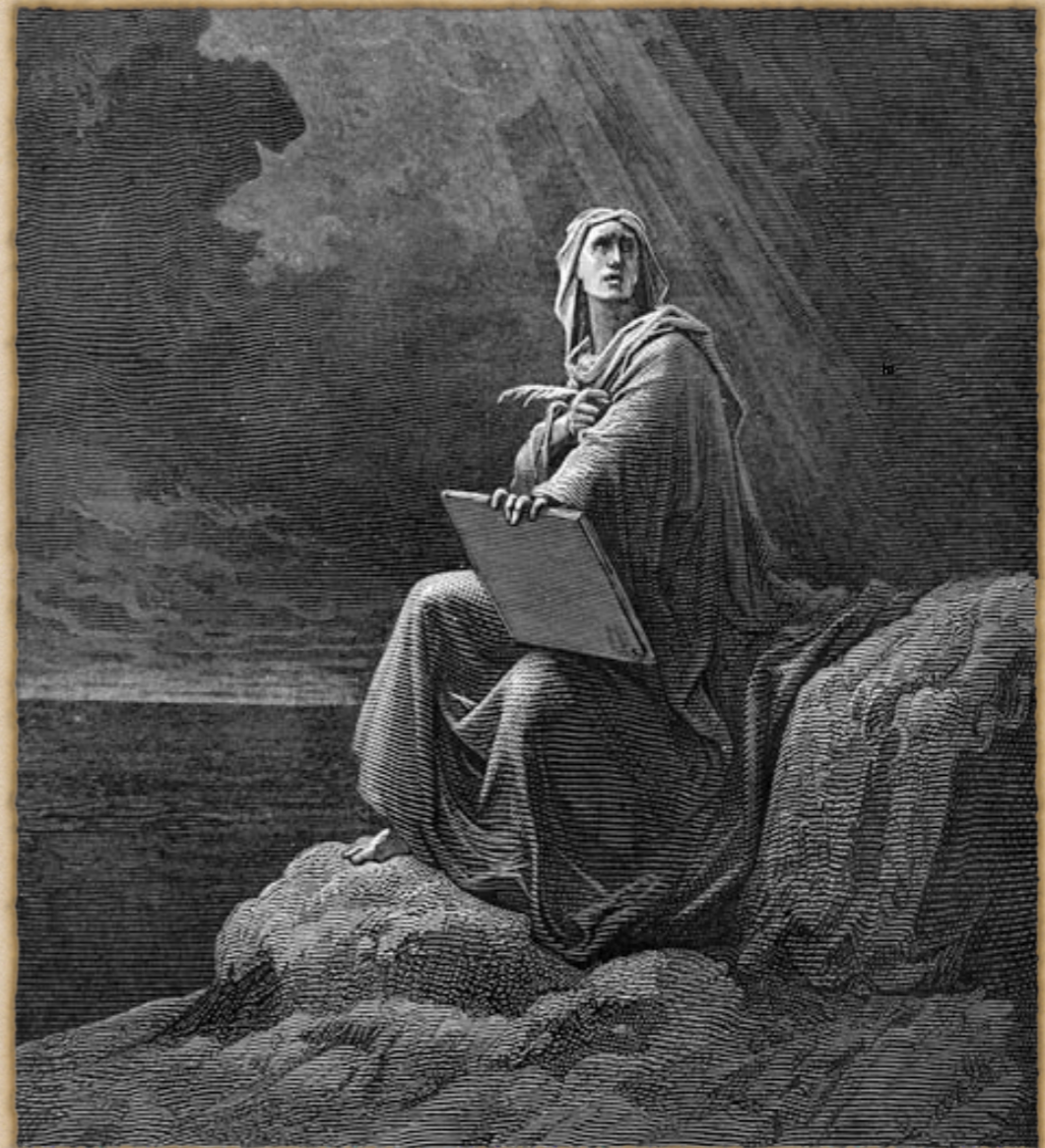


# Authorship

- ◆ John Mark
- ◆ John the Prophet
- ◆ John the Elder
- ◆ John the Apostle



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# The 5 Approaches to Interpretation

- ◆ Preterist or Contemporary-Historical
- ◆ Historical
- ◆ Futurist (subset being Dispensationalism)
- ◆ Idealist
- ◆ Eclectic

# Preterist/Contemporary Historical

Positive - Highlights the first-century church

Negative - The decisive victory promised is never achieved

# Historicist

Forecast of the course of history leading up to the interpreter's time

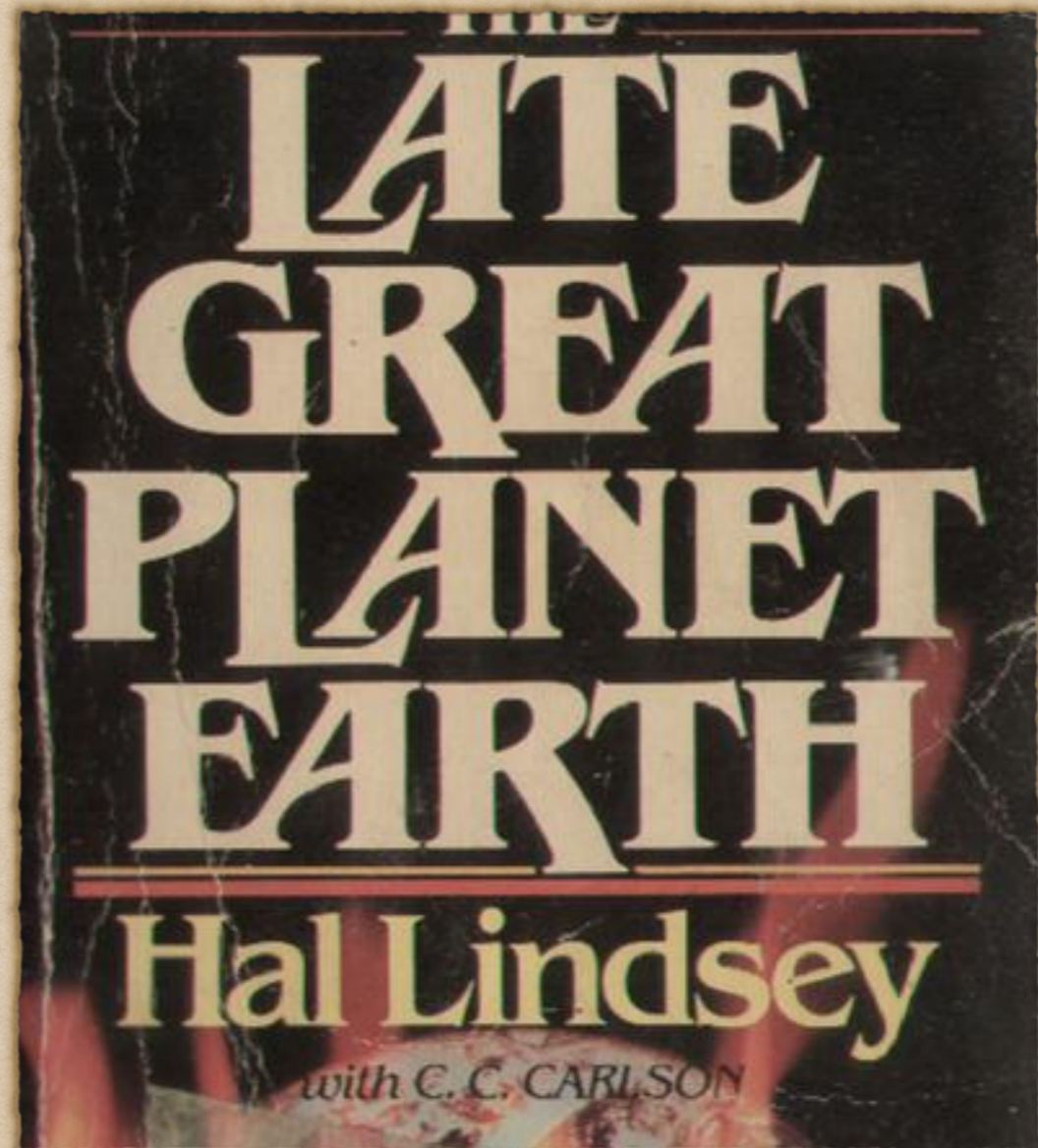
Positive - Takes history seriously

Negative - Only takes account of specific historical context

Negative - Completely disregards first-century church

# Futurist

- ◆ Emphasis on the final victory of God over the forces of evil
- ◆ Positive - Takes the future seriously
- ◆ Negative - Gave rise to dispensationalism
- ◆ Negative - No significance for those whom the book addresses



# Idealist (Timeless)

An expression of basic principles of God's historical activity in the world.

Positive - Finds timeless truths about God's actions

Negative - Denies the book any historical fulfillment - no consummation to the historical process

# Eclectic (Reformed)

Takes each view seriously, but is not bound by one  
Positive - An understanding of the spiritual age of  
the church and all of the principles and history  
that go with it, along with the promise of  
consummation.