

Jude 11-13 Jude's Use of Old Testament Individuals and Imagery as Types of Judgment

^{NET} **Jude 1:11** Woe to them! For they have traveled down Cain's path, and because of greed have abandoned themselves to Balaam's error; hence, they will certainly perish in Korah's rebellion. ¹² These men are dangerous reefs at your love feasts, feasting without reverence, feeding only themselves. They are waterless clouds, carried along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit— twice dead, uprooted; ¹³ wild sea waves, spewing out the foam of their shame; wayward stars for whom the utter depths of eternal darkness have been reserved.

- There is a woe pronounced on the false teachers....
- “Way of Cain”- Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12
- “Balaam’s error” of greed- Numbers 22-24; 25:1-8; 31:12-19; 2 Peter 2:15-16; Revelation 2:14; Josh 13:22; Proper instruction for elders in 1 Peter 5:1-4; Titus 1:6; 1 Timothy 3:3; 5:17-18; 6:3-10.
- “Korah’s Rebellion”- A prince of Israel and cousin to Moses (Ex 6:18-21); Numbers 16:1-50.
- Shepherds who feed only themselves (Ezekiel 34:2-3)
- Jude uses natural world illustrations of the bankruptcy and deception of the false teachers¹

False Teachers in Jude

Imagery	Significance
Hidden Rocks (reef)	Unseen danger / supposed to be pillars but aren't
Waterless clouds	False promise / empty / no blessing (Pr 25:14)
Autumn trees without fruit	Barren profession (Matt 7:16-20)
Raging sea waves with foam	Dangerous and filthy (cf. Isaiah 57:20)
Wandering stars	Aimless stars providing no true guidance

False Teachers Compared with the Lord Jesus

Imagery	Significance
Hidden Rocks (reef)	The Rock of Our Salvation
Waterless clouds	Comes with the clouds (Matt 24:30)
Autumn trees without fruit	Offers Tree of Life (Rev 2:7)
Raging sea waves with foam	Leads to calm waters (Ps 23:2)
Wandering stars (Isa 14:12-15; Rev 9:1)	Bright and morning star (Rev 22:16)

False Compared with True Believers

Imagery	Significance
Hidden Rocks (reef)	Living Rocks (1 Peter 2:5)
Waterless clouds	Sources of Living Water (John 7:38)
Autumn trees without fruit	Fruitful trees (Psalm 1:3)
Raging sea waves with foam	Peace like river and Righteousness (Isaiah 48:18)
Wandering stars	Shine as stars forever (Daniel 12:3; Matt 13:43)

¹ Graphs are adapted from notes of Chuck Missler's commentary on Jude.