



# Revelation Chap. 1:9

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# Reviewing Rev. 1:8

This verse bookends the “One who sits on the throne”  
(**Rev. 1:4**)

He is the one who sent Christ to fulfill His word (**Rev. 1:5**)

The Second Coming of Christ is established on behalf  
of the Father (**Rev. 1:7**)

The kingdom priestly role is ultimately to the glory of  
God the Father (**Rev. 1:8**)

# Reviewing Rev. 1:8

All of these things, in one way or another, coincide with the prophecies given by the YHVH Elohim (i.e., the LORD God) (**Rev. 1:4**).

## Rev. 1:9 NASB

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.

# Observations

“...fellow partaker in the tribulation...”

The word for “tribulation” in the Greek is θλίψις (pronounced *thilipsis*).

This word is defined as “affliction” or “tribulation.”

This particular word is used 47 times in the New Testament.

# Observations

“...fellow partaker in the tribulation...”

θλιψις (pronounced *thlipsis*) noun (45x)

Matt. 24:29

Acts 20:23

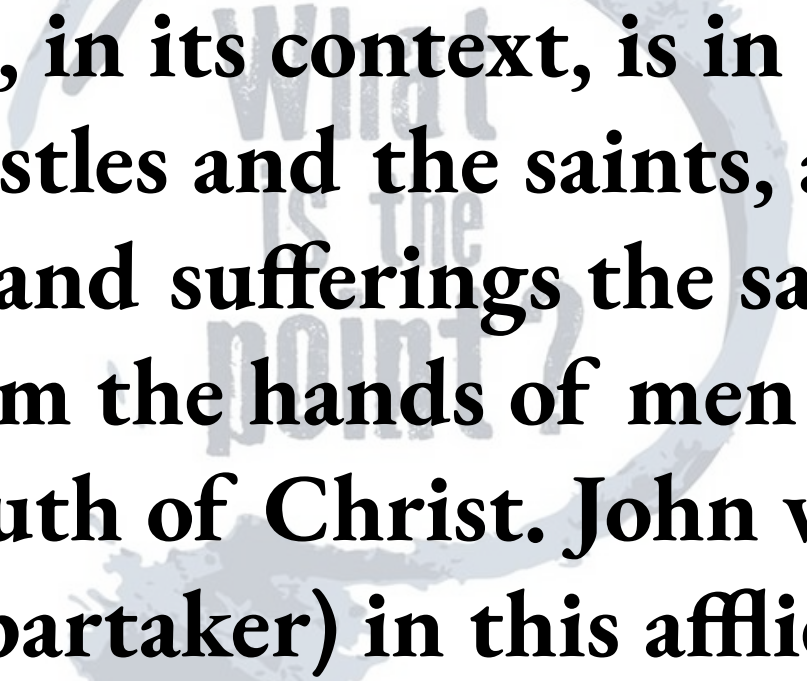
Acts 7:10

2 Cor. 1:8

Acts 11:19

2 Thess. 1:4

Acts 11:19



**This word, in its context, is in relation to the apostles and the saints, and the afflictions and sufferings the saints would receive from the hands of men in conflict with the truth of Christ. John was a sharer (i.e., partaker) in this affliction.**

# Observations

“...and kingdom...”

The word for “kingdom” in the Greek is βασιλεία (pronounced *basileia*).

This word is defined as “kingdom”

This particular word is used 162 times in the New Testament (with the book of Matthew used 52 times)!



# Question

Is This Kingdom John Speaks of *spiritual*?

# Observations

## **Jesus taught His disciples about the Kingdom after His Resurrection**

To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3 NASB).

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## Philip Preaching to The Samaritans

But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. (Acts 8:12 NASB).

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## Paul's Preaching in Rome

And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered. (Acts 28:30-31 NASB).

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## Concerning The Saint's Inheritance

1 Cor. 6:9-10

Gal. 5:19-21

Eph. 5:5

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## The Certainty of The Believers Destiny

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and **transferred us** to the kingdom of His beloved Son. (Col. 1:13 NASB).

Notice the word **transferred** is written in aorist indicative active (Remember Rev. 1:6?).

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## Suffering Saints & The Kingdom

therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the **kingdom of God**, for which indeed you are suffering. (2 Thess 1:4-5 NASB).

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## The Kingdom Is A (Physical) Place

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, **and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom**; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Thess 4:18 NASB).

or in this way the entrance into the **eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you. (2 Pet. 1:11 NASB).



# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

**(Church age) saints will be changed to enter the Kingdom**

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the **kingdom of God**; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (2 Thess 4:18 NASB).

# Question

Is This Kingdom John Speaks of *spiritual*?

The quality of the Kingdom (of God) is *spiritual* (c.f., Matt. 6:10/Jn. 3:1-8). The presence of the Kingdom (of God) will be *physical*. The Kingdom (of God) is *NOT* *mystical* (present right now in the “heart”)

**In addition, the promises of God are  
soooooooooooooooooo certain, that the apostles  
write in such a way that this is already a  
reality (even though it is not)! Such is the  
case with the Book of Revelation in chap  
1:9!**

# Observations

“...and perseverance...”

The word for “perseverance” (noun) in the Greek is ὑπομονή (pronounced *hypomone*) (31x).

Comes from two words ὑπο (prep meaning “under”) and μονή (meaning “remain” or “stand”).

This word is translated as “steadfastness,” “endure,” or “perseverance.”

# Observations

## **Paul writes concerning the meaningful purposes of affliction in Christ**

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope (Rom 5:3-4 NASB).

# Observations

**The author of Hebrews admonishing the believers in their “race.” The result is: No despair.**

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (Heb. 12:1 NASB).

# This word is also found in Revelation

## Concerning the churches

Concerning Ephesus (Rev. 2:2-3)

Concerning Thyatira (2:19)

Concerning Philadelphia (3:10)



This word is also found in Revelation

Concerning the saints in the Tribulation

Concerning the saints in the tribulation (Rev. 13:10; Rev. 14:12)

# Before We Continue

Let us look at the phrase “in Jesus”

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

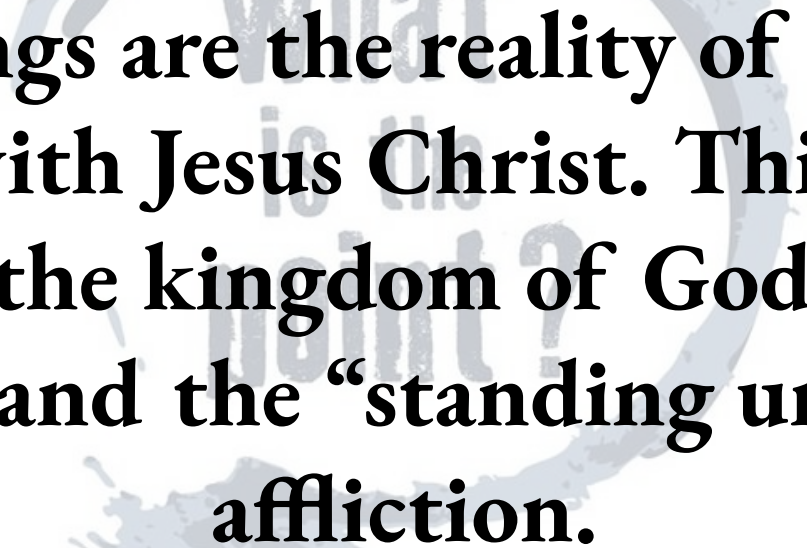
**Concerning the right standing before God and the means that this righteousness is obtained**

But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith **in Jesus Christ** for all those who believe; for there is no distinction (Rom 3:21-22 NASB).

# Observations Concerning The Kingdom

## Concerning the exclusive rapture (and the resurrection) of the Saints

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep **in Jesus**. (1 Thess 4:14 NASB).



**These things are the reality of those who identify with Jesus Christ. This includes not just the kingdom of God, but the affliction and the “standing under” that affliction.**

# What Do You Mean Dr. Smith?

## Concerning Paul (and the disciples)

strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “Through many **tribulations** we must enter the **kingdom of God.**”(Acts 14:22 NASB).

# What Do You Mean Dr. Smith?

**Concerning the right standing before God and the means that this righteousness is obtained**

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.** (Rom 8:16-17 NASB).

# What Do You Mean Dr. Smith?

## Paul encouraging Timothy

Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, **perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings**, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium *and* at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! Indeed, **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.** (2 Tim 3:10-12 NASB).



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# THE SEVEN CHURCHES



ABOUT 800 MILES AWAY

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# Facts About Patmos

The island of Patmos is about 7.5 miles long from north to south

Patmos at its widest is 6 miles from east to west

It is, for the most part rocky terrain, where the highest mountain is 800 ft. high

Patmos was one of many places where the emperor would exile those who were criminals.

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# Implications

This tells us that this took place in **real** time.

This tells us that it account was given in a **real** place.

We can corroborate with historical data with a real emperor who sent him to Patmos (Titus Flavius Domitianus)(81 AD-96 AD)

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# Observations

“...Because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus...”

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, who **testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ**, even to all that he saw. (Rev. 1:1-2)

## Recall Our Terms from v.2

The **word of God** is not only a term to refer to the Source of this word (It came from God through the prophets in the Old Testament (1 Sam. 9:27) and through the apostles), But it is that which exposes God's desire and plan for mankind (this also includes the words of Christ!)

# Testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:5-7)

Jesus is God in human flesh (Jn. 1:1).

Jesus testified to the Father's word and desire (Rev. 1:5)

Jesus was dead, buried and resurrected physically from the dead (Rev. 1:5)

His vicarious substitutionary atonement for the whole world for our sins (Rev. 1:5)



# Testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:5-7)

His Second Advent (Rev. 1:7).

His Messianic Kingdom and rule (Rev. 1:7)

# To Recap

John states his identity in Christ (i.e., “in Jesus”), and the effect of the identifying with Christ.

John was identifying with the suffering and enduring of the saints.

John also points to the his future destiny in Christ.

Points to the historical veracity of Biblical truth.

**To be continued...**

On to verses 10-11...

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