

The Letter From Jude

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INTRO

- A. Occasion for writing
 - 1. Written sometime after AD 70 during the latter third of the First Century.
 - 2. Written to encourage the believers and counter false teachers.
 - 3. Primary concern related to early Gnosticism and a denial of the deity of Christ.

- B. Authorship
 - 1. Jude, Hebrew short for Judas, means "praise"
 - 2. Member of Jesus' family: James, Joseph (Joses), Judas (Jude), Simon & sisters
Matthew 13:55-56; Mark 6:3; Matthew 3:35
 - 3. Apparent leader in the early Jewish church along with his brother James
 - 4. A bond servant (love slave) of Jesus Christ

I. Addressed to Believer's Whose Nature Is Particular

- A. To those who are the called
 - We have a specific calling and place in Jesus Christ
 - I have drawn you with lovingkindness (Jeremiah 31:3)*

- B. Loved by (in) God the Father
 - We are loved by God Who has loved us with an everlasting love
 - I have loved you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3)*

- C. Kept for Jesus Christ—The marriage of the Lamb and the Wedding Feast

II. Growing and Increasing Grace:

- A. May MERCY be multiplied to you
 - Gk: Eleos—mercy, pity, compassion; that favor of God which we do not deserve

- B. May PEACE be multiplied to you
 - He leads me beside still waters, makes me to lie down in green pastures, restores my soul (Psalm 23)*

- C. May LOVE be multiplied to you
 - Gk: Agape—care on our behalf expressed by provision of our needs
 - Agape love is an active love which expresses itself by meeting our needs