

"JOHN'S PERSONAL COMMISSION"

REVELATION 1:9-11

I. JOHN DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS THE COMMISSIONED ONE IN TERMS OF HIS RELATIONSHIP TO US (1:9a)

- A. He Is A Member Of The Family Of God
- B. He Shares Several Things In Common With His Spiritual Brethren
 - 1. The Pressure Of Persecution
 - 2. A Future Place In The Kingdom
 - 3. The Ability To Bear Up Under The Pressure And Carry On In Spite Of It

II. JOHN PROVIDES AN ACCOUNT OF HIS CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME HE WAS COMMISSIONED (1:9b-10)

- A. He Was Exiled On The Docecanese Islands In The Aegean Sea (1:9b)
 - 1. Patmos Was Home To A Penal Colony, Not Unlike Alcatraz
 - 2. Patmos Became John's Home Because Of John's Testimony
- B. He Makes Reference To The First Day Of A Particular Week (1:10)
- C. He Was Enabled To See Into The Invisible Realm While Still Maintaining All His Human Perceptions (1:10)
- D. He Described What He Heard As A Loud, Bugle Like Voice (1:10)

III. JOHN RELAYED THE CONTENT OF WHAT HE HEARD (1:11)

- A. The Lord's Personal Introduction
- B. The Command To Write Down The Things He Sees In A Book
- C. The Command To See That The Autograph Was Distributed To The Seven Churches Which Formerly Existed In Present Day Turkey