



# 5 SIMPLE LESSONS FROM JOHN THE REVELATOR



<sup>18</sup> Dimon, a wordplay on Dibon (see verse 2); sounds like the Hebrew for blood. <sup>19</sup> Hebrew tent

## ***Revelation 1:1-3***

***1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:***

***2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.***

***3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***

***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.***

***10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,***

***11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.***

- **Without tribulation we would never know victory.**
- **Without tribulation we would never know God's power.**
- **Without tribulation we would never know our own resolve to serve Him.**
- **Without tribulation we would never grow.**
- **Without tribulation we would become satisfied and stale!**

**You Are Never Too  
Isolated**

- **It was in exile that Jacob saw God at Bethel (**Genesis 35:6**).**
- **It was in exile that Moses saw God in the Burning Bush (**Exodus 3:1**).**
- **It was in exile that Elijah heard the still small voice of God (**I Kings 19:3**).**
- **It was in exile that Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord by the river Chebar (**Ezekiel 1:3**).**
- **It was in exile that Daniel saw the Ancient of Days (**Daniel 7:9**).**

**Elijah was in a cave (in **I Kings 19**) and said, *“I even I only are left”*, but **God had 7,000 others (I Kings 19:18)**.**

- **Never buy the idea that you are the only one who is fighting for God!**
- **God has countless others who have not bowed their knees to the god of this world!**



**You are not so isolated that God doesn't know just where you are! John was stranded on an island that was as barren an isolated as could be...**

- But John knew Jesus Christ, and Jesus met his need!**

***Matthew 28:20 Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.***

***Hebrews 13:5 Let your behavior be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."***

***I Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.***

***Isaiah 41:10\_Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.***

**You Are Never Too Bound**

- **John is said to be *in the Spirit* four times.**
- **These mark off the four major visions of the Book of Revelation.**
- **In the first, Christ came down to John.**
- **In the last three, John was commanded to *“come up here.”***

- **No matter where you are  
and what your  
circumstances, you can  
always worship!**

**Never Too Limited  
Physically**

- **Physically, John was in pain, but that could not keep him from getting in the Spirit.**
- **John was no stranger to pain and suffering.**
  - **He had day-to-day companionship with tribulations, trials, afflictions, persecutions, suffering and pressure.**
- **And day after day, he was seeking after the kingdom of God.**
- **Day in and day out, John patiently endured and persevered against all trials and temptations and pains!**

- **John was no stranger to pain and suffering, and he knew that one is never so physically limited that God cannot lift you in the Spirit.**

***Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.***

***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.***

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



**You Are Never Too Old**

**No matter how old or how traditional, John proves to us that you can get something fresh from God!**

- **Never satisfy yourself with yesterday's revelations!**
- **Living for God is a continual, growing process.**
- **There should be fresh revelation in your daily walk with God.**

- **The things that he had seen.**
- **The things which are and...**
- **The things which shall come.**

**Listen:**

**You are never too old to receive a fresh revelation from God – recognizing that a fresh revelation will never contradict His Word.**

**You Never Do It Enough**

- **Don't ever be afraid to experience something you've never experienced before in the Holy Ghost.**

- **Let God move afresh in your life.**
- **Let God work with variety in your life!**

**I'm telling you, you can never be there and do that enough!**

# **Fresh Revelation**

**We need fresh revelation for the day in which we live! If we have no revelation, we have no hope.**

- If we have no hope, we can have no comfort in our death; and...**
- No assurance of immortality after death.**

- **There is a Throne...**
- **And ONE who sits on that throne.**
- **He is Lord and God.**
- **He lives forever and ever.**
- **He created all things.**
- ***And He is worthy to receive glory and honor and power!***