

~PATMOS (29) **(Pat'mos)**

- An island where the apostle John was exiled for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus.
- I John, your brother and a sharer with you in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in company with Jesus, came to be in the isle that is called **Patmos** for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus. (**Revelation 1:9**)
- While there, he received the Revelation. According to ancient tradition, John, having been condemned by Domitian to dwell on the island of **Patmos**, was released after the death of that ruler, **96 C.E.** [*The Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. VIII, p. 562, Acts of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.*]
- Situated in the Icarian Sea, a part of the Aegean, about 55 kilometers (34 miles) West of Asia Minor, **Patmos** lay about 60 kilometers (37 miles) West-Southwest of Miletus and less than 240 kilometers (150 miles) from all seven congregations specifically addressed in (**Revelation Chapters 2-3**). This small volcanic island has a very irregular coastline and is quite barren and rocky.
- But today wheat, olives, and grapes are cultivated there. Apparently because of its isolation, **Patmos**, along with other Aegean islands, served as a penal isle.