

# REVELATION

## LESSON 7: Revelation 2:8-11 - Jesus Letters to the Churches: Smyrna "The Suffering Church"

1. Name what is the significance of these four features of the city of Smyrna?
  - a. The resurrected city: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. "Crown of Asia" / "Jewel of Asia": \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Temple of Roma: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Myrrh: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What two-fold persecution are the Christians at Smyrna facing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What internal pressure are the Christians at Smyrna dealing with and how does this relate to persecution of the Romans? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the significance of Jesus introducing himself as "**the first and the last**" to the church at Smyrna? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What comfort would the Saints at Smyrna get from the phrase "**He who was dead and came to life again**"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How does Jesus' title relate to the reward to the victorious? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What does the literal meaning of the Greek word θλίψις -thlipsis (thlip'-sis) mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How does Jesus knowing their "afflictions (tribulation, pressure, persecution, distress) help? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What does Jesus mean when he says "**yet you are rich**"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What is the Synagogue of Satan and what were these Jews doing? (see John 8:33-47) \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Why did Jesus tell the church at Smyrna not to be afraid? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What will be future suffering that they would have to endure? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. How many days would they have to endure it? \_\_\_\_\_ What does that mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. What is the promise to the one who is victorious? How is that a comfort? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What is the big idea in this passage as it relates to the church of Smyrna in their time? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. This message also applies to us. What is the message to your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. What is the message to you as a Christian? Is there anything you need to change or do better? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Do you feel that you dedicated and even willing to die for your faith? \_\_\_\_\_ What could you do to  
strengthen your resolve? \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. How does knowing that Jesus suffered death and overcame it give you encouragement to live  
faithfully even to the point of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(He 2:15-18; 4:15)

20. What is victory in your life measured by? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(2 Co 4:16-18; 1 Pe 1:17; 2:11; Re 3:10; Is 24:17).

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