



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 1:9

Rev. 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Part One – THE PAST: REVEALING GOD – “...the things which thou hast seen...” Ch. 1

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II. THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE, 1:7-8

A. The Eventual Triumph of Jesus, 1:7

B. The Everlasting Triumph of Jesus, 1:8

John next explained a vision of the glorified Christ that God had given him (cf. Isa. 6; Ezek. 1).

- First, he related the circumstances of his first commission to write (vv. 9-11).
- Second, he provided a detailed description of the source of that commission (vv. 12-16).
- Third, he explained more about his commission and the One who gave it (vv. 17-20).

III. THE CHARACTER OF THE AGE, 1:9-20

A. It Is an Age of Individual Witness, 1:9

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Original Word: συγκοινωνός

Transliteration: sugkoinónos

Definition: a partaker with, co-partner. (**companion**)

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Original Word: θλίψις

Transliteration: thlipsis

Definition: persecution, affliction, distress, tribulation.

thlipsis – properly, *pressure* (what constricts or rubs together), used of a narrow place that "hems someone in"; *tribulation*, especially *internal pressure* that causes someone to feel confined (restricted, "without options").

thlipsis ("compression, tribulation") carries the challenge of coping with the *internal pressure* of a *tribulation*, especially when feeling there is "no way of escape" ("hemmed in").

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2347.htm>

Original Word: ὑπομονή

Transliteration: hupomoné

Definition: endurance, steadfastness, patient waiting for.

hupomoné – **properly, remaining under, endurance; steadfastness, especially as God enables the believer to "remain (endure) under" the challenges He allots in life.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5281.htm>

John described himself to his readers as their "brother" in Christ, and as a "companion" with them in three things:

1. These were, first, the religious persecution ("tribulation") they were presently experiencing as a result of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Jn. 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and **that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

Rom. 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; **if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.**

2 Tim. 2:12 **If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*:** if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

2 Tim. 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

2. Second, they shared in the present and future "kingdom" of Jesus Christ.

Rev. 1:6 And hath made us **kings** and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:10 And hast made us unto our God **kings** and priests: and **we shall reign on the earth.**

Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you **the kingdom.**

Luke 22:29 And **I appoint unto you a kingdom**, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

1 Thess. 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, **who hath called you unto his kingdom** and glory.

2 Thess. 1:5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted **worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:**

Jas. 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and **heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?**

3. Third, their "patience" as they remained steadfast in the midst of affliction.

1 Thess. 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, **having received the word in much affliction**, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

1 Pet. 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: **because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

1 Pet. 4:13 But **rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

2 Cor. 1:7 And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that **as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.**

Phil. 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and **the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death;

New International Version

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that **are ours in Jesus**, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the **testimony of Jesus**.

New American Standard Bible

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance **which are in Jesus**, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the **testimony of Jesus**.

Christian Standard Bible

I, John, your brother and partner in the affliction, kingdom, and endurance **that are in Jesus**, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the **testimony of Jesus**.

King James Bible

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Conclusion

We should be encouraged when we suffer for righteousness' sake – we are in good company!

Moses – in the wilderness

David – escaping the wrath of Saul

Isaiah – martyr's death

Jeremiah – life of suffering

Ezekiel – in exile

Peter – suffering persecution and martyrdom

Paul – suffering persecution and martyrdom

The Lord Jesus Christ – our greatest example!

1 Pet. 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But **rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, **but on your part he is glorified.**

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as a thief*, or *as an evildoer*, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; **but let him glorify God on this behalf.**