
SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

Author & Audience:

the Apostle John, writing to a congregation of Believers probably code-named as “a lady”

Date:

anywhere from 70-90 C.E.

Purpose:

This letter widely reflects a period of transition in the *ekklesia* from Apostolic to post-Apostolic.

Salutation

¹ The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth,

² for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Yeshua the Messiah, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Truth and Love

⁴ I rejoice greatly to find *some* of your children walking in truth, just as we received commandment *to do* from the Father.

⁵ And now I entreat you, lady, not as though writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.

⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess Yeshua

the Messiah *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antimessiah.

⁸ Look to yourselves, that you do not lose the things which we have worked for, but that you may receive a full reward.

⁹ Anyone who goes too far and does not abide not in the teaching of Messiah, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

¹¹ for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil works.

Final Greetings

¹² Having many things to write to you, I do not want to *do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that your joy may be made full.

¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you.