



MONTANVS

## Montanus

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Heresiarch

- \* Native of Phrygia, headquartered in Pepuza
- \* Claimed to be voice of “the Father, the Word, and the Paraclete”
- \* Strictly orthodox on matters of dogma
- \* Advocated fasting, chastity, martyrdom
- \* Accompanied by prophets Maximilia and Priscilla
- \* Prophesied that the heavenly Jerusalem would soon descend on their home town
- \* Mixed reception by mainstream church
- \* Spread to Rome and Gaul, whence Irenæus was summoned to consult with Eleutherius of Rome

I am not a wolf, but I am speech, and spirit, and power.

Behold, the man is like a lyre, and I dart like the plec-trum. The man sleeps, and I am awake.

Do not desire to depart this life in beds, in miscarriages, in soft fevers, but in martyrdoms, that he who suffered for you might be glorified.

Montanus, *according to Epiphanius and Tertullian*