**The Epistle of Jude, Part Seven**

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**PREMISE: Three classical apostates who never repented!**

\*Example of cross country (1962) > **1. start**, then **2. kick**, then **3. outcome** (cf. Mt. 8:32)

\*\*Woe (*ouai* [NT: 47x]) > *‘owy* (OT: 24x) > exclamation of grief!

**I. The Wrong Way of Cain (v. 11a) > self religion!**

 **A. The Person** > *Kain* (“begotten one” [20x]) > Gen. 4:1 ff.; Heb. 11:4; I Jn. 3:12; and Jude 1:11

 **B. The Problem**

 1. *Have gone* (*eporeuthesan* [154x]) > Jude 1:11, 16, 18 > II Pet. 2:10; 3:3

 2. *The way* (*te hodo*) > Acts 9:2, 19:9, 23; 24:14, 22 (*“the Way”*)

**II. The Greedy Goal of Balaam (v. 11b) > self gain!**

**A. The Person** > *Balaam* (“lord of people” [60x]) >Num. 22:7; 24:1 ff.; 31:16; Dt. 23:5; II Pet. 2:15-16; Rev. 2:14.

 **B. The Problem**

 1. *Ran greedily after* (*exechuthesan*)

 2. *The error for reward* (*te plane misthou*)

**III. The Anti-Authority of Korah (v. 11c) > self-authority!**

**A. The Person** > *Kore* (“bald” [37x + 1x > NT]) > great-grandson of Levi > Num. 16:1 ff.

 **B. The Problem**

 1. *Perished* (*apolonto*) > Jn. 3:16

 2. *The gainsaying* (*antilogia*) > Heb. 12:3 > (*“contradiction”*)

**CONCLUSION: Christians may apostatize but not to their damnation.**