

Resource: Study Notes - Book Intros (Biblica)

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What is the book of 2 John?

- The book of 2 John is a letter. The letter doesn't say who the writer was. It's thought that the apostle John wrote it. The way the letter is written is very much like 1 John.
- It's thought that John wrote this letter after writing 1 John. It's thought that he wrote it around the year AD 90.
- The New Testament includes three letters that are thought to be written by John. This is the second letter.

Who was 2 John written to?

- It isn't known exactly who 2 John was written to. It's thought that John sent it to a church that met in someone's home. It's thought that this church was in the area of Ephesus.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that 2 John shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was 2 John written?

- To remind the believers what God commanded them to do.
- To remind the believers what is true about Jesus.
- To warn them not to allow false teachers to teach in the church.

Main ideas

- Believers are to live a life of love.
- False teachers taught that Jesus wasn't a human being.
- Believers are family because they belong to God and follow Christ's teachings.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-3).

John encourages and warns the believers (1:4-11).

Final greetings (1:12-13).