



Teaching Moments

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Authorship

~ Who exactly wrote the Book of Revelation ~

Facts We Know:

- Name is "John" (1:4, 22:8)
- Identifies as Jesus' **servant** (1:1)
- **Faithful Witness** for Jesus (1:9)

Reasonable Assumptions:

- John is well known and recognized
- Likely visited Asia Minor

Possible Authors:

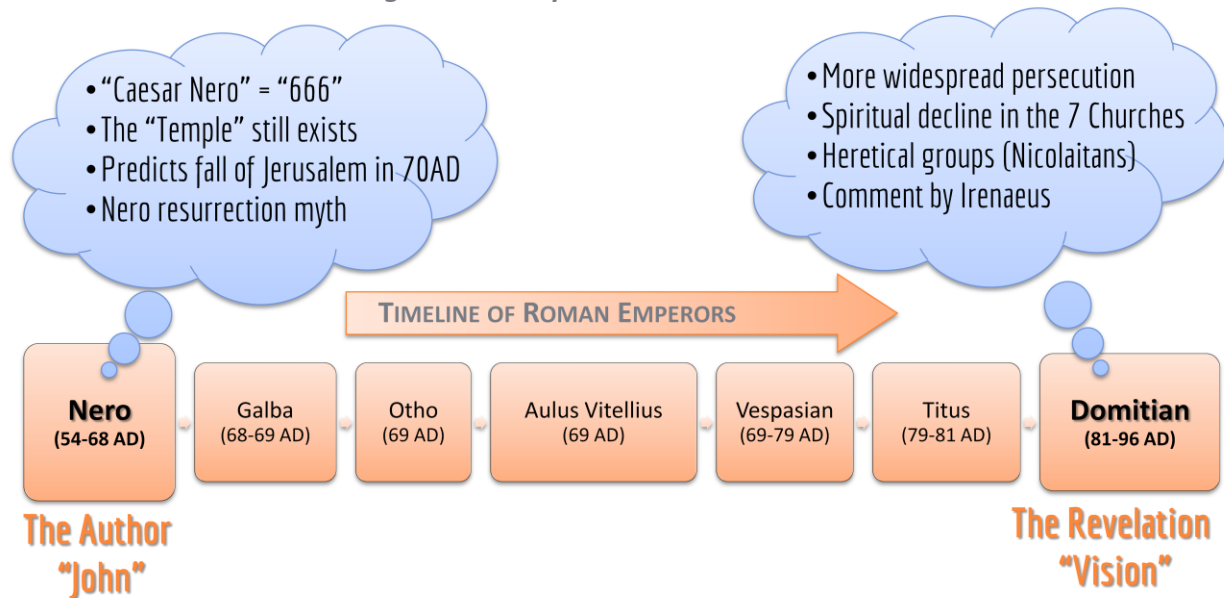
- John (12 Disciples)
- John Mark (author of Gospel Mark)
- Elder John (mentioned by Papias)
- Pseudonymous

Early tradition is unanimous in its opinion that the Apocalypse was written by **John the Apostle**.

(Justin Martyr, Eusebius, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Carthage Tertullian)

Dating Revelation

~ During what time period was this book written ~



We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of Antichrist; for if it were necessary that his name should be distinctly revealed in this present time, it would have been announced by him who beheld the apocalyptic vision. For that was seen no very long time since, but almost in our day, towards the end of Domitian's reign. - Irenaeus