

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
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 - A. Author: The Apostle John
 - B. Destination: To the first-century churches in Asia Minor.
 - C. Date: Probably around 95 AD.
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 - a. The source of the scroll (4:1-5:14)
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