

1st, 2nd & 3rd John

4, the last hour, I Jn 2:18-29

Approximately 2,000-yrs ago the born again were warned about a group of people that had appeared in their life time. In I Jn 2:18, John describes the time that this happened as “the last hour”.

Years before, Christ warned of the same group of people. Starting this lesson, we will look at the gospel according to John 15:20-16:4 and look at Christ’s warning. Here, Christ gave details about the people so that they could be identified. He also spoke of who would be sent so that Christians would not be deceived and that when that “last hour” comes they would remember.

John 15:20, “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘ A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 “But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. 22 “ If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 “He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 “ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. 25 “But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’

26 “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:1, “These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.

[1.] Jn 15:20-23, He who hates Me, According to these verses, if these folks hate Christ, who else do they hate?

[2.] v:24-25, written in their Law, This is an identifier of “they” written in v:20-25. Who is the “they that is identified?

[3.] v:26-27, I will send to you from the Father What help did Christ promise to the born again?

[4.] v:26-27 again, What might be a hazard to a born again believer who ignores the teaching of the “Helper” and depends solely on man’s wisdom?

[5.] Jn 16:1, I have spoken to you, What reason did Christ give for the warning?

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2 " They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. 3 "These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me. 4 "But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

[6.] v:2, Something to think about. We live in a time when religious extremists from the Middle East think nothing of murdering those they think are Christians. Why might they have this cavalier attitude?

[7.] v:3, These things they will do, What reason does Christ give for their behavior?

We will now turn to I Jn 2:18. Here John opens our lesson with the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy regarding "the hour".

I John 2:18, Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

hour, NT:5610 (*ho'-rah*); apparently a primary word; an "hour" (literally or figuratively): KJV - day, hour, instant, season, short, [even-] tide, (high) time.

Strong's Numbers and Concordance

[8.] v:18, Children, What does this verse say regarding what the children had heard?

[9.] v:18 again, , Children, Regarding question [1.], what has been happening since the writing of this letter?

[10.] v:18 again, From the list below, choose how John proves it is the last hour.

- a) There are wars and rumors of wars.
- b) Many antichrists have appeared.
- c) Nations are rising against nations.
- d) The democrats are in power.

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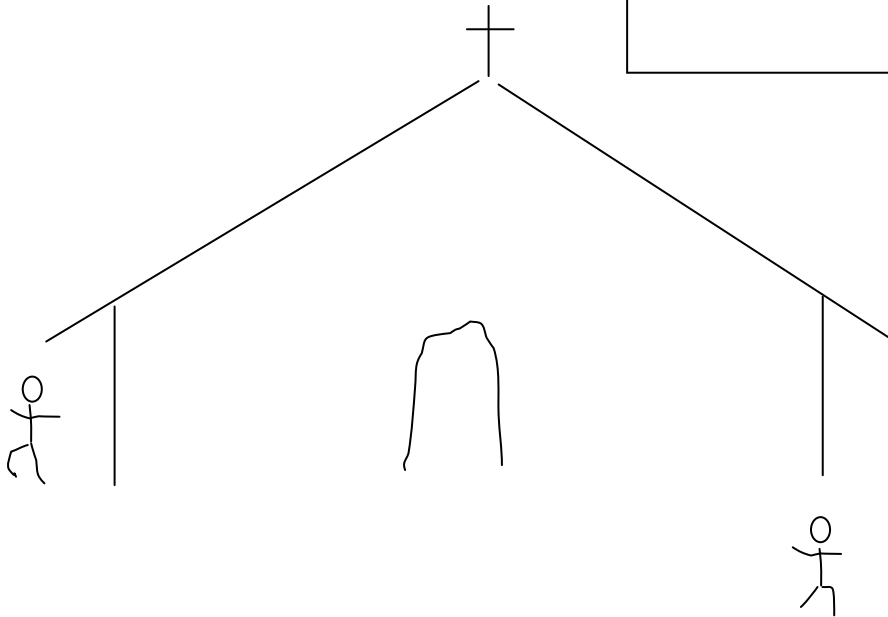
I Jn 2:19, They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

[11.] v:18 again, antichrists, True or False, The antichrist that the children heard about is in fact “many antichrists that have appeared”?

[12.] v:19, Identify who “they” are in this scripture.

[13.] v:19 again, went out from us, not really of us, Identify who the “us” is.

[14.] v:19 again, have remained with us; In your own words what did their leaving really show?



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20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

[15.] v:21, know the truth, **From the list below, choose the best channel of this truth.**

- a) Group therapy
- b) news media
- c) The voice of the majority
- d) God's word

[16.] question [15.], Something to think about. From the list (a-d), which things do you feel Satan wants us to focus on?

[17.] v:22-23, the one who denies, **In your own words write down the description that identifies the antichrists.**

[18.] v:24, that, **What is John talking about here?**

[19.] v:26, trying to deceive you, **Identify who this is..**

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27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

28 Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

[20.] v:27, the anointing, **What does this do for the born-again?**

[21.] v:28-29, is born of Him, **What does this verse say to assure us of this fact?**

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