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TORAH – D'VARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 11:26 – 16:17

B'RIT HADASHAH – 1 YOCHANAN (JOHN) 4:1-10

NOTE THAT CHAPTER 12 DEALS WITH IDOLATRY; CHAPTER 13 IDOLATERS.

D'VARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 13:2-4

2 "If a prophet or someone who gets messages while dreaming arises among you and he gives you a sign or wonder, 3 and the sign or wonder comes about as he predicted when he said, 'Let's follow other gods, which you have not known; and let us serve them,' 4 you are not to listen to what that prophet or dreamer says. For ADONAI your G-d is testing you, in order to find out whether you really do love ADONAI your G-d with all your heart and being.

"For ADONAI your G-d is testing you" What is the test?

Yochanan (John) 14

24 Someone who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words- and the word you are hearing is not my own but that of the Father who sent Me.

WHY THE GOSPEL OF YOCHANAN (JOHN) WAS WRITTEN.

Yochanan (John) 20

31 *But these which have been recorded are here so that you may trust that Yeshua is the Messiah, the Son of G-d, and that by this trust you may have life because of who He is.*

WHY THE EPISTLE OF (YOCHANAN) JOHN WAS WRITTEN.

1 Yochanan (John) 5

13 *I have written you these things so that you may know that you have eternal life – you who keep trusting in the person and power of the Son of G-d.*

A CONSTANT THEME IN YOCHANAN’S (JOHN’S) GOSPEL IS THE WORD “BELIEVE”;
IN THE EPISTLE, THE WORD “KNOW”.

1 YOCHANAN (JOHN) 4:1-10

1 *Dear friends (^{nau} Beloved), don't trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from G-d; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

2 *Here is how you recognize the Spirit of G-d: every spirit which acknowledges (^{Gk} homologeo) that Yeshua the Messiah came as a human being is from G-d,*

“acknowledges (^{nau} confesses)” – Strong’s #3670 homologeo Meaning: 1) to say the same thing as another

Why does Yochanan (John) first start talking about false prophets and then introduces the Spirit of G-d? Why do false prophets seek to take away either Yeshua’s deity or His Humanity?

1 Timothy 4

1 *The Spirit expressly states that in the acharit-hayamim (last days) some people will apostatize from the faith by paying attention to deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.*

“don't trust every spirit” Ref: Acts 17:10-12; Jeremiah 29:8(a)

3 and every spirit which does not acknowledge Yeshua is not from G-d- in fact, this is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah. You have heard that he is coming. Well, he's here now, in the world already!

Ref: Mattityahu 7:15, 24:11; 2 Yochanan (John) 1:2-3

2 Thessalonians 2

3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until after the Apostasy has come and the man who separates himself from Torah (lawlessness) has been revealed, the one destined for doom.

^{KJV} 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

All believers are responsible to exercise judgment concerning spiritual things. We have the Spirit of G-d and the Word of G-d and we are well equipped so to do. *What the Bible teaches*

4 You, children, are from G-d and have overcome the false prophets, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

You = the readers. How do you overcome?

"because he who is in you is greater" – Ref: Tehillim (Psalm) 124:1-8

5 They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world's viewpoint; and the world listens to them.

They = the anti-messiahs. What is the viewpoint of the world?

Yochanan (John) 17

14 "I have given them Your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world- just as I myself do not belong to the world.

6 We are from G-d. Whoever knows G-d listens to us; whoever is not from G-d doesn't listen to us. This is how we distinguish the Spirit of truth from the spirit of error.

We = the apostles

NOTE THAT THE EMPHASIS NOW SHIFTS FROM THE KNOWLEDGE OF G-D TO THE LOVE OF G-D!

7 Beloved friends let us love one another; because love is from G-d; and everyone who loves has G-d as his Father and knows G-d. 8 Those who do not love, do not know G-d; because G-d is love.

Why do people claim to know G-d but seem to have no love for one another?

9 Here is how G-d showed His love among us: G-d sent His only Son into the world, so that through Him we might have life. 10 Here is what love is: not that we have loved G-d, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the kapparah (^{nau} propitiation) for our sins.

What is Yochanan (John) showing us in explaining G-d's love towards us?

kapparah (^{nau} propitiation)

Strong's #2434 ἱλασμός hilasmos {hil-as-mos'} Meaning: 1) an appeasing, propitiating 2) the means of appeasing, a propitiation

^{NAU} **1 John 5**

4 For whatever is born of G-d overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.

Twice Yochanan (John) uses the phrase "Dear friends/Beloved friends". What is he concerned with each time he uses this phrase? Any connection between the verses? Hint: Think of the spirit of error and the Spirit of G-d.