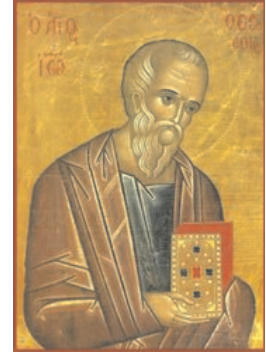


THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Session 1 - Introduction and Hermeneutics

On what basis does the Church claim that St. John is the author of the last book in the New Testament?



When did St. John write the Apocalypse and why is he particularly important at this time in the life of the Church?



What were the purposes for writing this book? How did the issues of John's own day call for such a writing?

How does the Church make use of this book in her liturgical life? In terms of doctrine?

What are the basic rules of interpretation (hermeneutics) as applied to the Book of Revelation?



So how should the book be interpreted then?

How is the book structured, and how does understanding the overall structure help us to understand the message of the book?

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