

The Second LETTER of JOHN
LAST GENERATION VERSION
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Chapter 1

The Elect Woman and her Children

The senior¹ to the elect² Mistress³ and her children⁴ whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those having known the truth, 2 because the truth which continues among us shall also be with us unto the age:⁵ 3 Grace, mercy, and peace shall be with you from God the Father and from the Master Jesus, the Anointed, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I was overjoyed because I have found your children walking in truth, according as we received commandment from the Father. And now I ask you, Mistress, not as writing a new commandment, but what we had from the first, so that we may love one another. 6 And this is the love, so that we should walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment according as you heard from the first, so that in this you should walk, 7 because many deceivers have gone into the world, those not affirming Jesus the Anointed coming in flesh. This one is the deceiver and the Antichrist.⁶ 9 The whole collective of the [ones] transgressing and not continuing in the doctrine of the Anointed⁷ does not have God. The one continuing in the teaching of the Anointed, this one also

¹ Here and in 3 John 1:1 the Apostle refers to himself as “the senior” (elder). This implies that these two letters were written towards the end of his life.

² The term “elect” or “chosen” is closely associated with the faithful children of Abraham (Isa. 65:9).

³ The Greek word κυρία is the feminine form of the word κύριος – Lord, Master. There are three main interpretations of “the elect Mistress.” 1. Some well-known Christian woman of royalty; 2. Mary the mother of Jesus (cf. John 19:27); 3. A metaphorical reference to the Christian assembly. The fact that “all those having known the truth” love this “elect Mistress” seems to rule out the first view, since it is virtually impossible that all Christians would know a single Christian woman. Given that John was very old when he wrote this, it is not likely that Mary was still alive. The third view is consistent with the allegory of “the woman clothed with the sun” in Rev. 12. Verse 13 may refer to a sister assembly from where John wrote.

⁴ The “seed” of the woman in Revelation 12 are “keeping the commandments of God and holding the testimony about Jesus” (Rev. 12:17).

⁵ Because the “Breath of Truth” (John 14:17; John 15:26; John 16:13), the “anointing” (1 John 2:27), resides among the faithful remnant who are in fellowship with the Apostles (1 John 1:3), the truth resides also among the remnant until the Kingdom arrives.

⁶ 1 John 4:1-3

⁷ That is the teaching concerning who Jesus is

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has the Father and the Son.⁸ 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not accept him into the house,⁹ and do not say to him, "Rejoice!" 11 For the one telling him to rejoice participates in his wicked deeds. 12 Having much to write to you, I was advised not to use parchment and ink, but I expect to come to you and speak mouth to mouth, so that the joy of us may be having been filled. 13 The children of your elect sister greet you, Amen.

⁸ 1 John 1:3; 1 John 2:22-24

⁹ The home assembly