

Rev. 1: 9

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PURPOSE IN PERSECUTION

SUBJECT: In The Role of Nations
(Persecution)

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Rev. 1: 10

In The Isle of Patmos

John's banishment to Patmos.

Domitian (brother of Titus, took throne of the Caesars after death of Nero) a cruel and blood-thirsty Emperor. Compelled his subjects to address him in person and in writing: "Caeſar ſays not that Domitian." The worship of his image exposed a pain of death. The terrible led to the Christians, especially in Asia Minor where they were numerous.

John, pastor at Ephesus, exiled in this persecution (one of the last of the names of Domitianic persecution) to Patmos, one of the places to which the Emperor banished those who incurred his wrath. The island about 24 miles off the coast of Asia Minor (from Miletus) about 10 miles long, 6 broad in widest place, 25 miles in circumference rough, rocky: the few inhabitants live by fishing and the poor harvest of fields afford. John apparently was not chained or guarded. Free to roam the rocky landscape. The rocky solitude suited the sublime nature of the Apocalypse.

"In tribulation... for the world, those... Telling of Jesus."

Notably news, the persecution of the people of God.

(1) Our Lord was aware, his disciples to be persecuted. A mark of discipleship; this indicates an evidence, abidingly. A mark Mark 5: 10-12; 24: 9; John 16: 33

(2) The Herald prophesied of Paul II Tim. 3: 12

(3) In the NT, began early and continued almost unbroken John the Baptist

2 Th 8: 1

Stephen
James

Peter
Paul

The apostle of Heb. 13: 13

John 7: 18, Antioch - Damascus
Synagogue, Patmos and Antioch when Heb. written in prison

Polycarp. ... Smyrna - Apocalypse written. Paul of the Church.

Condemned to Rome, then by wild hunt in prison (2 Th 1: 8)

Why, in the permission will of God, preservation?

1. Ours of it, God speaks to the soul.

(1) The Epistles, Paul. Most of his ministry in prison. What?
The Epistles - reflection, meditation, prayer. Truth not known
to capt though - of beaten, broken, heart.

(2) The Apocalyphe. Long, only side pattern.

(3) John Bunyan. One of most pathetic passages in all
literature. His heart, heart for his little blue daughter,
silly - can in front of his just - word, language. Can be the
preach of the people. But the mirror, a valley - 17 years

2. The truth of God, covered, hidden by the devices of
man, swept to light in the fire, then manifest.

(a) John Bunyan

(b) Ridley, Latimer, ^{the} of good here made Rich and what
the day light: fire is light to show but shall never go out.

(c) Dickinson: Sonnet of John Milton.

3. The Scriptures made known to the people.

- (a) John Wycliff
- (b) Those who possessed eyes, turned with the Bible
tread on and their knees.
- (c) Song of Martin Luther.

4. The birth of freedom, travail of liberty

- (a) Patrick Henry

5. To lift our eyes to Heaven - God must help.

4. Before Columbus - no long way. ^{part of God's} _{will, descent}

6. Before Columbus - Columbus

Our call ... without the help of any aid beyond ...

- (a) Can't a nation of the world ...

The Waldensian Christians in the Piedmont, Northern Italy,
about 1400, a first general attack made against the Waldensians.

The latter part of December, when the mountains
were covered with snow, a furious attack was made
against them by the card of Rome. It caught them
unaware. No attendants but he flew to the snow-
covered Alpine ranges, the mother carrying the child
in one hand and leading, and the child with
a staff in the other hand. Many slain before they reached
the mountains. Destitute of shelter, they sought
outcasts wandered up and down the mountain
covered with snow. After the first night, more
than four score infants were numbered dead in
their mothers "frozen lying in the snow. Many
of the mothers lying dead by their side.

In the first furious attack, a mother was hurled
down a high rock with a little infant in her arms.
Three days after, she was found dead but the
little child was still alive fast clasped in the
arms of the dead mother, cold, stiff, arranged
that those who found them had sought also
to get the young child out.
All this, first said to James Smith's Sonnet.

The persecutions of Anabaptists, Baptists,
by almost all the countries, Europe, an unspeakable
number of Baptists preferred death in its worst forms
to the inflictions of the sentence. Surely the flames that
consume them, and the oppression, the gibbet, and the terror
of the sword would shake their inviolable testimony.

"In Flanders, said the people, you
betwixt the cross and the sword."

In Flanders, John Deswarte, an Anabaptist, arrested
with his wife and four sons, carried to Lisle, the
two youngest sons were not at home when the executioners
broke into the house. They were warned by their
neighbors to escape. But one of them said to the
other, "Let us not seek to save ourselves, but
rather let us die with our fathers and mothers."
When the father saw them, he said: "My sons, will
you also go with us to the new Jerusalem?" They
answered, "Yes, we will go with you." They
stuck in Lisle.

John Wyclif b. 1320 - died 1384.

Head of Balliol College / Oxford. Theologian / scholar.

The father, virtually created the modern language of the country through his translation of the Bible, the first complete translation of the Bible in English.

Before the price of manuscripts could rise, he died in 1384. But the Roman Church was not to be cheated, he says. His body remained buried, his ashes thrown in the River Swift. But the Swift runs in the Avon, so the Avon pours in the Severn in the Severn runs in the sea, and all men know the story, the control of the world.

2) Grassroots

1. of ^{patrons} ~~under~~ ^{patrons} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~major~~ ^{major} ~~population~~ ^{population} & ~~gives~~ ^{gives} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~demands~~ ^{demands} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~grassroots~~ ^{grassroots} ~~work~~ ^{work}.

of "tribulation" word used here pictures the grinding of wheat in the mill or the crushing of grapes, the wine press. Grasses appear all fit to crush, seeds, but under the pressure of floor and the grapes into juice.