

## Epistle of Jude

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- Author:** Jude (also called Judas), the brother of James and the half- brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3).
- Time:** Likely between AD 65 -80
- Genre:** Letter;
- Audience:** Written to Christian-Jews
- Purpose:** False teachers had crept into the church and were perverting God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, into a license to sin. Jude warns them of false teachers who were infiltrating the churches. He uses expressive language and examples to describe the characteristics of these false teachers and the certainty of God's judgment on them. Jude encourages Christians to fight for the faith and to live in God's love.
- Structure:** Greeting (1,2), Contend for the faith (3,4), Warning of false Teacher (5-16), How to stand against false teachers (17-19), Encouragement to live for God (20-23), Doxology (24,25)

### Observations

#### Doxology vs. Benediction

A benediction is a blessing that one asks of God for another. A doxology is a declaration that gives glory or praise to God. A doxology is a praise that goes up to God. A benediction is a blessing that comes down from God.

Doxologies:	Benedictions
Jude 24-25	Numbers 6:24-26
Romans:16:25-27	Romans 15:13
1 Tim 1:17	2 Corinthians 13:14
Ephesians 3:20-21	1 Thessalonians 5:23
Matthew 6:13b	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Doxologies can be prayed to praise God and benediction can be prayed over yourself and others.