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1-3 John, Jude

NT #47 God Is Love

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From:
John, the son of Zebedee
John the Elder

To: Jewish saints, possibly in Ephesus, having just weathered an apostasy crisis 2:18-23

1 John - mitigate damage caused by apostates - mostly from (or proto-) John 13-17

ch 1: Word was from the beginning, was with the Father

God is light (vs. darkness) - see John 1:1-14

ch 2: Christ is our advocate with the father (John 14:16 No one comes to the father but by me)

2:18 last days
- before Christ's return
- with positive signs

v. 15 if any man love the word (John 15:)

v. 23 acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also (14:7 - seen the son)

v. 25 eternal life is the promise (John 17:3)

* v. 28 have confidence and not be ashamed at his coming

ch 3 v. 2 when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (Moroni 7:48)

Ether 4:16 - Moroni knew of John

v. 13 marvel not if the world hate you (John 15)

v. 23 love one another

v. 24 he abideth in us

ch 4 v. 10 not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son (John 3:16)
↑ ye have not chosen me, but I you (John 15:)

ch 5 v. 6-8 (John ch. 3) ~~sp~~ water, and blood, and the spirit

v. 14-15 ask & ye shall receive

2 and 3 John

2: warning of deceivers - apostates - who will come looking for acceptance give them none

3: to Gaius - accept true missionaries, unlike local leader Diotrephes who rejects all of John's messages

Jude = Judah brother of Jesus

likely wrote to a community of messianic Jews
warning against corrupt leaders

- their teaching is bad enough
- ...but their example (money, sex) is worse
- their appearance is no surprise

two three-part examples of God's justice

A: - Rebellion against God leads to sexual immorality

- ① Israel's wilderness rebellion (Numbers 14)
- ② Angels who rebelled (Enoch & Gen. 6)
- ③ Men of Sodom (Gen 19)

→ God defends those who are loyal

B: - Rebellious leaders who corrupted others

- ① Cain (Gen. 4) built wicked city
- ② Balaam (Numbers 22-25, 31) couldn't curse Israel, so counseled how they could be corrupted
- ③ Korah (Numbers 16) Armed rebellion against Moses, destroyed by power of God

More examples

- Selfish shepherds (Ezek. 34)
- clouds without rain (Prov 25)
- chaotic waves (Isaiah 57)

Warnings quoted

1 Enoch 1 Enoch's quotes from Deut. Zech. Isaiah
about great & terrible day of the Lord

- 2 Peter 2
- 1 John 4
- 2 Tim. 3
- Matthew 7

corrupt teachers will distort
Jesus' teachings

why did Judah
quote from
1 Enoch
Test. of Moses
?

Important part of
culture, a culture
steeped in literature
about God

Main idea

if you love God,
you will obey teaching

Testament
of
Moses
(Angel defends
the soul
of Moses)

how to combat?
→ we are god's new
temple
- prayer
- love of God
- vigilance
↑ God will help