

REVELATION –JOHN, HUMAN WRITER

- I. God used the Apostle John to pen the Gospel of John, I, II & III John, and the book of Revelation.
- II. He came to the Roman province of Asia around 70AD.
- III. Shortly before the death of Paul and shortly before the fall of Jerusalem.'
- IV. He became the pastor of the Church in Ephesus.
- V. He was also the non-resident pastor of the 6 churches that are mentioned in Revelation 1:4 and also mentioned in Chapters 2 & 3. (Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardus, Philadelphia, and Laodicea).
- VI. According o Eusebius, the famous Church Historian, John was imprisoned on the Island of Patmos in the 15th year of the reign of Domition –that would be AD 96. He remained there until the reign of Nerva, which would be around 97 or 98 AD.
- VII. On the death of Domition John returned to his resident pastorate at Ephesus and non-resident pastorate of the 6 other churches – Rev.2,3.

- VIII. John anticipated historical trends in all of those churches. The angel in Rev.2,3, is a Pastor so the message is to those who would pastor in the future.
- IX. John came from a very well-to-do-home –a wealthy nobleman, a first class person.
- X. John's father was Zebedee a very successful owner of a fishing industry. There was a great difference between being a fisherman and owning an industry. There was prejudice toward those from a wealthy background.
- XI. God chose John out of millions to do more writing than anyone but Paul. His background had something to do with it.
- XII. Zebedee's wife was Salome, one of the Galilean women who followed Jesus all the way to the Cross (Mark 15:40;16:1) This is John's mother. (Matt.27:50)
- XIII. John's home in Behsaida was staffed with many servants (Mk.1:20) (Beth-sa-e-da)
- XIV. John's mother was independently wealthy. (Luke 8:3)
- XV. The description of John's home indicates wealth – in fact John traveled with Caiaphas the High Priest (Mk.14:53-65; Mt.26:57,58) knew him personally.

- XVI. John and Peter were close friends and remained in Jerusalem together after the ascension of our Lord. They did not come from the same background-Peter came from an opposite background as that of John. They merge into a great friendship not on the basis of the social circles but because of their tremendous love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter, John and Paul were in Jerusalem at the same time. Peter and John lived there-Saul came there to kill Christians (Acts 8:1; Gal.1:19) John and Paul met in Jerusalem.
- XVII. It was John who took part in settling the controversy between the Jewish and Gentile believers which is recorded in Acts 15:6,13 and Gal. 2:9.
- XVIII. After the death of Mary (the mother of the humanity of Christ) John was released from his obligation to Jesus regarding the mother of his humanity. That obligation was taken on in John 19:26, 27. John kept his word. When he told Jesus he would take care of the Mother of His humanity-He did so. A man of Integrity. Not until she died did he depart from Jerusalem-before Paul's visit in Jerusalem in Acts 21.

- XIX. Jesus called John "Son of Thunder" and indicates that he was not that sweet simpleton-many think. He was not an emotional non-entity.
- XX. John was a strong, powerful Aristocrat, and survived until the reign of Trajan-who began in AD 98.
- XXI. Irenaeus (Theologian) and Jerome (son of Eusebius)(Theologian & Historian) both wrote that John continued his ministry in Ephesus until the time of Trajan 98-117AD
- XXII. John, apparently, lived to be a very old gentleman. It is said that at 100 he was carried to the Church to preach. It is clear that John wrote Revelation on the isle of Patmos around AD 96.