



# A Study in Revelation



Warm Up





**Do It!**





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# Points for Home



# REVIEW

## Bible as a library

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# Let's talk canon





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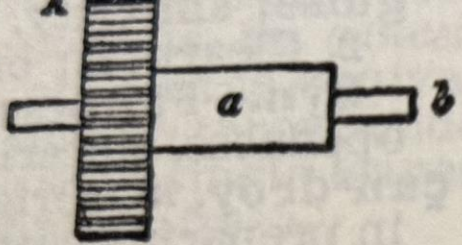




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*ca-noe'ing*, *n.* The act or sport of managing  
or riding in a canoe.  
*ca-noe'ist*, *n.* One who rides in a  
canoe.

# Let's talk canon

*ca-noe'män*, *n.*; *pl.* *ca-noe'men*. A canoeist.  
*can'on*, *n.* [AS. *canon*, a rule; OFr. *canone*;  
LL. *canon*, from L. *canon*, a measuring line,  
rule; Gr. *kanōn*, from *kanē*, *kannē*, a reed, rod.]

1. A law or rule in general.
2. Ecclesiastically, any governing law or rule,  
enacted by a council and confirmed by au-  
thority; a decision of matters in religion, or a  
regulation of policy or discipline by a general  
or provincial council.
3. The books of the Holy Scriptures uni-  
versally received as genuine by Christian  
churches.
4. The rules of a religious order, or of per-  
sons devoted to a strictly religious life, as  
monks and nuns; also, the book in which such  
rules are written.
5. The catalogue of members of the chapter  
of a cathedral or collegiate church. [Eng.]
6. A dignitary who possesses a prebend or  
revenue allotted for the performance of divine  
service in a cathedral or collegiate church.  
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7. A catalogue of saints acknowledged and

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from L. *canon*, a rule.]  
*can-on-le'i-ty*, *n.* The  
canon, or genuine book



**Canonization:**

**How were decisions made about which scrolls to put into the Bible library?**





Old Testament:

was canon to Jesus and  
apostles

Jesus: “He answered them, “And why do you break the **commandment of God** for  
the sake of your tradition?” (Matthew 15:3)



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apostles**

**Jesus: “So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the **word of God.**”**

**(Matthew 15:6)**



**Old Testament:**

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apostles**

**Jesus: “And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said  
to you by God:”**

**(Matthew 22:31)**



**Old Testament:**

**was canon to Jesus and  
apostles**

**Paul: “Then what advantage has the Jew? ... Much in every way. To begin with,  
the Jews were entrusted with the **oracles of God**” (Romans 3:1–2)**



**Old Testament:**

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apostles**

**Paul: “All scripture is breathed out by God...”**

**(2 Timothy 3:16)**



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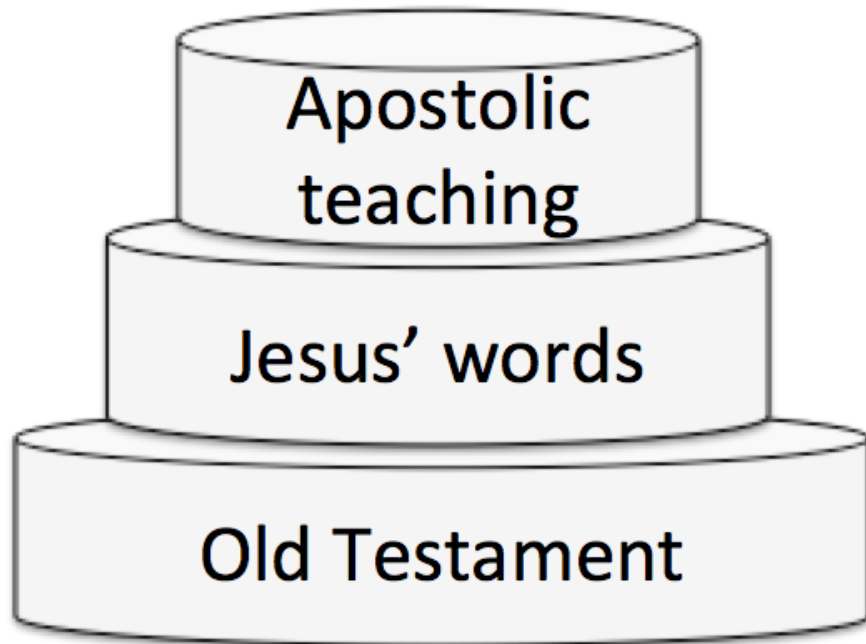
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**Jesus: “he Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”**

**(John 14:26)**



**The Church's  
Recognition of the Canon**



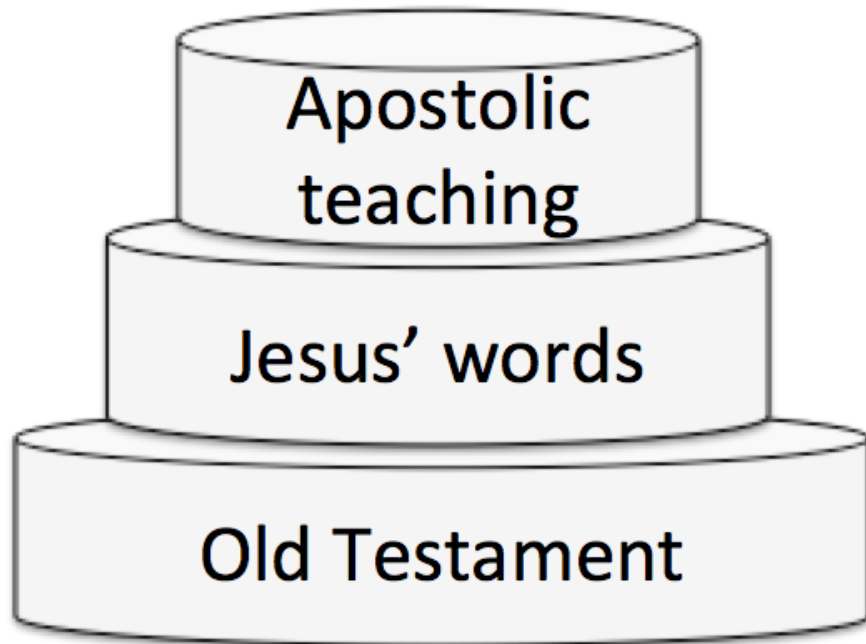
**Prayerful Church**

**consensus led by the Holy**

**Spirit as in Acts 15**



## The Church's Recognition of the Canon



The history of canon is a  
“history of need”

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Apostle John

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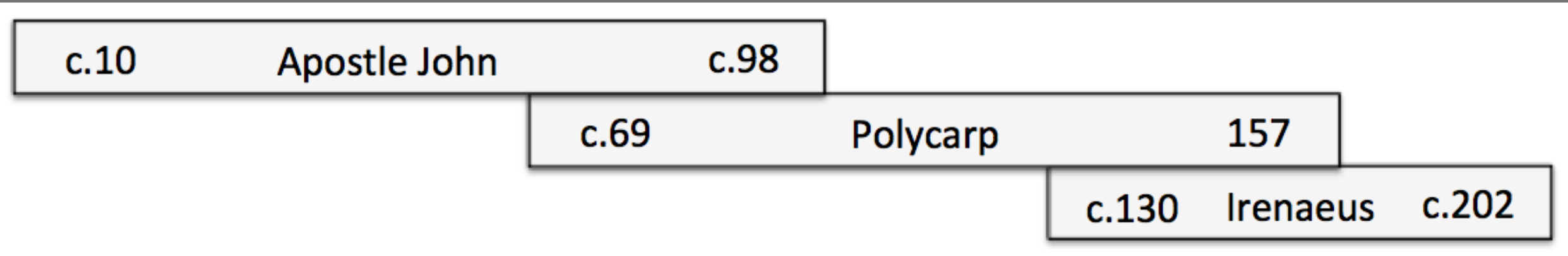
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Polycarp to the Philippians  
(c.110AD):

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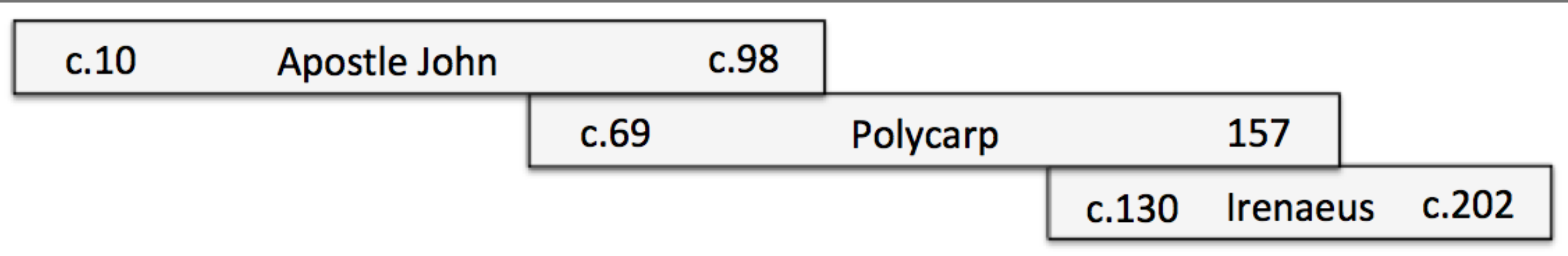




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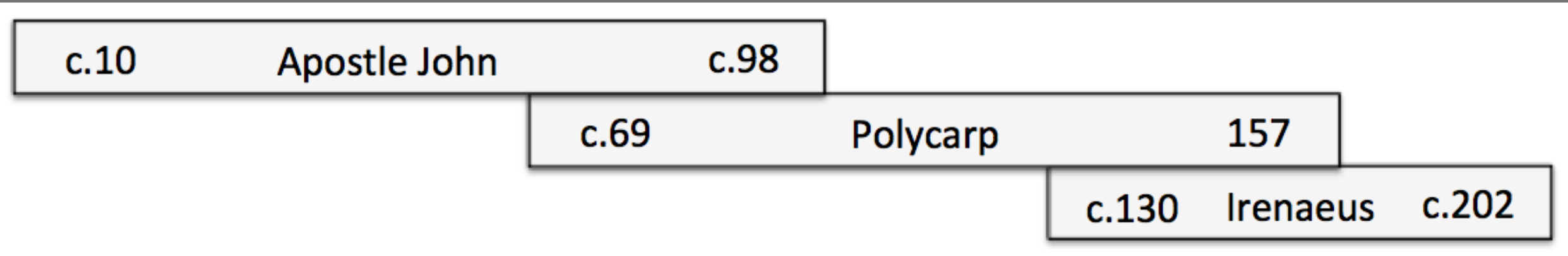
“Only, as it is said in these scriptures, ‘be angry and sin not,’ and ‘do not let the sun set on your anger.’”



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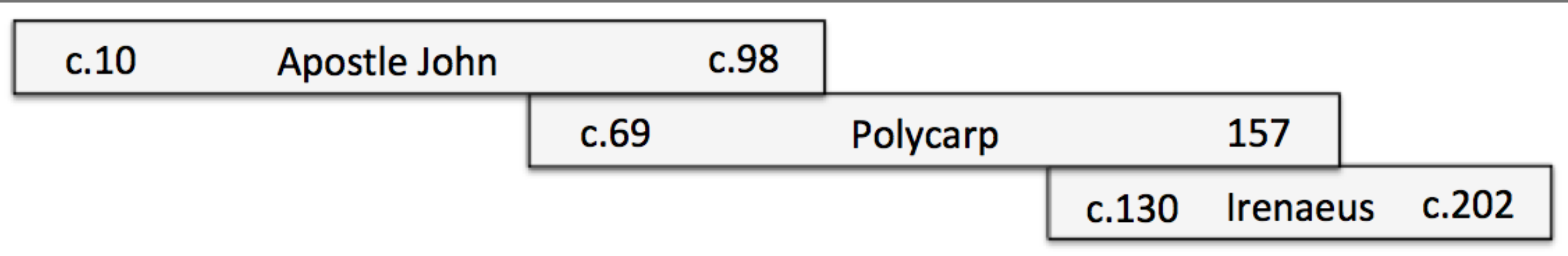
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Irenaeus: “While I was still a boy, I saw you in lower Asia with Polycarp... I recall the events of that time better than what has happened recently (for what we learn as children grows with the soul and becomes one with it), so that I can tell even the place where the blessed Polycarp sat and talked, his goings and comings,

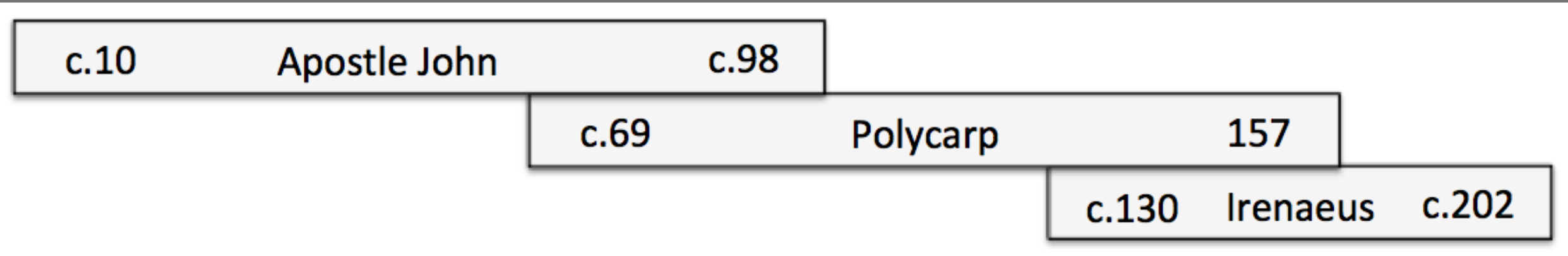


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Irenaeus:

and manner of his life, and the appearance of his body, and the discourses which he gave to the multitude, and how he reported his living with John and with the rest of the apostles who had seen the Lord, and how he remembered their words, and what the things were which he heard from them about the Lord, and about His miracles and about His teaching, how Polycarp received

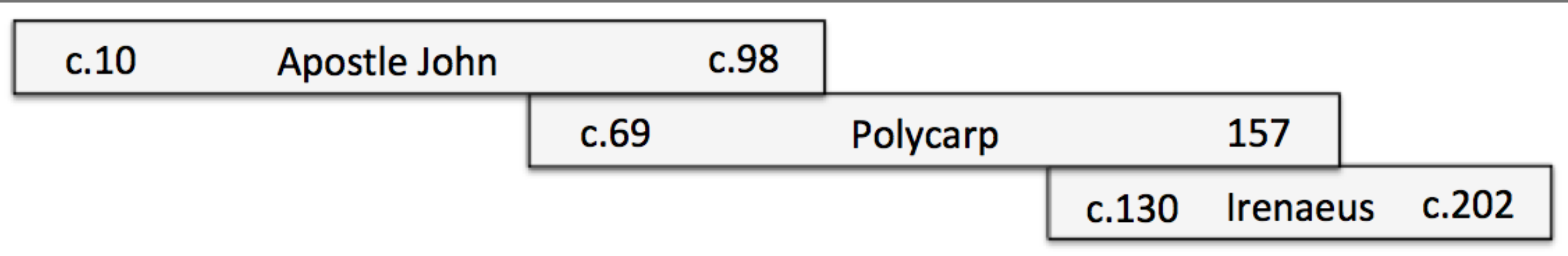




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them from eyewitnesses of 'the word of life,' and proclaimed them all in  
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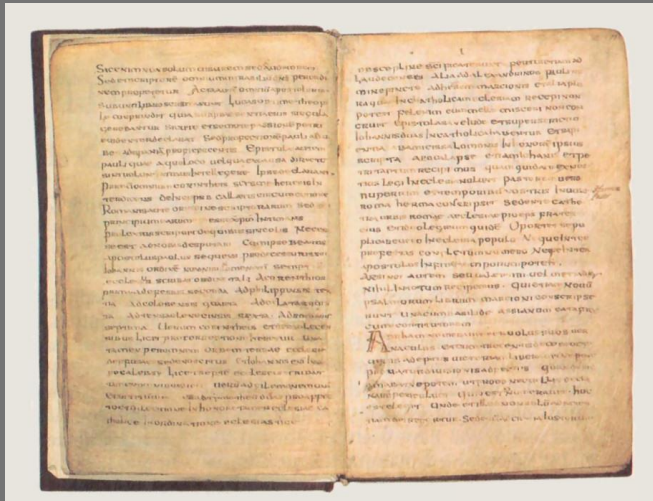
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Muratorian List

c.170AD, lists all but Peter, James, and Hebrews

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HISTORY

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APOCALYPTIC





# Biblical Apocalyptic

Daniel

Revelation

Isaiah 24-27

Zechariah

Ezekiel

Isaiah 55-66

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# Symbolism

Especially animals!



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**Visions  
and  
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# Coming Cataclysm



**An Age  
to Come**





**Angels  
and  
Demons**



**Pseudonymity**

Warm Up





**Do It!**



Rev. 1:1-2

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John...

Rev. 1:1-2

Ἀποκάλυψις Ἰησοῦ  
Χριστοῦ ἣν ἔδωκεν  
αὐτῷ ὁ θεὸς δεῖξαι τοῖς  
δούλοις αὐτοῦ ἃ δεῖ  
γενέσθαι ἐν τάχει, καὶ  
ἔσήμανεν ἀποστείλας  
διὰ τοῦ ἀγγέλου αὐτοῦ  
τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ  
Ἰωάννῃ



John  
who?





A detailed engraving of Justin Martyr, showing him from the chest up. He has a full, curly beard and hair, and is wearing a textured, draped garment. The background is a dark, textured grey.

# JUSTIN MARTYR

100–165

Revelation is by “a certain man with us, whose name was John, one of the apostles of Christ, who prophesied, by a revelation that was made to him.”

Rev. 1:1-2

He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Rev. 1:1-2

καὶ ἐσήμανεν ἀποστείλας διὰ τοῦ ἀγγέλου αὐτοῦ τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ Ἰωάννῃ ὃς ἐμαρτύρησεν τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ὅσα εἶδεν.



Rev. 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Rev. 1:3

Μακάριος ὁ ἀναγινώσκων καὶ οἱ ἀκούοντες τοὺς λόγους τῆς προφητείας καὶ τηροῦντες τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ γεγραμμένα, ὁ γὰρ καιρὸς ἐγγύς.

Rev. 1:4

John to the **seven**  
churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace  
from him who is and who  
was and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits  
who are before his throne

Rev. 1:4

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See Exodus 3:14-15

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See Isaiah 11:2

Rev. 1:5

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Rev. 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 1:5-6

ὁ ἀγαπῶντι ἡμᾶς καὶ  
λύσαντι ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῶν  
ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ  
αἵματι αὐτοῦ, καὶ  
ἐποίησεν ἡμᾶς βασιλείαν,  
ἱερεῖς τῷ θεῷ καὶ πατρὶ  
αὐτοῦ, αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ  
τὸ κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας  
τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν.



A close-up photograph of a person's hand untieing a black sneaker with bright orange laces. The shoe is resting on a blue-painted wooden bench. The person is wearing blue denim jeans. In the background, another similar sneaker is visible on the ground. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor setting.

**Jesus unties us from  
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**We are a kingdom of servants**



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Rev. 1:7

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Rev. 1:7

Ἴδου ἔρχεται μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν, καὶ ὄψεται αὐτὸν πᾶς ὀφθαλμὸς καὶ οἵτινες αὐτὸν ἔκτευσαν, καὶ αἱ φυλαὶ τῆς γῆς ἐπ' αὐτὸν θήσονται αἶψα, ἀμήν.

See Daniel 7:13

See Exodus 13:21

See Zechariah 12:10

Rev. 1:8

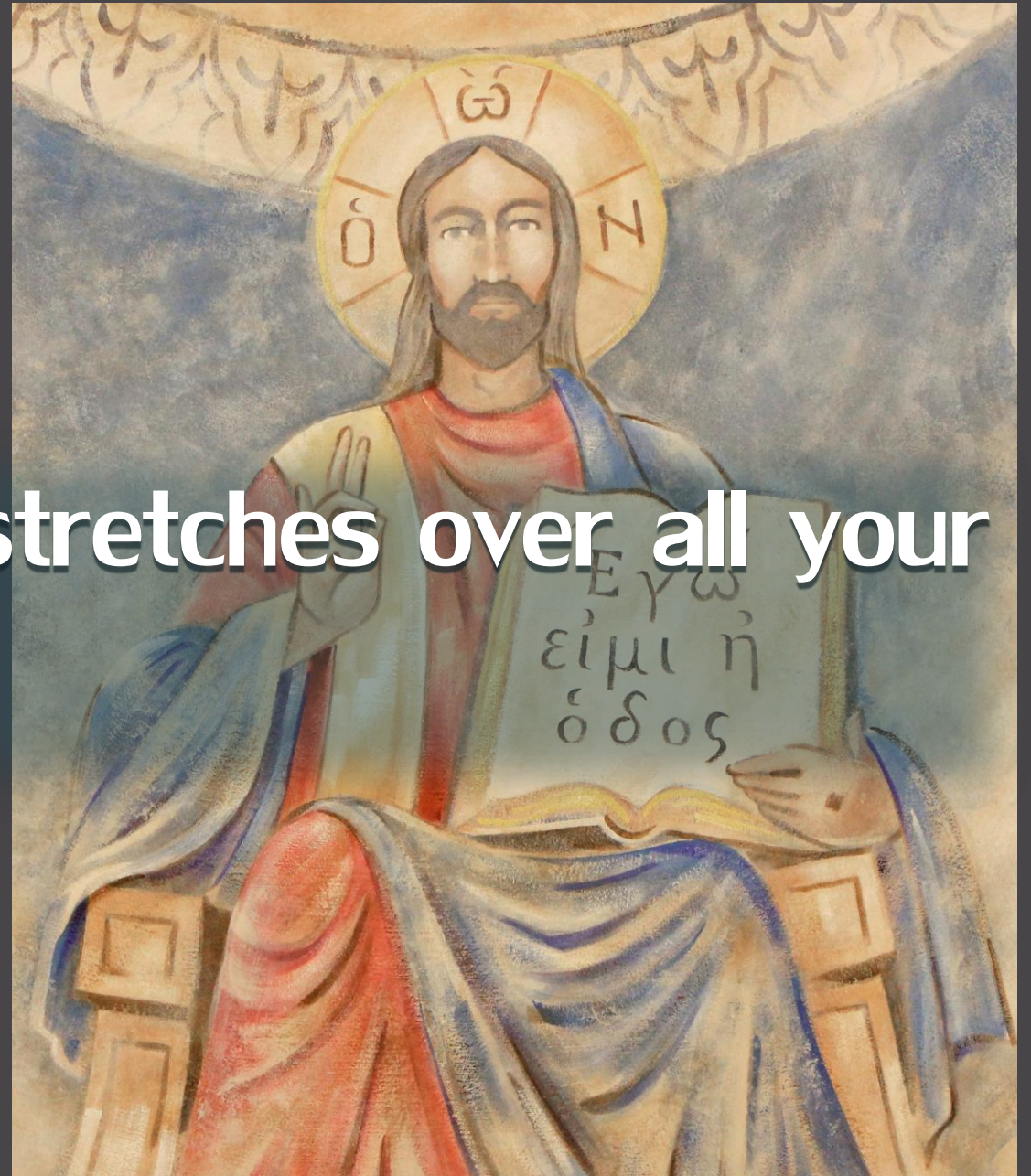
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Rev. 1:8

Ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ ἄλφα καὶ τὸ ὦ, λέγει κύριος ὁ θεός, ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ὁ παντοκράτωρ.



The Sovereignty of God stretches over all your life





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