 7:1-2; Re 12:17b)
- ▶ They are *wandering stars* {ἀστέρες ἡ πλανῆται} in the gloomy blackness
 - ▶ Reference to Cain who *wandered* to land of *wanderers* to build first government, empire building; establishing home here and not in world to come (Ga 4:21-31; He 11:8-10)
 - ▶ Stars offer hope, light; these give dark light; people referred to as stars (Ge 22:15-18; 37:9; Mt 6:22-23)
 - ▶ Eternal Darkness, Fire, reserved for them: Judgment (Mt 8:10-12; Re 20:10-15)
- ▶ Christ is True Light who overcame Darkness through His sacrifice for sin for **you**; avoid False Teachers by studying Bible learning discernment {Maturation} (Jn 1:1-18; He 5:11-14)