

### THEY FOLLOWED THE WAY OF BALAAM ...

Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. **They have followed the way of Balaam**, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing (2 Peter 2:15 ESV).

### THEY ABANDONED THEMSELVES TO BALAAM'S ERROR ...

**But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand**, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and **abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error** and perished in Korah's rebellion.

These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; **wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.**

It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

**These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires**; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage (Jude 10–16 ESV).



SEE THAT YOU DO NOT REFUSE HIM WHO IS SPEAKING ...

- (Hebrews 12:25–26 ESV) See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."