

The ‘Wild Waves of The Sea’ Metaphor (Part 2)

In our lesson text, Jude used five metaphors to teach the church about the dangers of opponents of Contenders of the Faith: **hidden reefs**, **waterless clouds**, **fruitless autumn trees**, **wild waves of sea**, and **wandering stars**.

In our last lesson, we studied Jude’s metaphor of **Hidden Reefs**. We learned that the danger of hidden reefs is that a believer’s faith can become shipwrecked by false teachings (1 Tim.1:18-20).

We also learned that Jude attached a **special doctrinal phrase** with each metaphor **except ‘waterless cloud’** of today’s lesson.

Jude also used the **Greek participle as a grammatical serial marker** to make an internal doctrinal point with each metaphor **except ‘wandering stars’**:

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| • <u>hidden reefs</u> | (caring for themselves) | [poimaino / p.a.ptc.nplm] |
| • <u>waterless clouds</u> | (carried along by winds) | [paraphero / p.p.ptc.nplf] |
| • <u>fruitless autumn trees</u> | (dead) | [a.a.ptc and uprooted - a.p.ptc] |
| • wild waves of sea | (casting) | [p.a.ptc] |
| • wandering stars | (reserved) | [perf.p.ind]. |

Today, we will study FOUR aspects of the <u>Wild Waves of Sea Metaphor</u>

1. During the study of these five metaphors, we have learned to look for two special doctrinal principles: a special doctrinal tag line and a serial participle marker.

- In the Wild Waves of Sea metaphor, the special doctrinal tag line is (**shame / aischune**). It is described metaphorically as “wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam.”
- The serial participle doctrinal marker is “casting up” (epaphrizo / **p.a.ptc.nplm** / epi (upon) + aphrizo) [casting up, belching, or vomiting].

When you belch, you can’t see what is down inside your stomach. But when you vomit, you can see contents. When the sea does it, we refer to it as casting up what was down inside it.

2. “Casting up their own shame like foam” illustrates what we see walking along a beach after a storm.

You see what the wild waves of sea has casted onto the beach from deep down (dirty foam, seaweed, rubbish, shells).

The adversaries of the truth of God’s word vomit up shameful false teaching upon the hearers. They try to serve it as gourmet food from God (1 Tim.1:18-20; 2 Tim.4:16-19; 1 Pet.5:8).

You don’t see the contents in a belch such as a casual conversation but you sense something is not right.

But when they vomit, there is no disguise of the contents. When they vomit their teachings, they reveal what they really believe to be the truth (Matt.16:21-23).

3. Remember that the fourth metaphor comes from the second grouping (Jude 11-16). In this same grouping, Jude gave three biblical examples of adversaries (Cain, Balaam, and Korah) (Jude 11).

Each vomited up different beliefs against the revealed word of God. **What they vomited up was the contents of their spiritual shame (aischune).**

Another biblical example of spiritual shame was Adam and Eve. Before they sinned, they were naked and unashamed. (Gen.2:25). After they sinned, they were naked and sewed fig leaves to cover their sin and shame before God (Gen.3:7). They are ashamed and fearful and avoiding the living God (Gen.3:10-11). Spiritual shame is part psychological conscience of guilt, fear, and remorse concerning unconfessed sin and forgiveness.

Before they sinned, Adam and Eve were unashamed. They were not ashamed to be naked before God. It was natural like a young child with a parent. "In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed." (Ps.71:1)

- **Before sin**, they loved God and wanted to be in His presence and wanted no part with the devil (Matt.6:24).
- **After sin**, this was reversed in the lives of Adam and Eve volitionally (Reverse Process Reversionism) (1 Tim.4:1-3; 6:3-5).

4. When teaching on the same subject, Peter used similar metaphor from Proverb's:

(Prov. 26:11) "Like a dog that returns to its vomit, is a fool who repeats his folly." (2 Pet. 2:22)

(2 Pet.2:22) "It has happened to them according to the true Proverb, 'A dog **returns** to its own vomit,' and 'a sow, after washing, **returns** to wallowing in the mire.'"

Note the second illustration not in (Proverbs 26:11)

Both Jude and Peter are illustrating how disgusting apostate reversionism is to the Lord.

Reversionism is a Church Age Believer (CAB) returning to his / her old life patterns of Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD). It is like a dog returning to his own vomit or a pig returning to wallowing in the mire or the disgusting foam of wild waves of a sea casting up rubbish (Eph.4:17-24, 30); (1 Thess.5:19).

(Eph.4:14-15) "As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; **but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects, into Him who is the head, even Christ.**"