

## Bible Study

### The Seven Churches Part 2 - Smyrna



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Numbers 29:8

But ye shall offer a **burnt offering** unto the LORD  
for a **sweet savour**...

Ezra 6:10

That they may offer **sacrifices of sweet savours**  
unto the God of heaven...

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Revelation 22:13

I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **Beginning and the End**,  
the **First and the Last**.

Revelation 1:18

I am **He that liveth, and was dead**;  
and, behold, I am **alive for evermore**, Amen;  
and **have the keys of hell and of death**.

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Was one of the great business and trade centers of the ancient world in Asia Minor  
Largest public theater in Asia Minor - Large library - 20k seat stadium  
Temple to Tiberius was built there - Smyrna was unquestionably loyal to Rome  
John's pupil Polycarp lived, ministered, and was martyred there in 168 A.D.  
Today 200k Christians still live there - largest concentration in Turkey

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Rome didn't care who or what you worshiped as long as Jesus was just another god  
Your first allegiance had to be to Rome - A mandatory certificate of compliance  
All were required to acknowledge goddess Roma Dia - signaling allegiance to Rome  
You only had to take a pinch of incense and throw it in the fire and say "Roma Dia"  
Many Christians died refusing to perform this simple blasphemous act of fealty.

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1 Peter 2:12                      Having **your conversation honest among the Gentiles**:  
that, ***whereas they speak against you as evildoers***,  
they may **by your good works**, which **they shall** behold,  
**glorify God** in the day of visitation.

Matthew 13:21                      Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while:  
for when tribulation or persecution ariseth  
***because of the word***, by and by he is offended.

John 15:18                      If the **world hate you**,  
ye know that **it hated Me before** it hated you.

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- 2 Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,  
**though He was rich**, yet for your sakes **He became poor**,  
that **ye through His poverty might be rich**.
- James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren,  
Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith,  
and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised  
to them that love Him?
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- Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- Galatians 3:28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**,  
there is neither bond nor free,  
there is neither male nor female:  
for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus**.
- Galatians 3:29 And ***if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed***,  
and heirs according to the promise.

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Romans 2:29      But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;  
                      and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and  
                      not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

John 8:39      ...If ye were Abraham's children,  
                      ye would do the works of Abraham.

John 8:44      Ye are of your father the devil,  
                      and the lusts of your father ye will do.

Matthew 13:30      Let both grow together until the harvest:  
                      and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,  
                      Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles  
                      to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

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                      and      behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that  
                      Counsel      ye may be tried; and ye shall have *tribulation ten days*:  
                      be thou faithful unto death,  
                      and I will give thee a crown of life.

2 Timothy 3:12      Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus  
                      shall suffer persecution.

Philippians 3:10      That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection,  
                      and the fellowship of His sufferings,  
                      being made conformable unto His death

Matthew 10:38      And he that taketh not *his cross*, and *followeth after Me*,  
                      is not worthy of Me.

Matthew 10:39      He that findeth his life shall lose it:  
                      and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.

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Isaiah 53:8            **He was taken from prison** and from judgment:  
                                  and who shall declare his generation?  
                                  for **He was cut off** out of the land of the living:  
                                  for the transgression of my people was **He stricken**.

Ephesians 5:1        ***Be* ye therefore *followers of God***, as dear children;

Ephesians 5:2        And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,  
                                  and hath **given Himself for us** an offering  
                                  and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

2 Corinthians 2:15    For **we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ**,  
                                  in them that are saved, and in them that perish

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Jeremiah 12:3        But thou, O LORD, knowest me: **Thou hast** seen me,  
                                  and tried mine heart toward thee:  
                                  pull them out **like sheep for the slaughter**,  
                                  and **prepare them for the day of slaughter**.

James 1:12            Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:  
                                  for **when he is tried**, he shall **receive the crown of life**,  
                                  which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:3            Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

James 1:4            But let **patience have her *perfect* work**,  
                                  **that ye may be perfect** and *entire*, wanting nothing.

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- Numbers 14:34      After the number of the days in which ye searched the land,  
even forty days, ***each day for a year***,  
shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years,  
and ye shall know my breach of promise.
- Ezekiel 4:6      And when thou hast accomplished them,  
lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear  
the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days:  
I have appointed thee ***each day for a year***.

Worst years of persecution was between 303-313 A.D. - all under Emperor Diocletian  
Ended with Emperor Constantine when he declared religious liberty in 313 A.D.

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- Revelation 2:11      He that hath an ear, let him hear  
Closing  
and  
Promise      what the Spirit saith unto the churches;  
He that **overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death**.
- Revelation 21:8      But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and  
murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,  
and all liars, shall have their part in the **lake which burneth  
with fire and brimstone: which is the second death**.
- Matthew 10:28      And **fear not them which kill the body**, but are not able to  
kill the soul: but rather **fear Him which is able to  
destroy both soul and body in hell**.
- 1 Corinthians 15:52      In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:  
for the **trumpet shall sound**, and the **dead shall be  
raised incorruptible**, and we shall be **changed**.
- 1 Corinthians 15:55      O death, where is thy sting?  
O grave, where is thy victory?

2 Corinthians 4:17     For our light **affliction**, which is but **for a moment**,  
***worketh for us a far more exceeding***  
***and eternal weight of glory;***

2 Corinthians 4:18     While we **look not at the things which are seen,**  
**but at the things which are not seen:**  
for the things which are seen are temporal;  
but the **things which are not seen are eternal.**