



Letters To The Seven Churches

Revelation 2-3

The Church in Smyrna

Revelation 2:8-11

Map of Smyrna



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A quill pen with a dark green feather and a silver-colored metal holder lies horizontally across the top of the page. Below it, a small, dark, faceted glass inkwell sits on the parchment. The background is a textured, aged parchment paper with a warm brown tone.

Jesus Reminds the Church

- Jesus was telling His followers in Smyrna that He's been there; He's gone through the fires of life.
- The writer wants whoever is questioning to know, believe, and trust that, according to the Jewish worship system, Jesus is the great high priest.
- The writer wants everyone to know that Jesus is the author of life; He was there at the beginning of time, and He will be there at the end of time.
- Jesus is reminding us that He has overcome, and that He has been through it all!

Problems

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- The word “afflictions” is not describing ordinary troubles of life but a doomsday affliction.
 - The word “afflictions” literally means totally destitute.
 - Jesus tells them that even though they are dirt poor, in His eyes they are rich.
 - Jesus knows our poverty and He knows our riches.
 - In their poverty, the Christians at Smyrna learned that Jesus was all they really needed.
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Difficulties

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- Malicious lies were being told about the people in the church at Smyrna.
- The Jewish people banded together with the pagans in order to accuse the Jewish-Christians of treason against Rome.
- The Jews who attacked them were not really Jews at all; they were Jews in name only.
- Many times, religion itself gets in the way, blinding people of their need for God because they think they can contribute something toward their own salvation.
- Do not be surprised when religious people hate you; they hated Jesus.

Jesus Knows Our Troubles

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- Jesus has perfect knowledge about what's going on; He knows what was, what is, and what will happen.
 - If Jesus says you will suffer for ten days, no force on earth can make it last 11 days!
 - Jesus never promises to remove the trials of life.
 - All who call on Jesus will receive the crown of righteousness, the crown of victory!
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Conclusion

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- The second death is what those who do not belong to Jesus will be subject to; it is eternal damnation.
- Jesus promises that those who are faithful to Him will not experience this second death.
- When you are facing difficulties in life, rest assured, Jesus is there with you.
- Do not run from the troubles of life; embrace Jesus all the more.