

JOHN'S COMMISSION TO WRITE REVELATION - Rv 1:10-12a

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INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 1:9-12a Apostle Jn *in trib* why? b/c he is *in Jesus*. In Jesus in trib is the reality of the Christian life. Jn on *Island of Patmos*
2. Identified w/ *the Word of God & the testimony of Jesus*.
 - i. Jn - 1:2 - entirety of Rev [*all that he saw*]= Jn's *testimony*:
 - ii. Xns - 12:17 seed of wmn: *commandments of God & testimony of Jesus*; 20:4 martyrs reigning
3. Rv 1:9-12a Jn called into heavenly court to be given his assignment.

1st: John's Prophetic Call - v10 & v12a

1. *I was in the Spirit* - literary structure: 4 visions intro'd by *I was in the Spirit*
 - i. 1:10 - vision of the res'd enthroned Jesus [v12-20]
 - ii. 4:2 - vision of heavenly court
 - iii. 17:3 - see the mystery & fall of Babylon the Grt Harlot
 - Oiv. 21:10 - see holy city, Jeru coming down from heaven
2. on Patmos taken by HS in prophetic vision into heavenly court.
 - i. No contradiction: *in the trib & in Jesus & in HS*.
 - ii. THE HS = *the 7 Spirits* v4 - discloses Christ to us [Jn 16:14]
 - iii. Prophetic exp - supra-sensory - described empirically [5 senses].
 - a. Paul - whether in the body or out of the body - 2C 12:2-4.
 - b. Ptr in A 12:9 - that he cld be seeing a vision [A 10].
 - c. Prophetic vision was more vivid & real than dreams.
3. *On the LD* - creation ordinance - IVth - resurrection
 - i. Was John alone - get observed LD? Worship - taken into heaven.
 - Oii. Rv shows us what happens on the LD - heavenly worship.
 - iii. We can be *in the Spirit on the LD*. Important thgs occur on LD!
4. Jn's vision - he *hears* - v10b & v12a. *loud* [80x in Rv!] - *like sound of trumpet* - a voice - this sound *speaks* [v11,12]
5. audible & dimensional depth: *behind* him - aware he is in Someone's presence whose voice reminiscent of God's on Mtn Sinai! Bible's 1st ref to *trumpet* - Exo 19:16. Rv 4:1
 - i. OT - trumpets: call to worship & war; watchman's warning
 - ii. NT - 2nd coming; 3rd cycle in Rv [7 trumpets sounded by 7 angels].
6. summoned into God's presence to begin a prophetic ministry.
 - i. Ezek 2:2-5; 3:12-14; Isa 6:1 saw angels & enthroned Lord [Jn 12:41]; heard God's voice & given assignment - v9
 - ii. false prophets - Jer 23:16 - not given vision, speak own imagination. v18 prophets *see & hear God's word*; v21-22.
7. Jn *to see the voice* - prophets *see & hear God's word*. Can you see Words? The Word bec/ flesh - voice of God is the 2nd person of Trinity - v12ff

2nd: John's Prophetic Commission - v11

1. *Write in a book what you see* - hearing & seeing merge.
 - i. Jn told to *write* 12x: 1:11; 7x in chpt 2-3; 1:19; 14:13 & 19:9; 21:5
 - ii. Rv is an apocalyptic, prophetic letter - to be *sent*. *Write it & send it*.

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2. *to the 7 chs - 1:3*. We have Jn's written words.
3. Jn's commission: authorized by divine voice to perform specific task

Applic #1: Could You be Exiled?

1. Jn was exiled b/c of his identification w/ Jesus - Lk 6:22
2. Cld you be ostracized to "an island"?

Applic #2: Will You be "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day"?

1. LBC chpt 22 & Regulative Principle
2. In Rv the worshiping church is given encouragement - compromise in worship & churchmanship puts a professing disciples on a dangerous path
3. Will you be *in the Spirit on the LD*? [Ex 20:7-8]

Applic #3: Can You Hear Christ's Trumpet-Voice?

1. *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the chs* [Rv 2:7].
2. Your rlshp to Script is an indicator of your rlshp to Jesus Himself.

Applic #4: Will You Turn to See the Voice?

1. Jn *turned* [repent]: physical redirection - away from where he was facing toward the voice.
2. From what cld you turn away s.t. you can better hear & see Word?
3. The voice of the One who loves us - [Rv 1:9-12a](#)