

1 John - Session 1

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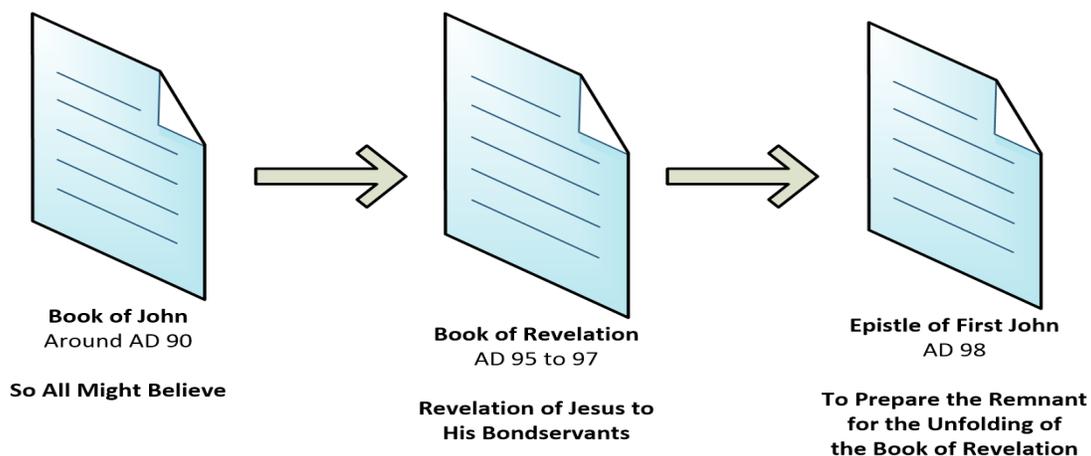
Show Introduction

- Welcome to the new Biblical Life TV. I am your host, Dr. Michael Lake.
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Introduction for the First Epistle of John

The apostle Paul was martyred for his faith in either A.D. 64 or 65. John wrote his first epistle over 30 years after the apostle Paul died. John would have been familiar with all the writings of the apostle Paul.

The Main Writings of the Apostle John and Their Respective Purposes



Unique features of the First John:

- Although it has features of being a letter (such as he knew those who would be reading it), it has no standard greeting. 2 and 3 John have the traditional greeting.
- Rather than reading like a letter, this epistle reads like a sermon. John was preaching to his readers.

My hypothesis: John wrote his first epistle within a few years of completing the book of Revelation. I believe his apostolic/pastoral heart was concerned for the people of God, considering what he saw on the Island of Patmos. This epistle appears to be more of a sermon than a letter because he wanted to prepare the people of God for the visions that he had seen.

- First John is the only book of the Bible that uses the term “anti-Christ.”
- First John deals with discerning the difference between the Spirit of Truth and a spirit of error.
- First John instructs believers on how to tell if someone really believes in Jesus and those pretending.
- First John has significant instruction on spiritual warfare in the last days.

First John Chapter One

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1 John 1:1 (KJV) ¹

¹ **Note:** Since we are going verse-by-verse through the book of First John, we are using the King James Version of the Bible. This will ensure that we are not violating any copyright laws due to using the entire book in our notes. When there are variations in translations, we will bring this to the student’s attention.

John starts his epistle with a familiar phrase: that which was from the beginning. Since this epistle was written nearly ten years after his gospel, his readers would have understood this terminology.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:1-4 (KJV)

The Torah is unique in all the Word of God. While the Holy Spirit moved the other authors to write (2 Peter 1:21), Moses would meet with Almighty God face-to-face, and God directly spoke the first four books of the Torah to him. Moses simply wrote what God had said. Deuteronomy (or words) was Moses' personal Readers Digest verse of the first four books, along with a summary of Israel's brief history.

Within the Second Temple Period, there was disagreement with a unique aspect of the first verse of Genesis 1 – who or what was the Aleph-Tav sitting next to Elohim at creation?

Jesus 

הָאָרֶץ:	וְאֵת	הַשָּׁמַיִם	אֵת	אֱלֹהִים	בָּרָא	בְּרֵאשִׁית	1:1
ncfsa Pa	Po Pc	ncmpa Pa	Po	ncmpa	vqp3ms	ncfsa Pp	
the earth.	and	the Heaven		God	created	In the beginning	
<u>776</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>8064</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>1254</u>	<u>7225</u>	
hā'āreṣ.	w ^e 'ēt	haššāmayim	'ēt	'Ēlōhīm	bārā'	B ^e rē'sīt	

John is testifying that Jesus is the **Aleph-Tav** that was next to Elohim at creation. John continues that this Word was not only with God but was God. Then John makes a remarkable statement: Jesus is the Creator!

Jesus is also in the Tetragrammaton (YHVH)

Each Hebrew letter has both a meaning and a numerical value.



Yod = hand

Hey = behold, reveal, window

Vav = nail

Hey = behold, reveal, window

This can be interpreted as: The God with the nailed hand shall be revealed twice.

Another way of referring to the Tetragrammaton is to say the great "I AM."

⁵⁸ Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. ⁵⁹ Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.
John 8:58-59 (KJV)

YHVH- Elohim is referring to Jesus.

YHVH: The rabbis noted that YHVH represents the mercy of God. ² This can be seen in the first coming of Jesus. Jesus did not come to judge to the

² Abraham Cohen, Everyman's Talmud: The Major Teachings of the Rabbinic

world at that time but to bring salvation and mercy. Jesus came as Messiah ben Joseph – the Suffering Servant.

Elohim: Again, the rabbis have noted that Elohim refers to the Justice of God. ³ This judgment aspect will be seen in the second coming of Jesus. At His second coming, Messiah will come to judge a rebellious world that has rejected His gift of salvation. He is coming as Messiah ben David – the Conquering King.

John is reminding his disciples that Jesus is Almighty God, the Creator that came to earth in the flesh. John is giving testimony that he has seen, touched, and spent time with the incarnation of Almighty God. Only through Jesus is there true life and the light of God.

This understanding is not only essential to salvation but to spiritual warfare. Later in his epistle, John states:

¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1 John 4:1-3 (KJV)

Even the average Joe on the street will acknowledge that a historical Jesus lived and was killed by the Romans on the cross. However, false prophets and the spirit of antichrist will refuse to declare that Jesus was Almighty God come in the flesh!

Sages (New York: Schocken Books, 1949) 17.

³ Ibid.