

Purpose

To warn the early church about deceivers and anti-christs (false teachers)

Penman

John, the disciple of Jesus

Recipients

The letter is addressed to "the chosen lady and her children." It is unsure whether the chosen lady was an individual or a church or both (as churches met in a person's home).

Date Written

Approx. 90 AD
from Ephesus

Key Verse

"Watch yourselves that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward."

2 John 8

An Overview (1 Chapter)

- Watch Out for False Teachers (1:1-11)
- John's Final Words (1:12, 13)

Major Themes

- *Love in Truth*: John points out that all Christians have a common bond because of the love they each have for the Lord. When they love God with all of their hearts, then the naturally tendency is genuinely to love each other as well.
- *Deceivers*: The meat of this letter is a warning against those who would intentionally lead Christians astray and neutralize their effectiveness.