

The ‘Wild Waves of The Sea’ Metaphor (Part 1)

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] |
| • <u>wild waves of sea</u> | (casting) | [p.a.ptc] |
| • wandering stars | (reserved) | [perf.p.ind]. |

We will be victorious always when completing the faith cycle!

(1 John 5:4) “**For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this** (aute / nsf/ predicate nominative) **is** (eimi / p.nd.3ps) **the victory** (he nika/ nsf) **that has overcome** (he nikao / .p.ptc.nsf) **the world** (ton cosmos / asm) **our** (ego / gplm) **faith** (he pistis / nsf) [apposition of ike].”

The Faith Cycle

Hearing Faith (Rom.10:17)

Completing Faith (James 2:22)

Believing Faith (Heb.4:2)

Applying Faith (2Cor.5:7)