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and Armageddon

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Gathering
from the
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And he shall send his angels with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall **gather together his elect from the four winds**, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:31

The prophecy in Daniel 7 begins with the **four winds** striving upon the sea. Many have and will perish because of the wars that are prophesied in the book of Daniel, and are played out through the rest of the Bible. Those who died under Antiochus Epiphanes and the Romans are only the beginning.

Jesus explains that the elect who have been scattered, will be gathered. He specifically told those who are in Jerusalem at the time of the Abomination of Desolation to flee. When He returns to battle at Armageddon, He will gather those who have been scattered. I believe this is at the 7th trump in Revelation. Those who have been scattered will be gathered unto Him to receive their rewards for being faithful.

Revelation 11:15-18

15 And **the seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

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17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest **give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great;** and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. Revelation 11:15-18

Zechariah 14:9,16-17

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. ...

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

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Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;**

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, **What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?**

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

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16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Revelation 7:9-17

Those with palms and white robes are ready to Tabernacle with the Lord. The Lord will Dwell with His Bride Forever. He will rule the nations with a Rod of Iron. His Bride will rule with Him.

White Robes and the Bride

Revelation 3:4-5

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; **and they shall walk with me in white:** for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 19:7-8

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 **And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

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The Rod of Iron and the Bride

Revelation 2:24-27

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

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There will be one final rebellion (Gog and Magog) at the end of the millennium and then we will see the New Heaven and the New Earth.

Revelation 20:7-10

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 21:1-5

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

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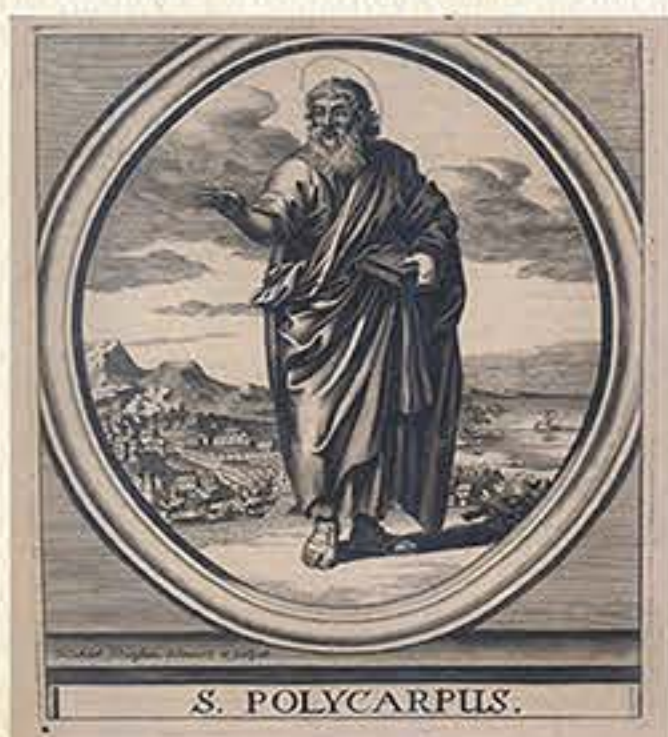
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Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V, Chapter 30

One source of great value to me in the research for this teaching was the writings of Irenaeus.

Irenaeus was born and grew up in the church at Smyrna. As we know, Smyrna was one of the 7 churches in the book of Revelation. The Apostle John was specifically told to give the book of Revelation to the 7 churches.

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. Revelation 1:11

Irenaeus studied with Polycarp, the Bishop of Smyrna, who received the book of Revelation from the Apostle John.

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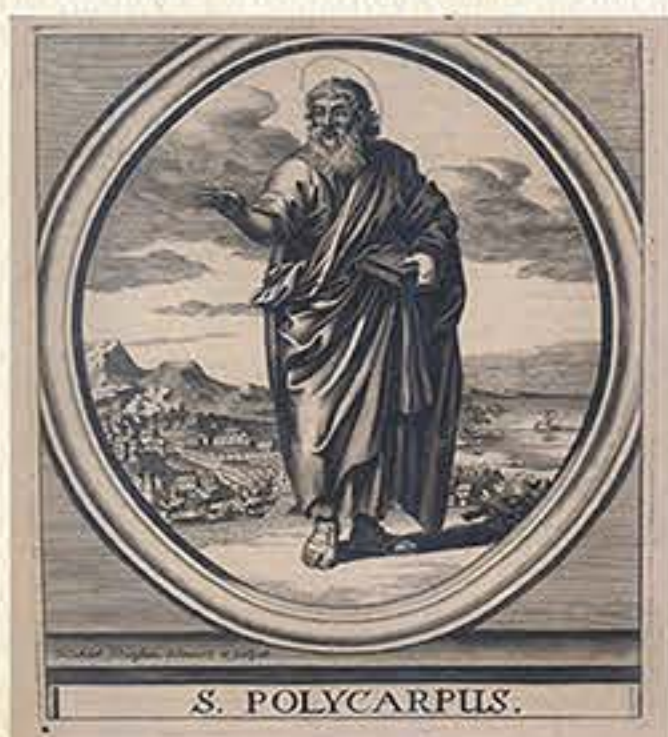
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Irenaeus gives a summary of the events described in the book of Revelation that I believe is of incredible importance.

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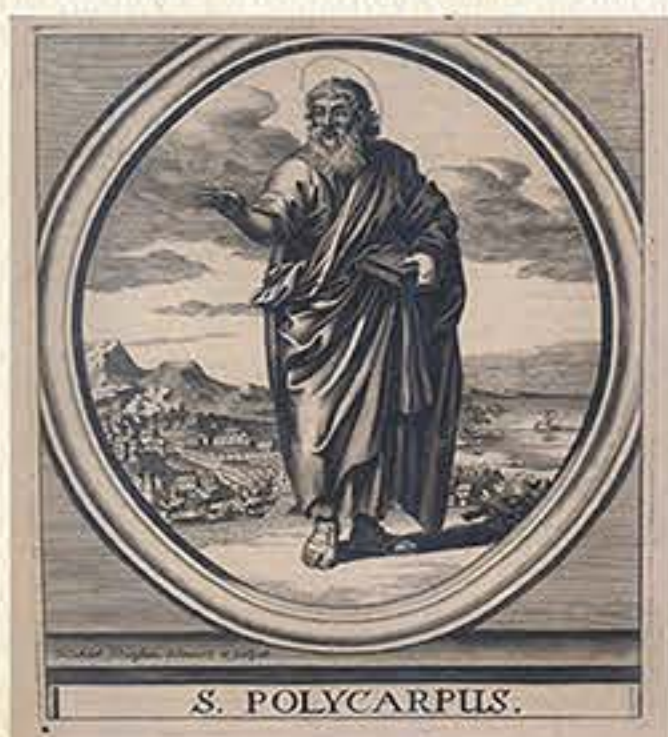
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There are several important elements to be observed from his statement.

But when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign for three years and six months, and sit in the temple at Jerusalem;

#1 - Notice that it says “**when** this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign”.

It does not say that he will devastate all things when he reigns. This speaks of a period before he reigns that he will devastate all things in this world. **It does not preclude a period of devastation during his reign, but does establish a period of devastation before his reign.**

This is in alignment with the historic pattern of Antiochus Epiphanes and the original Abomination of Desolation. The image of the head of Antiochus on the body of Zeus was set up following a period of destruction.

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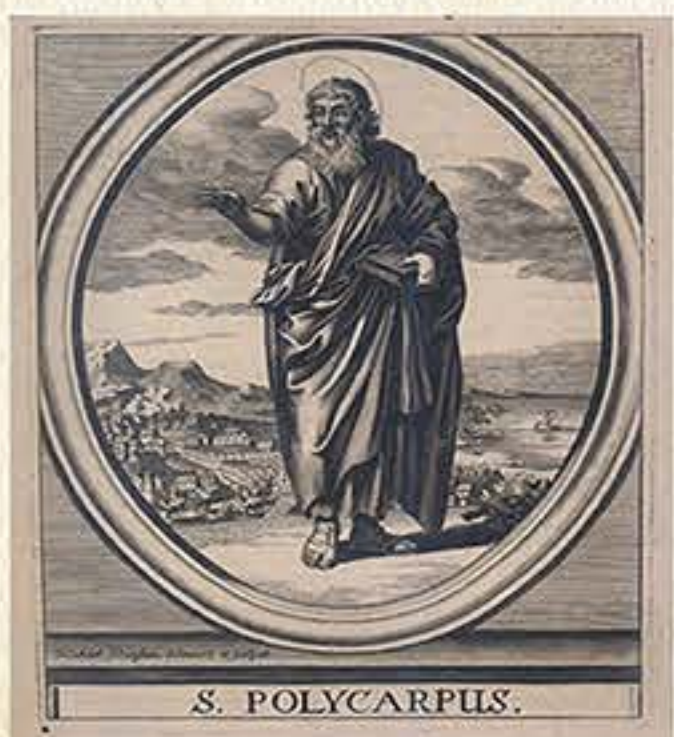
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#2 - Irenaeus tells us that the Antichrist will reign for three years and six months. This is in alignment with the day counts in the book of Revelation.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to **continue** forty and two months. Revelation 13:5

The book of Revelation does not say that he will reign for forty and two months, it says he will **continue** forty and two months. This also establishes a period of activity before the reign of forty and two months, which is three years and six months as described by Irenaeus.

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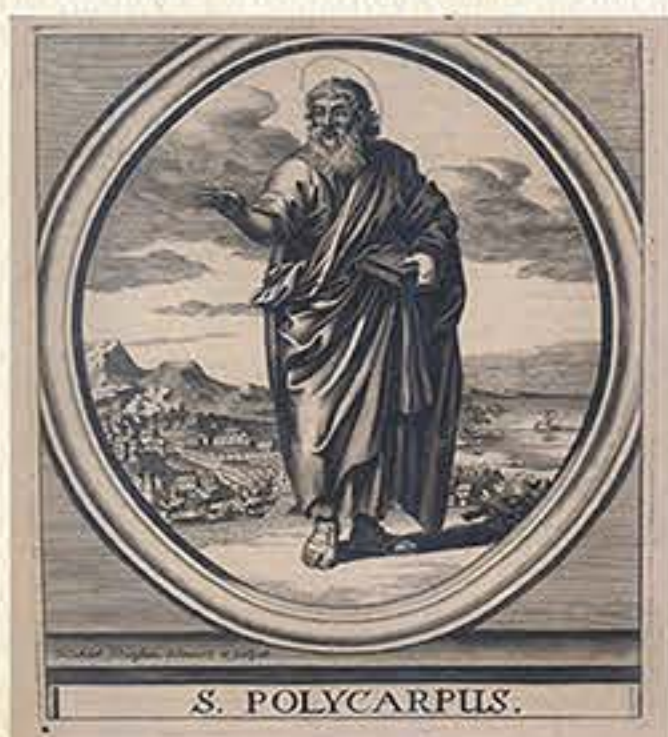
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#3 - Notice that it says he will “sit in the temple at Jerusalem”. There has not been in temple in Jerusalem during or since the days of Irenaeus.

Irenaeus lived from 130 AD to 202 AD. The temple was destroyed in 70 AD. Irenaeus has to be talking about a future event.

The “temple” in our day could be something like the Tabernacle of Moses. A Tabernacle of Moses type structure would qualify because the “Holy Place” and the “Holy of Holies” in the original Tabernacle were called the temple. This is shown to us in the story of Eli.

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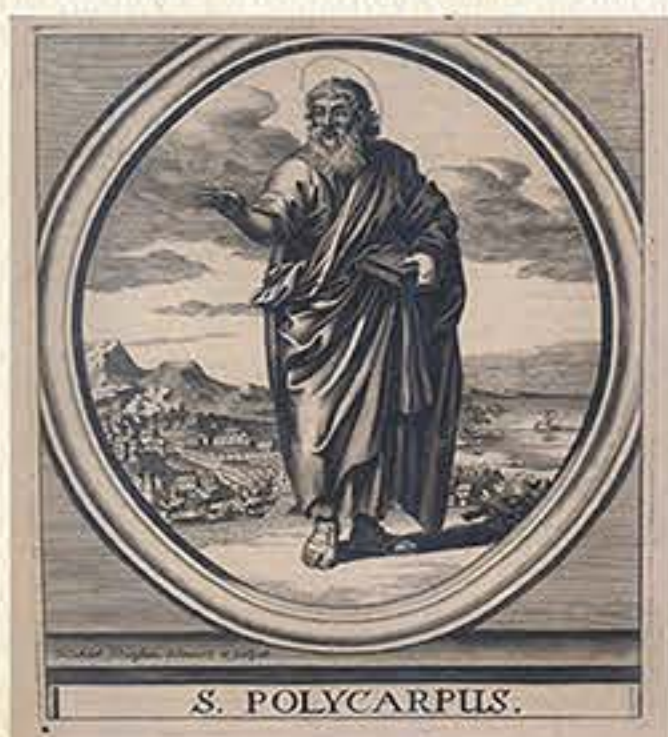
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So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. 1 Samuel 1:9

The hebrew word for “temple” used in 1 Samuel 1:9 is Hekal **הֵיכָל**. It is the same hebrew word used on multiple occasions to represent the “temple” built by Solomon.

One example of this is 1 Kings 6:1-3 when scripture refers to the “temple” built by Solomon as the Hekal.

1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

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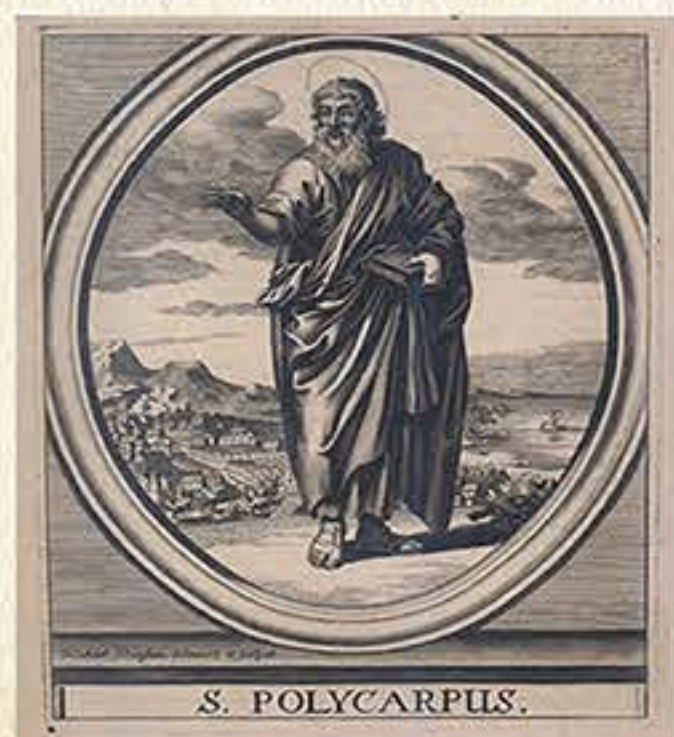
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2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

The word “temple” as we typically use it refers to the entire structure where temple service occurs, however, the bible refers to the structure as the “house” and the location of the “Holy Place” and “Holy of Holies” and the “temple”.

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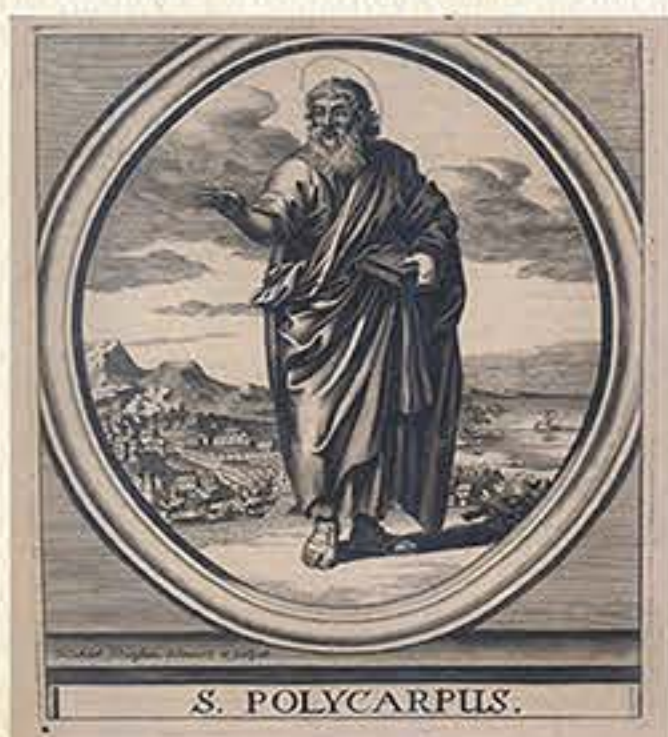
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According to 2 Peter 3:8, a thousand years is as a day, and a day is as a thousand years.

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We will be soon entering the seventh millenium from Adam, which according to the principle given in 2 Peter 3:8, would be the hallowed seventh day that Irenaeus spoke about, also known as the the thousand year reign of Christ, or sometimes refered to as the Millenium. This did not occur during the life of Irenaeus, but could happen in our days.

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Jesus Christ,
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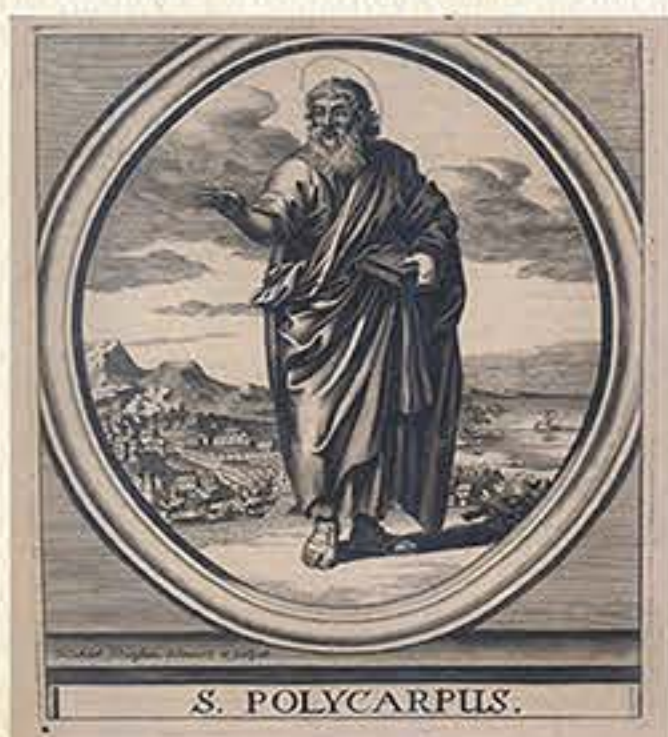
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John the Revelator,
Disciple of Jesus
6 AD to 100 AD

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Polycarp,
Bishop of Smyrna,
Disciple of John
65 AD to 155 AD



Domitian's Reign
81 AD to 96 AD



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Irenaeus also establishes a date for the book of Revelation. Concerning the Apocalyptic Vision, he states the following:

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The Emperor Domitian's reign ended in 96 AD. It was after his reign ended that John was released from the Island of Patmos. John was then able to deliver the book of Revelation to the seven churches, including the church of Smyrna, where Polycarp was Bishop.

As we can see from the included chart, Polycarp was able to study the book of Revelation with John from 96 AD until his death in 100 AD.

Irenaeus was able to study the book of Revelation with Polycarp from his childhood, starting in 130 AD until the death of Polycarp in 155 AD.

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The establishment of this timeframe and the first person discussions between John and Polycarp lends credibility to the statements made by Irenaeus. It also gives strength to his interpretation of the book of Revelation and to his summary of the book being used as a source for this teaching.

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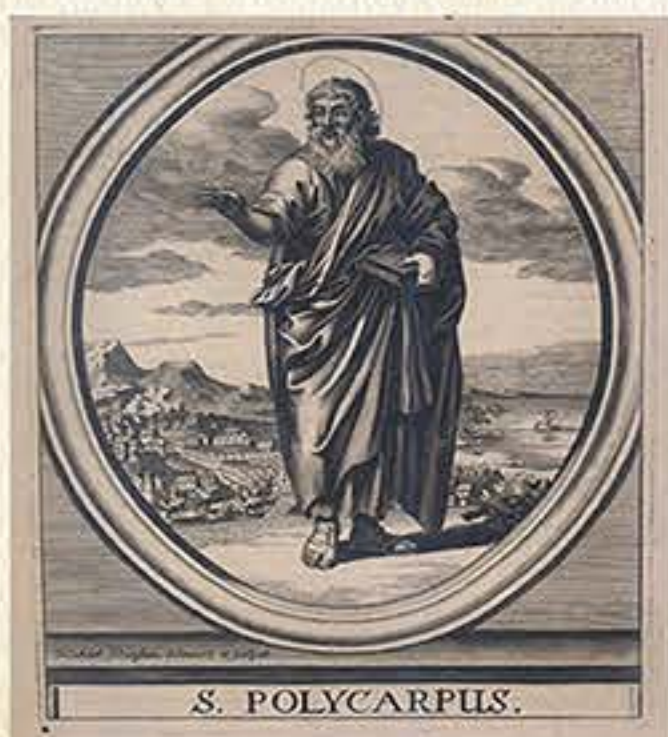
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CLOSE AND THANK YOU

Matthew 24:36 tells us that no man knows the day nor the hour, but Matthew 24:33 tells us that when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors

It is important to understand that the Lord will return as a thief in the night and that the end times will come upon the earth as a snare to men.

We are told to watch. This teaching tells us what signs we should be to watching for in the future.

In the parable of the 10 virgins, those who are prepared make it in. Those who are not prepared do not make it in.

I hope that you have enjoyed this teaching called the Altar, the Abomination, and Armageddon.

May the Lord richly bless you and your family.

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