

# The Call to Overcome Fear of Suffering

Revelation 2:8-11



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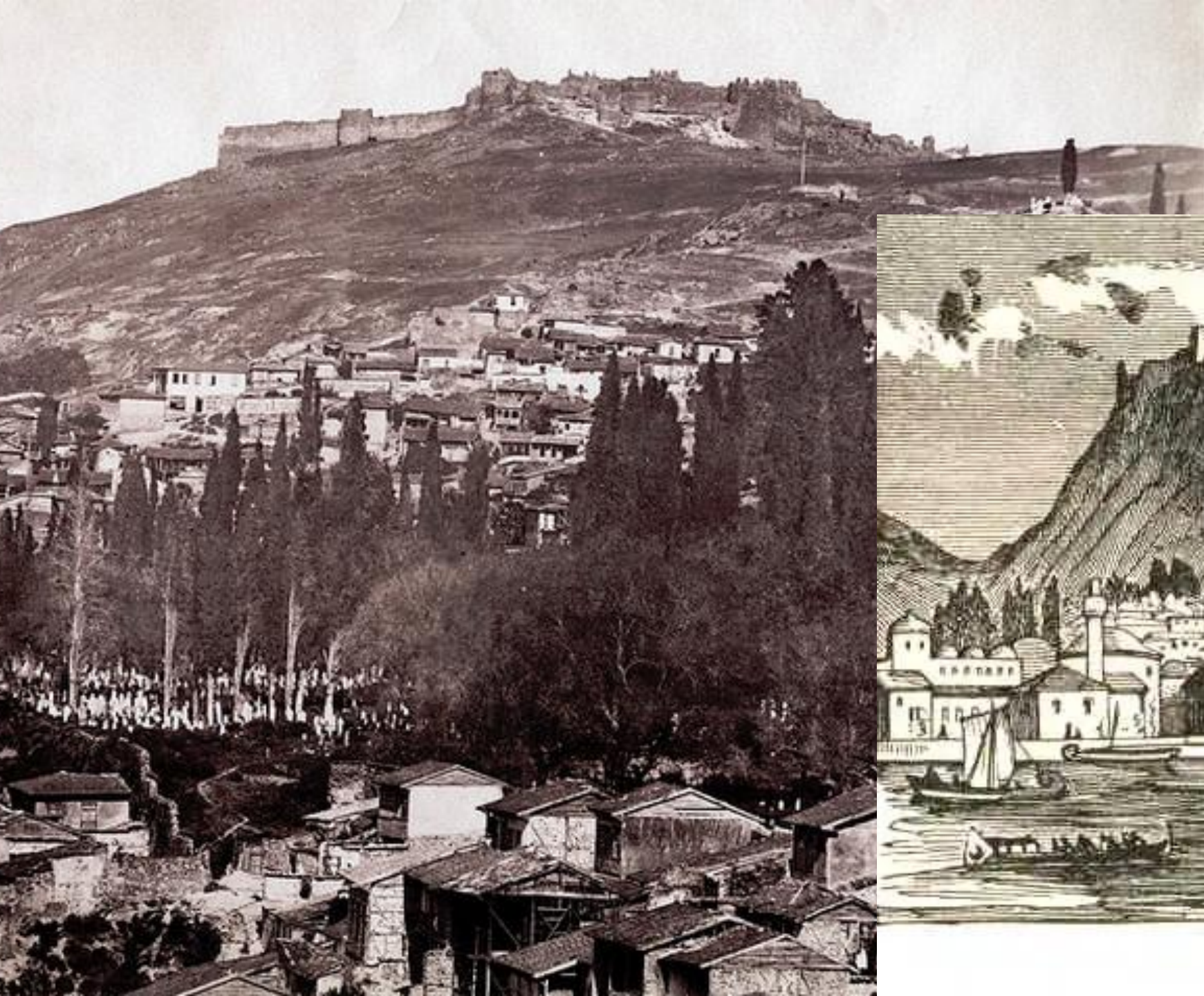
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## Isaiah 44:6-7

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **"I am the first and I am the last;** besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.



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## John 16:33

“In the world you will have  
**tribulation.**”

## Acts 14:22

[Paul was]...“strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that **through many tribulations** we must enter the kingdom of God.”



## John 8:39-44

“If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did... If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here...”

“You are of **your father the devil**, and your will is to do your father’s desires....”

## Galatians 3:7

Know then that it is those of faith  
who are the sons of Abraham.



## Galatians 4:25

Now **Hagar** is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the **present Jerusalem**, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

## Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
there is neither slave nor free, there  
is no male and female, for you are  
all one in Christ Jesus. And **if you  
are Christ's, then you are  
Abraham's offspring,** heirs  
according to promise.



## 2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

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## 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



## Romans 6:5

"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will **certainly** also be united with him in **a resurrection like his**".

## John 14:19

Because I live, you also will live.

## Revelation 21:8

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in **the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**"