

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN.

1 **T**HE old man to his friend Gaius, whom I truly love.
2 I pray above all, friend, that you may be prosperous and well, just as
3 your soul prospers; for I was exceedingly delighted when brethren came and testified of your truth, and
4 how you walk in the truth. I have no greater delight than to learn that my children conduct themselves always in the truth.
5 You practise faith, friend, when you bestow benefits on the brotherhood
6 who are even strangers; they testify of your friendship before the assembly, how well you have done in having helped them forward for the sake of
7 God. Because for the sake of that Name they went out, taking nothing
8 from the heathen. Such we ought therefore to support, so that we may be workers together for the truth.
9 I wrote something to the assembly; Diotrophes, however, who likes to make himself prominent among them,

rejects us. If I come, therefore, I will 10
make him remember his conduct, sneering at us with vile expressions; and indeed, not content with these, he did not receive the brethren, and hindered those who would, and expelled them from the assembly.

Do not, friend, imitate the bad, but 11
the good. The well-doer is from God; the wrong-doer has not seen God. Demetrius is well reported of by all, as 12
well as by the truth itself; yes, and we also give evidence, and you know that our evidence is reliable.

I have much to write to you; but I 13
am unwilling to communicate to you with pen and ink. Very soon, how- 14
ever, I hope to see you, when we can speak by word of mouth. Peace to you. The friends send you regards. Remember the friends by name.

(These two short Letters were written from Ephesus, probably between the years 88 and 90 A.D.)

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE.

1 **J**UDE, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to the beloved by God the Father, and surely called in Jesus Christ:
2 Mercy to you; and may peace and love be perfected.
3 Friends, while I was making every effort to write to you in reference to our common salvation, I was impelled to write to you, urging you to strive energetically for the faith which was
4 once for all entrusted to the holy. For some impious men have crept in stealthily, who were of old prescribed for this crime, who pervert the gift of our God into profligacy, denying our only Master and Lord Jesus Christ.

Solemn Warning against Hypocritical Unbelievers.

I now desire to remind you, 5
although you once knew it, that the people having been saved out of the land of Egypt, those who afterwards would not believe perished. Those 6
angels also who did not guard their own dominion, but abandoned their proper duty, He reserves in custody in the spirit land, under darkness, for a great Day of Judgment. Like Sodom 7
and Gomorrah, and their surrounding towns—who in the same way gave themselves up to prostitution, going after foul sensuality—are placed as a

8 warning, committed to a punishment
 of perpetual fire. In the same way,
 most certainly, these dreamers also
 corrupt the body; they despise govern-
 9 ment; they libel authorities. But the
 archangel Michael, in his encounter
 with the Devil, when he judicially
 argued respecting the body of Moses,
 dared not indulge in an abusive de-
 fence; but simply said, "The LORD
 10 reprove you." These, however, sneer
 at whatever they are not acquainted
 with; but in whatever they physically
 understand, like irrational animals,
 in these they corrupt themselves.
 11 Woe to them! because they have
 marched the way of Cain, and with
 error they have rushed for the wages
 of Balaam, and shall perish in the
 12 revolt of Korah. These, when they
 associate with you in your love-feasts
 are offences, gorging themselves with-
 out reverence; rainless clouds, tossed
 about by the winds; fruitless, autumn-
 withering trees, twice felled, up-
 13 rooted; wild raging sea-waves, foam-
 ing out their own disgrace; wandering
 stars, for whom the gloom of dark-
 ness is reserved for ever.
 14 Respecting these, indeed, Enoch,
 the seventh from Adam, also foretold,
 saying: "Behold, a Master will come
 15 with His holy myriads, to execute
 judgment upon all; and He will con-
 vict all the impious of their impious
 actions of which they have been
 notoriously guilty, and for all the per-
 versities which impious sinners have
 16 uttered against Him." These are

inveterate fault-finders, proceeding
 in accordance with their own in-
 ordinate desires; their mouth is full
 of arrogance; they are flattering
 admirers for the sake of gain.

But you, friends, remember the 17
 instructions which were previously
 uttered by the apostles of our Lord
 Jesus Christ; how they told you that 18
 in the latter time scoffers should
 appear, seeking after their own im-
 pious passions. These are the 19
 agitators—sensual, not possessed of
 a soul. But you, friends, building 20
 up yourselves upon your most holy
 faith, praying with a holy spirit,
 guard yourselves in the love of God, 21
 expecting the mercy of our Lord
 Jesus Christ in life eternal. Some 22
 indeed pity, with fear; some indeed
 reprove—making a difference; but 23
 pitying, save from the fire; hating
 even the clothing which has been
 polluted with sensuality.

Now to Him Who is able to guard 24
 you from stumbling, and to support
 you blameless before the presence of
 His majesty with exquisite delight, to 25
 the only God our Saviour, honour,
 majesty, dominion, and might, before
 all time, now, and throughout all the
 ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

*(This letter was written in Palestine
 probably about the year 65 or 66 A.D.
 The Apostle Peter evidently had either
 read it, or had a copy before him when
 penning his own second Letter.)*

THE REVELATION

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Introduction.

1 THE Revelation of Jesus Christ,
 which God granted to Him,
 to inform His servants what must
 speedily happen; and He communi-
 cated it by sending through His
 2 Messenger to His servant John: who
 gave testimony of the message of God,
 and the evidence of Jesus Christ,
 3 which things he had seen. Happy

are the reader and the hearers of this
 prophecy who observe its records;
 for the time is at hand!

Greeting to the Assemblies in Asia-Minor.

John to the seven assemblies which 4
 are in Asia-Minor: Blessing and peace
 to you from the One Who is, and Who
 was, and Who comes; and from the