



LETTERS FROM JESUS

June 28, 2026

11:00 AM

Rough Roads Ahead

Greeting

Rev. Tim Jackson

Hymn 16

O Worship the King

LYONS

Worship Feature & VBS Highlights

Jen Rabon with
VBS Kids & Leaders

Offertory Hymn 426

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Linwood Hobgood

Worship Feature

VBS Video

Message

Pastor Blake Bengé

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Revelation 2:8-11

Response Hymn

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

EVER NEARER

Next Steps

Rev. Mike Ramos

Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Bengé

Spoken Benediction

Rev. Reeder

Postlude

Carillon & Toccata from Sonata Brillante

Mrs. Donna Davenport, organist
Young

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Revelation 2:8-11

As we continue in this series on the first three chapters of Revelation, we are praying, "God, please check and correct my alignment with You?" Our desire is to walk in step with His Spirit, knowing the reward of life given to those who **overcome**.

Recap

Revelation is a book authored by **Jesus** through his close friend and follower, **John**. The original audience is seven churches whose existence is being threatened. Today, we consider the tribulation that could misalign the church at Smyrna and ask ourselves, are we ready for any rough roads that lie ahead?

Introduction

Revelation 2:8

Smyrna. A great place to live!

Reintroduction of Jesus

Revelation 2:8/1:17b-18

Jesus is the first and the last:

Jesus is the one who died and came to life:

Two culprits of dread are removed: _____ and _____.

Hebrews 13:8 _____

I Corinthians 15:54-58 _____

Recognition

Revelation 2:9

✓ Tribulation = _____ to _____

✓ Poverty = _____ at all _____

✓ Slander = _____ _____

✓ Actually Rich (Matthew 6:19-21) _____

Revelation

Revelation 2:10

You are about to suffer:

Ten days:

The promised blessing of persecution:

Promise (2 Timothy 3:12-13) _____

Blessing (Matthew 5:10-12) _____

Reward

Revelation 2:10-11

I will give you the crown of life = _____ (James 1:12)

The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death. (Revelation 20:14-15); (Luke 12:4-5)

Concluding Questions:

When persecution comes, will you be ready for it? Will you stay aligned with Him, or will you become misaligned?

Who is someone you know who is suffering persecution right now? How can you support them and encourage them?

When was the last time you prayed for someone in a persecuted church?

Resources concerning those who are being Persecuted

- Open Doors: www.opendoorsus.org
- Faith and Clarity Podcast: Season 5 Episode 25, "Faith Under Fire: The Global Crisis of Religious Persecution"

NEXT STEPS

COMMUNITY

Sundays, 9:45am: Find a Sunday School Group that's right for you! Everyone is invited, and no sign-up is required. For a list of Sunday School groups, visit the Welcome Desk or go to snydermbc.com/sundayschool.

EVENTS

Vacation Bible School (June 22-26): This summer, we're going on an Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom! Sign up to volunteer or register your child by visiting snydermbc.com/vbs. Online registration will close at midnight on Wednesday, June 17!

Discover God's Kingdom in the Library with our Summer Reading Club!

Summer Bible Study with Pastor Tim: Wednesday Nights, June 10 - July 15 at 6pm in the Chapel. We'll be studying The Local Church: The Book of Ephesians. All are welcome! (No dinner, No childcare)

Combined Worship Service, July 5, 10am: Join us as our 8:40am and 11:00am congregations will come together for a combined worship service in Fellowship Hall. No Sunday School.

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SERVICE TIMES

8:40am, Modern Service, Fellowship Hall

9:45am, Sunday School for all ages

11am, Traditional Service, Fellowship Hall

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