Destructive Doctrines PART II (II Peter 2:4-11)

The Doom for False Teachers

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<u>Consequences for sinning angels...</u>

- Satan/angels/stars fall—casted to earth
 - Satan's Fall: "Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."" Luke 10:17-20 NKJV
 - Stars from heaven: ""Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven,

and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:29-31 NKJV

 The Cursed: ""Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:" Matthew 25:41 NKJV

Mathebasic Revelation about the fate of rebellious angels:

- "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:7-10 NKJV
- **፼** <u>Pride</u>

- I—I—I—I: ""How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: ' Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'" Isaiah 14:12-17 NKJV
- You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you: "Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald

with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; **Therefore I cast you as** a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever." ' "" Ezekiel 28:11-19 NKJV

- *"and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;" II Peter 2:5 NKJV*
 - **Consequences for the ancient word at the time of Noah**
 - Condition of the world back then (See Genesis 6-10 for full narrative about Noah: "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."
 - What happened to them: "And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him... In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened... And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in

whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. **So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground**: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive." Genesis 7:5, 11, 21-23 NKJV

"and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—" II Peter 2:6-8 NKJV

Consequences for Sodom and Gomorrah

- An example to future ungodly people (also, see 1 Cor. 10 below)
 - "Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here?
 Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever
 you have in the city— take them out of this place! For
 we will destroy this place, because the outcry against
 them has grown great before the face of the LORD,

and the LORD has sent us to destroy it." So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law **he seemed to be joking**. When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live." And he said to him, "See, I have favored you

concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt." Genesis 19:12-29 NKJV

Don't ever look back: "But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."" Luke 9:62 NKJV

"then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment," II Peter 2:9 NKJV

<u>M</u> The Lord delivers the godly out of temptations

- **I** No temptations
 - "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also

complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them <u>as examples</u>, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the <u>way of escape</u>, that you may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:1-13 NKJV

All things work for good...

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:26-28 NKJV

<u>M</u> The Lord reserves the unjust for punishment

Image: Do not fret—the wicked with get theirs!

"Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. **Rest in the** LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; **Do not fret**— it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To

slay those who are of upright conduct. Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken." Psalms 37:1-15 NKJV

"and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord." II Peter 2:10-11 NKJV

Walking according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness

- Spirit vs. Flesh
 - "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set

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their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in **you.** Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." Romans 8:1-11 NKJV

<u>Lust of the Flesh vs. the Fruit of the Spirit</u>

- Self-willed and Presumptuous vs. walking in the Spirit
 - "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are

not under the law. <u>Now the works of the flesh are</u> <u>evident</u>, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <u>But the fruit of the Spirit</u> is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit."** Galatians 5:16-25 NKJV

Despising authority

- Saul rejected as King because he did his own thing (Did not utterly destroy the Amalekites and their King Agag)
 - Rebellion—the sin of witchcraft: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."" I Samuel 15:23 NKJV

Not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries—Even angels, who are greater in power, would not bring reviling accusations

- Michael the Archangel
 - Reviling accusation: "Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves." Jude 1:8-10 NKJV

SPECIAL SECTION [Reference Only: not for live teaching]

The Reminder of Jude

"But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of [√] Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the [√] angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as [√] Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. Woe to them! For they have gone in $[\checkmark]$ the way of Cain, have run greedily in []] the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in $[\checkmark]$ the rebellion of Korah. These are $[\checkmark]$ spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are [**√**] clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn [] trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; [] wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." Jude 1:5-13 NKJV

See Without Blemish or...Apostate Religion

APOSTATE RELIGION

- 1. Spots in Your Love Feasts
 - A. <u>Apostate Feasts and Assemblies</u>

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- (1) Blemished Love! Without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots...
 - (a) "Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." Jude 1:11-13 NKJV
 - 1. Clouds without water: NO LIVING WATER
 - a) "Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will

thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."" John 4:10-14 NKJV

- b) "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."" John 7:37-38 NKJV
- 2. Trees without fruit: NO TRUE TESTIMONY
 - a) "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:8-10 NKJV
 - b) "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from

thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them." Matthew 7:15-20 NKJV

- 3. Wandering stars without light: NO LIGHT IN THEM
 - a) "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20 NKJV
 - b) ""You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV
- (2) Despised feasts and unsavory sacred assemblies...
 - (a) "Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into

the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! Is not the day of the LORD **darkness, and not light?** Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies." Amos 5:18-21 NKJV

- What people in the earth are "desiring the Day of the Lord"?
 - a) Is it not the Church?
- 2. What will that day be like to some of them and why?
 - a) It will be darkness and not light because of their feast days and sacred assemblies.
 - Christians the world over have adopted, in many cases unknowingly, pagan practices. They have become a regular part of Christian culture. Holidays like Easter and Christmas have nothing to do with authentic Christianity, but have been borrowed from pagan traditions of sun god worship (simple research will easily reveal such to you). Most Christians become horrified when they discover from where these pagan feast days originated. **"I despise your feast days..."**
 - 2) It's not too late! Millions of Christians around the world are now rejecting these pagan

practices and returning to their Hebrew Roots. Yahweh has given us many Feast Days that we should participate in, as we reject those He calls an abomination. Please refer to the teachings about the Biblical Feasts on our website: <u>The</u> <u>Feasts of Yahweh</u>

- 3) Also, most "sacred assemblies," now known as "church services," have become nothing more than a brand of G-rated entertainment. Yahweh is not pleased! "I do not savor your sacred assemblies."
- b) Apostate Theology: Refer to prophecy of Malachi
 below, about lawlessness, in points C, D & E
 (Apostate Sacrifices, Practices and
 Determinations).
 - "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven;

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but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17-20 NKJV

B. <u>Apostates: This is what "spots in your love feasts" look like!</u> <u>Notice:</u> the three examples used by Jude cover all the bases — the Son, the Prophet and the priest!

- The way of Cain—a murderer who becomes a fugitive and a vagabond...
 - (a) "Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If

you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and **killed him.** Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."" Genesis 4:1-12 NKJV

(b) In the End—My punishment is greater than I can bear! "And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him." Genesis 4:13-15 NKJV

- (2) The error of Balaam—Balaam is tempted by a bribe to prophesy against God's people. In the end he is killed for his greed! (Full story in Numbers 22-24)
 - (a) "Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. And Moab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel. So Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this company will lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. Then he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying: "Look, a people has come from Egypt. See, they cover the face of the earth, and are settling next to me! Therefore please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."" Numbers 22:2-6 NKJV

- (b) In the end—DEAD: "The children of Israel also killed with the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer, among those who were killed by them." Joshua 13:22 NKJV
- (3) The rebellion of Korah—Korah is jealous of Moses and accuses him of assuming authority of his own, beyond what God has given him. In the end all those involved are brought to severe judgment by Yahweh. (Full story in Numbers 16:1-40)
 - (a) "They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, " You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"" Numbers 16:3 NKJV
 - (b) In the end—DEAD: "Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. Then all Israel who were around them fled at

their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up also! " And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense." Numbers 16:31-35 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

Destructive Doctrines PART III (II Peter 2:12-22)