

Hildegard chronology

date	event
1076	Investiture Crisis begins
1079	Peter Abelard born
1090	Bernard of Clairvaux born
1095	Council of Clermont - Pope Urban II preaches First Crusade
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1098	Hildegard born at Bermersheim (near Alzey) in Rheinhessen, the tenth and youngest child of Hildebert of Bermersheim and Mechthild.
1099	Crusaders capture Jerusalem Pope Urban II dies (Pontificate 1088-99)
1106	Hildegard [8] placed in the care of Jutta von Spanheim at an enclosure attached to the new Benedictine monastery of <u>Disibodenberg</u> Henry IV, German Emperor dies (reigned 1056-1106), succeeded by Henry V
1112-15	Hildegard [14] takes her vows at Disibodenberg, receiving the veil from Bishop Otto of Bamberg.
1121 c.	Peter Abelard condemned unheard at the Council of Soissons
1122	Concordat of Worms. End of Investiture Crisis Peter the Venerable becomes eighth Abbot of Cluny
1123	Frederick Barbarossa born
1125	Henry V dies. End of Salian Dynasty (from 1024)
1136	Hildegard [38] becomes <i>magistra</i> (acting Abbess) on the death of Jutta
1138	Start of Hohenstaufen Dynasty (to 1254).
1140 on	Hildegard [42] begins her <i>Symphonia [h]armoni[a]e c[ae]lestium revelationum</i> (musical works)
1140	Peter Abelard condemned for heresy at Council of Sens
1141-51	Hildegard [43] begins her first visionary work <i>Scivias</i> ("Know the Way"). The monk Volmar and her protégé Richardis von Stade assist as her secretaries
1142	Peter Abelard dies Latin translation of Qur'-an commissioned by Abbot Peter the Venerable at Cluny
1146 on	Hildegard's [48] earliest letters dates from this time (including an exchange of letters with Bernard of Clairvaux)
1147-49	Second Crusade. Defeat of German army on Turkish territory

- 1147 Hildegard's [49] *Scivias* (as yet unfinished) officially endorsed by Pope Eugenius III at the Synod of Trier
- 1148 c. Hildegard [50] determines to move her community from Disibodenberg to Rupertsberg (near Bingen) against the wishes of the monks
- 1150 Hildegard [52] moves to Rupertsberg with about 20 nuns, after 44 years at Disibodenberg
Hildegard's *Lingua ignota, Litterae ignota* (unknown language and letters)
- 1150 c. Hildegard's *Ordo Virtutum* ("Play of Virtues") with music
- 1151 Hildegard's [53] *Scivias* completed. Richardis is elected Abbess of Bassum (near Bremen), much to Hildegard's distress, and dies the following year
- 1151-58 Hildegard's *Physica, Causae et curae* (natural philosophy and medicine)
- 1152 Consecration of Rupertsberg monastery
Barbarossa becomes King Frederick I of Germany (died 1190)
- 1153 Bernard of Clairvaux dies (canonised 1174)
- 1154-59 Pope Hadrian IV (the English Pope, Nicholas Breakspear)
- 1155 Hildegard [57] reaches a settlement with the monks of Disibodenberg over land given as her nuns' dowries
Frederick Barbarossa crowned Emperor. Hildegard meets him at about this time
- 1158 Hildegard [60] becomes ill, embarks on first preaching tour along the River Main (including Bamberg)
- 1158-63 Hildegard's second visionary work *Liber vitae meritorum* ("Book of Life's Merits")
- 1158-76 Schism between the Church and Emperor ("Papal schism"). Pope is Alexander III, first Antipope is Victor IV
- 1160 Hildegard's [62] second preaching tour, along the Rhine (including Trier and Metz)
- 1161 Hildegard's [63] third preaching tour, again along the Rhine (including Cologne)
- 1163 Hildegard [65] writes again to the Emperor, but does not take sides over the schism
- 1163-73 Hildegard's third visionary work *Liber divinorum operum* ("Book of Divine Works")
- 1164 Antipope Paschal III appointed. Hildegard [66] writes again to the Emperor in more critical terms
- 1165 Foundation of community at Eibingen [67]
- 1168 Antipope Callistus III appointed. Hildegard [70] writes to the Emperor warning of God's disapproval
- 1169 Hildegard [71] cures the possessed woman Sigewize at the second attempt, and accepts her into the community
- 1170 Hildegard [72] writes her *Vita Sancti Disibodi* ("Life of St Disibod")

Hildegard's fourth preaching tour, this time to Zwiefalten

- 1173 Hildegard's [75] secretary Volmar dies, *Liber divinorum operum* completed
 - 1174 Gottfried, successor to Volmar, arrives from Disibodenberg. He completes the first part of the *Vita Sanctae Hildegardis*
 - 1175 Hildegard sends copies of *Liber vitae meritorum* and *Symphonia* to Guibert of Gembloux
 - 1176 Gottfried dies
 - 1177 Guibert takes over as Hildegard's secretary
 - 1178 Diocese of Mainz accuses the Rupertsberg community of burying an excommunicant in sacred ground, and bans the nuns from sung worship and from receiving communion
 - 1179 Archbishop Christian of Mainz lifts the ban on Rupertsberg community
- Hildegard [81] dies, 17 September 1179
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- 1179 Lateran Council, Pope Alexander III preaches against Albigensians (Cathars)
- 1180-90 Theodoric of Echternach completes second and third parts of the *Vita Sanctae Hildegardis*
- 1181 c. Francis of Assisi born
- 1187 Jerusalem recaptured by Saladin
- 1189-92 Third Crusade
- 1220 c. Hildegard's *Pentachronon* (prophecies) assembled
- 1227 Moves started to canonize Hildegard, but never completed