

Sunday Morning Bible Class “The End Times”
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The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John

Lesson 1&2

What was the isle of Patmos used for?

It was used as **a place of exile for convicts**. This is how Apostle John came to Patmos, exiled by the Roman Emperor Titus Flavius Domitian in 95 AC. In Patmos, Apostle John conveyed the inhabitants to Christianity and wrote the Book of Revelation, the Apocalypse.

With an imperial gesture, Domitian orders his men to **throw John into a cauldron of boiling oil**. **The theologian Tertullian reported that John was plunged into boiling oil** but miraculously escaped unscathed.

It is traditionally believed that John was the youngest of the apostles and survived them. He is said to have lived to old age, **dying at Ephesus sometime after AD 98**, during the reign of Trajan.

Domitian dealt with several revolts during his rule, the last of which was a successful plot to assassinate him. Domitian was assassinated on September 18, 96, **in a palace conspiracy organized by court officials**.

Today, the island of Patmos is shared between a local population of 3,000, those looking for a religious experience, and holidaymakers seeking a picturesque Greek island escape. The 21 square mile island is one of the smallest inhabited islands in the Aegean Sea. The distance to Ephesus is 63 miles.