



Introduction

This letter is addressed to a believing lady and her children, encouraging them in the truth, and warning them against deceivers.



Questions

1. Why does John rejoice greatly?
2. How does John define the deceiver and the antichrist?
3. What does John say about anyone who doesn't bring the teachings of Christ?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** A reminder that God's message is true for all time
- **v 4 to 6** True believers keep God's commandments and love one another
- **v 7 to 11** Antichrists (see theme) will not acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. John warns his readers to avoid such deceivers
- **v 12 and 13** Rather than write more, John hopes to visit and speak face to face

Timeline 60 AD (see below)



Information

Antichrist

The word antichrist occurs four times in the Bible. The first occurrence tells us that there were many antichrists around in John's time in the first century. These antichrists were originally part of the first-century community of believers:

1 John 2 verses 18 and 19

The next occurrence gives the added information that the antichrist denies that Jesus is the Christ. The antichrist also refuses to accept Bible truths about God and his Son, Jesus Christ:

1 John 2 verses 22 and 23

Antichrist is related to false prophets in the third time we meet the word. Such people do not accept that Christ came in the flesh. John confirms that the problem is already around even in his day:

1 John 4 verses 1 to 3

The last occurrence of antichrist confirms what we have already seen:

2 John 1 verse 7

Antichrist is comprised of two words anti and Christ. The word anti means opposite or opposed to. So we are being told that this influence is opposed to Christ.

To summarise:

antichrist is an influence which:

- was around in John's day
- spread from among some of the believers
- denies that Jesus is the Christ
- denies that Jesus came in the flesh
- denies the Father and Son relationship of God and Christ



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4, Q 2: v 7, Q 3: v 9 and 10

Bible timeline

