

Revelation Introduction

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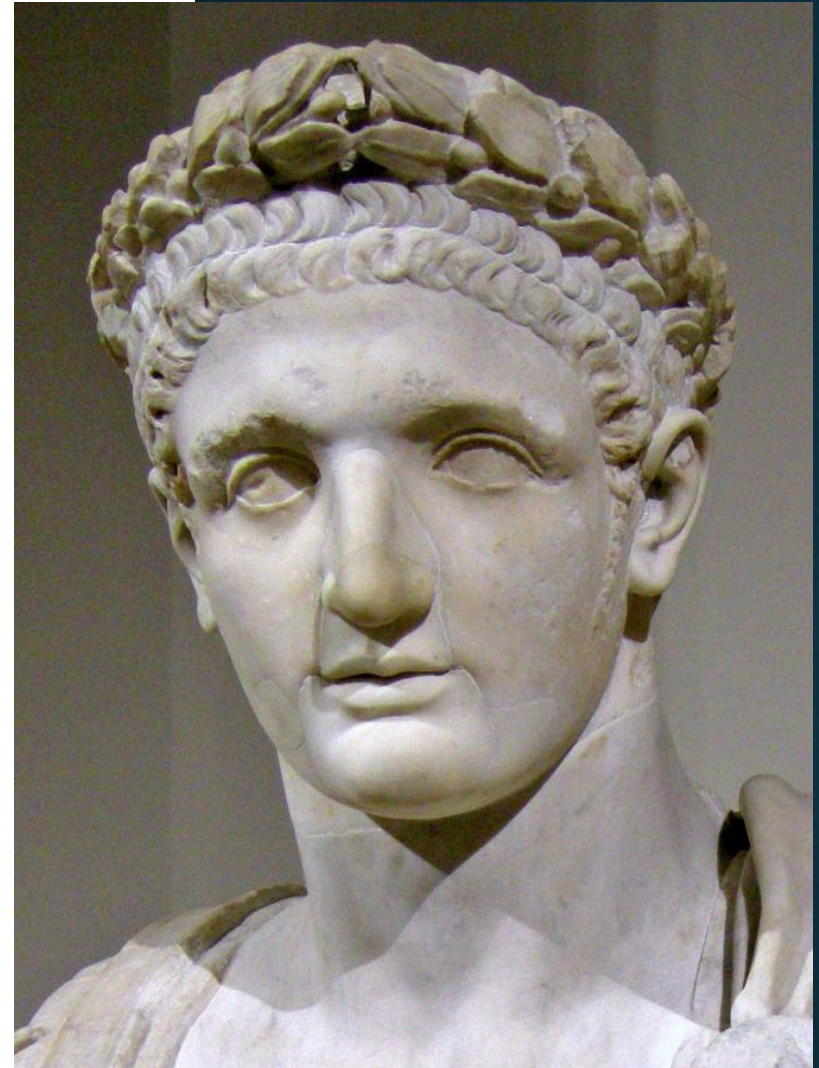
Who wrote Revelation?

- John the apostle – Revelation 1:1
- Also wrote the gospel of John, and I, II, III John.
- No other convincing candidate.
- It is jarring Greek – my take, apocalyptic is jarring literature.



Date of John

- As early as Claudius (41-54 AD)
- As late as Trajan (98-117 AD)
- Some say Nero (54-68 AD)
- Most likely Domitian (81-96 AD)



Why Domitian?

- Revival of emperor worship under Domitian; total allegiance was expected. (Rev. 13:4, 15-17).
- Christians would not bow.
- Consequences were far-reaching; not yet critical – Revelation 1:9.
- Lessons for us? Discuss.
- [Patmos](#)



Why not Nero?

- Nero's persecution was the first and intense, but more localized. Needed a scapegoat for the burning of Rome.
- Temple still standing? (Rev. 11:1-2)
Symbolic – just as Jerusalem is referred to as “Sodom” (v. 8).
Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD, after Nero.
- The “Nero Myth” is possible in chs. 13 & 17, but like all apocalyptic, nailing down specifics is not wise.

