

Unit 12, Lesson 50, I, II, III John, Revelation 1-3, Church History Part I

<p>Daily Readings: Day 1: I John 1-2 Day 2: I John 3-4 Day 3: I John 5, II John Day 4: III John, Revelation 1 Day 5: Revelation 2-3 Day 6: Church History, 757-761 Day 7: Church History, 761-767</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">INTRO, EPISTLES of JOHN</p> <p>I JOHN: We have only tradition to inform us of the later years of the “disciple that Jesus loved.” That tradition indicates that he left Jerusalem in the late 60’s, and ministered in the “Asian” church, especially Ephesus. It is believed this letter was written in Ephesus, to those other Asian churches, perhaps in John’s older years, in the 90’s AD.</p> <p>Note that no personal affairs are mentioned, only fatherly counsel about Jesus and His Father, Who is Light, Love, and Life itself, and strongly-worded warnings against false teachers, especially the Gnostics, and Docetists, who denied the incarnation, and lived immorally. (2:3-6, 18-27; 3:4-12; 4:1-6; 5:6-9)</p> <p>II JOHN is written by the same person, at about the same time, and perhaps in the same place, as I John. This one is addressed, but students of the Word disagree as to whether the address is literal or figurative. The message is roughly the same, but condensed: Love one another, avoid false teachers!</p> <p>III JOHN is also from John while in Ephesus, 90’s AD, this time to the man Gaius, whose identity is in question. John praises Gaius for his generosity while warning the brothers about a false leader, Diotrephes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS, I JOHN</p> <p>1. What proof does John give of the truth of his message?(1:1-4)_____</p> <p>2. What two benefits follow from walking in the Light?(1:5-7)_____</p> <p>3. What follows from walking in darkness?(1:8-10)_____</p> <p>4. Does God expect <i>no</i> sin from His people? (2:1-2)_____</p> <p>5. How can we KNOW that we know God?(2:3-6) That we walk in the Light?(2:7-11) That we are of the truth?(3:18-21) That He lives in us?(3:24,4:13) That the “witness” we hear is true?(2:24-27,5:10). That we have</p>	<p>eternal life?(5:12-13)_____</p> <p>6. Tell the main characteristics of believers at the “children” stage, the “young men” stage, and the “father” stage: (2:12-14)_____</p> <p>7. Why not love the world?(2:15-17)_____</p> <p>8. How can you identify an “antichrist”?(2:18-23,4:1-3)_____</p> <p>9. Should there be teachers in the church?(2:24-27)_____</p> <p>10. What is our “status” in the present world?(2:28-3:3)_____</p> <p>11. Can a Christian sin?(see # 4 above, and 3:4-9,5:18)_____</p> <p>12. How is Cain a picture of the unsaved element in our world?(3:10-15)_____</p> <p>13. What sort of “love” is John holding up for us?(3:16-18)_____</p> <p>14. What follows when we have confidence toward God?(3:20-23,5:14-15)_____</p> <p>15. Is there only one spirit?(4:1-3)_____</p> <p>16. Why do so many hear and believe the false teachers?(4:1-6)_____</p> <p>17. Why should we love?(4:7,10-11)_____</p> <p>18. Confessing Jesus is the Son of God proves what?(4:2,15;5:1)_____</p> <p>19. What’s wrong with the one who fears?(4:17-19)_____</p> <p>20. How did Jesus come by Spirit, water, and blood?(5:6-9)_____</p> <p>21. Compare Jude 22-23 to 5:16-17. Conclusions:_____</p> <p>22. How does John divide the world?(5:18-20)_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS, II JOHN</p> <p>1. Why is this lady so beloved?(1-2)_____</p> <p>2. What is John’s plea?(5-6)_____</p> <p>3. Why the warning?(7-9)_____</p> <p>4. Attitude toward false teachers?(10-11)_____</p>
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QUESTIONS, III JOHN

1. What is the request of Gaius?(5-8)_____

2. What is the (opposite) conduct of Diotrephes?(9-11)

INTRO, REVELATION

This book unveils the character and future program of Jesus Christ. Given by Christ to "His angel" and thence to John the apostle, about 95-96, during the time of Emperor Domitian's persecution. The setting is the volcanic island in the Aegean Sea called Patmos, one of several places where criminals were sent by Rome.

Jesus Himself gives the address. The contents of the vision are to be sent to seven churches in Asia Minor, the area of John's ministry. The outline, suggested also by Jesus, is as follows: "The things which you have seen", chapter 1, "The things which are", meaning the condition of the seven churches described in chapters 2-3, and "The things which will take place after this," as told in chapters 4-22.

QUESTIONS, REVELATION 1-3

1. How can one be blessed by this book?(1:3)_____

2. Who is this One Who introduces Himself as the "Almighty"?(1:8,11,17,18)_____

3. Who are the 7 "stars" and the 7 "lampstands"?(1:12-20)_____

4. What was the problem at Ephesus?(2:1-4)_____

5. What does Jesus "know" about all 7 churches?(2:2,9)_____

6. Which 2 churches have only positive comments?_____

7. What evils had entered the Pergamos Church?(2:14,15)_____

8. What was "Jezebel" doing in the church at Thyatira?(2:20-24)_____

9. Explain how Sardis was not *completely* dead.(3:1-6)_____

10. Are these church *ages* or churches?(3:10)_____

11. How is the rich church counselled?(3:17-19)_____

12. Where is Jesus seeking entry?(3:20-21)_____

INTRO, CHURCH HISTORY

The series of events that commence with Revelation 4 lead to the very consummation of all things. The first chapters seem to coincide with the history of the first century church. Between these two time periods has

passed about 1,900 years. For the rest of this lesson, and in all of the next one, we will attempt to tell the church's story during that time. Our guide, as in the "gap" between Old and New Testament will be Henry Halley. See Lesson 31 for a description of him and his classic *Handbook*. In the edition cited, we will be on page 757, "Church History."

QUESTIONS, CHURCH HISTORY, Part One

1. Name the 3 periods of Church History. (757)_____

2. What 3 Roman emperors touched the lives of Jesus, Paul, and John?(758)_____

3. About how many Emperors persecuted Christians?(758)_____

4. For what "crimes" did Trajan kill Christians?(761)____

5. How bad was the final persecution?(762)_____

6. When did the Empire form the two "legs" of Daniel?(759)_____

7. By the end of the persecution, how much of the Empire was "Christian"?(759)_____

8. Where did Christians hide? Perhaps how many of them?(763)_____

9. What Emperor "turned things around" for the Christians, and when?(759-60)_____

note: Halley does not mention that this same man prayed to his sun-god all his life, that he honored that god on the day of the sun, not just Christianity.

10. What were the problems that Emperor Theodosius caused for the Church?(760-61)_____

11. Name three early church leaders who were students of the apostle John:(763)_____

12. Give a short outline of an early church service in Justin Martyr's day:(763-64)_____

13. Who wrote the first church history?(764)_____

14. When did the church start having church-wide "councils"?(765)_____

15. What is "monasticism"(monks), and when did it begin?(765)_____

16. How did the destinies of Mohammedanism (Islam) and the growing (political) church meet?(766-67)_____