



Hermann Otto Hoyer, "In the Beginning Was the Word," ca. 1937

German artist Hermann Otto Hoyer painted this picture in 1937 and it depicts a quasi-messianic Hitler mesmerizing an audience with his oratory in the 1920s. The artist titled it from the opening line of the New Testament Gospel of John, which says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."