

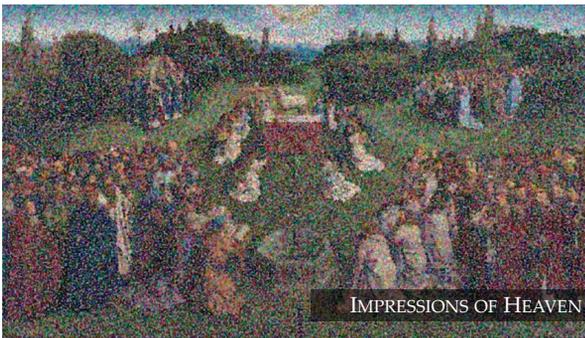
REVELATION

Impressions of Heaven

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AUTHORSHIP

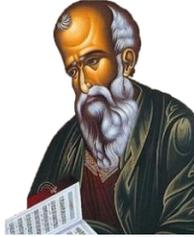
John

Rev. 1:1, 4, 9; 22:8

Which John?

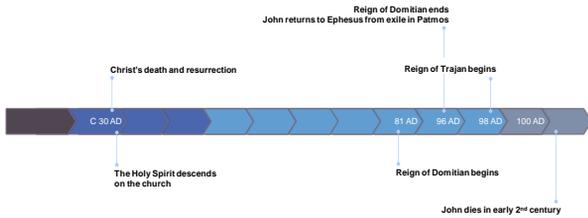
- Three mentioned in Bible
 - John the Baptist
 - John, Apostle and Evangelist (son of Zebedee, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and author of the 4th Gospel)
 - John Mark, disciple and Evangelist (author of 3rd Gospel)
- Two other very minor Johns
 - Father of Peter
 - Relative of Annas the high priest
- Another John
 - John the Elder (fragment of Papias)
 - John the "Seer," John the "Prophet," "Anonymous" John

The universal testimony of the earliest Church fathers is that the author of Revelation is the beloved disciple, John the Apostle



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TIMELINE



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CANON

Should Revelation be included with other books of the Bible?

Distinction between homologoumena and antilegomena.

- Homologoumena: Books accepted always and everywhere as Scripture
- Antilegomena: Books "spoken against;" includes the book of Revelation
- Luther's objection
 - Material objection—Revelation does not clearly proclaim Christ
 - Formal objection—Revelation is highly symbolic and prone to misinterpretation
- Revelation is canonical, but with an authority that stands beneath the clearer and more forthright homologoumena



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