

**Sermon title:** Destruction of false teachers

**Sermon text:** Jude 11 – 16

## **Introduction**

Part 1 – 3 OT examples of people leading others to sin – v 11.

Part 2 – Description of false teachers – vv 12 – 16.

<b>OT example</b>	<b>Point 1</b>	<b>Point 2</b>	<b>False teachers were leading others into sin</b>
<b>Verse 11 Cain (Gen 4)</b>	Cain was the first murderer;	It was Cain who led others into sin.	The false teachers were (1) were gross sinners and (2) leading others into their pattern of misdeeds .
<b>Verse 11 Balaam (Num 25)</b>	Balaam was pictured as greedy for a large monetary reward	It was Balaam who led the Israelites into apostasy (Num 25:1 – 4)	The false teachers were (1) greedy for money and (2) leading the people of God into sin resulting God's judgement.
<b>Verse 11 Korah (Num 16)</b>	It was Korah who quarrelled with Moses.	It was Korah who led the 250 rebels. (Num 16:12 – 14)  Korah was destroyed.	The false teachers disputed and led a rebellion against Jude's authority as Jude tried to correct their false teachings.  The false teachers would be similarly destroyed.

<b>Metaphor</b>	<b>Explanation of Metaphor</b>	<b>Jude's point</b>
<b>Hidden reefs (v 12a)</b>	Ships were shipwrecked by running aground on reefs.	The false teachers will shipwreck Christians. Therefore, Christians should avoid the false teachers just as a sailor keeps his ship clear of the rocks.
<b>Shepherding only themselves (v 12a)</b>	The OT "shepherds" who "fed themselves" at the expense of the God's people.	False teachers are selfish and self-centred just like the shepherds in Eze 34.:1 – 10
<b>Clouds with rain (v 12b)</b>	Promising rain clouds from a distance. But do not have rain.	False teachers are like clouds that promise rain but do not produce rain.
<b>Autumn trees without fruit and uprooted (v 12b)</b>	Each season, autumn trees hold the promise of fruit.	False teachers are like trees which promise fruit but do not produce useful fruit.
<b>Wild waves of the sea (v 13a)</b>	The sea waves often threw up soil or debris from the sea.	False teachers are like the turbulent sea which throws up filth on the shore.
<b>Wandering star "Planets" (v 13b)</b>	Planets do not keep their proper place/course.	False teachers are like planets. Their false teachings cannot be relied for the navigation of godly Christian lives.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Jude's point</b>
<b>Grumblers</b> <b>(v 16a)</b>	The false teachers grumbled against the moral restrictions God has imposed on them,
<b>Fault - finders</b> <b>(v 16a)</b>	The false teachers are “fault finders”, “they are dissatisfied with God and they criticize God’s guidance”.
<b>“own evil desires”</b> <b>(v 16b)</b>	The false teachers are motivated by immoral desires.
<b>“boastful/arrogant speech”</b> <b>(v 16b)</b>	The false teachers are boastful.
<b>“flatterers”</b> <b>(v 16b)</b>	The false teachers flatter you – not for your benefit; but for their benefit.

## Summary

Part 1 – OT examples of people leading or promoting others to sin – v 11.

Part 2 – Description of false teachers – vv 12 – 16.

We need to recognize false teachers who may creep into our midst.

We need to reject their false teachings immediately.