

SEVEN LETTERS TO SEVEN CHURCHES

Week 2 | SMYRNA

- **Revelation 1:1-4 (ESV)** ¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
- **Revelation 4:1 (ESV)** After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."
- **Revelation 2:8-11 (ESV)** ⁸And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: "The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. ⁹"I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death."
- **Part #1: To whom is the letter written? Smyrna**
 - Revelation 2:8
- **Part #2: What portion of the Revelation of Jesus is He communicating to them? He died and rose to life...**
 - Revelation 1:17-18

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- **Part #3: Jesus commends them**
 - Revelation 2:9
 - **Romans 2:28-29 (ESV)** ²⁸For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.
- **Part #4:**
- **Part #5: He exhorts them—do not fear, be faithful**
 - Revelation 2:10
 - **James 1:12 (ESV)** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.
 - **If you want the crown, you are going to have to go through the cross.**
- **Part# 6: Hear what the Spirit is saying**
 - Revelation 2:11
- **Part #7: Promise**

DISCUSS & APPLY

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Seven Letters to Seven Churches Study Guide.