Be Faithful Until Death

Revelation 2:8-11

Introduction

Five Reasons We Suffer:

First Four – Usually Inflicted Only By God

Last One – Only By Others



- v. 8a Address
- v. 8b Speaker
- v. 9-10 Hidden Knowledge Revealed
- v. 11 Encouragement



"Angel"

- ... αγγελοs = either angel or messenger
- ... word refers to the lead elder of the church

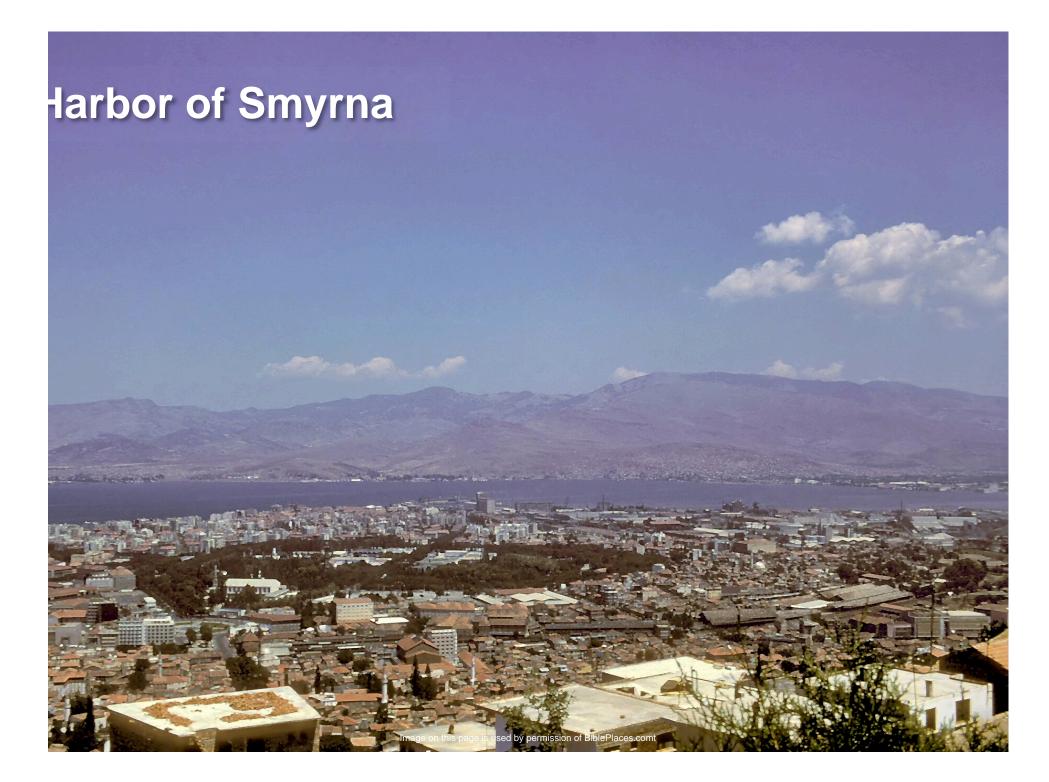
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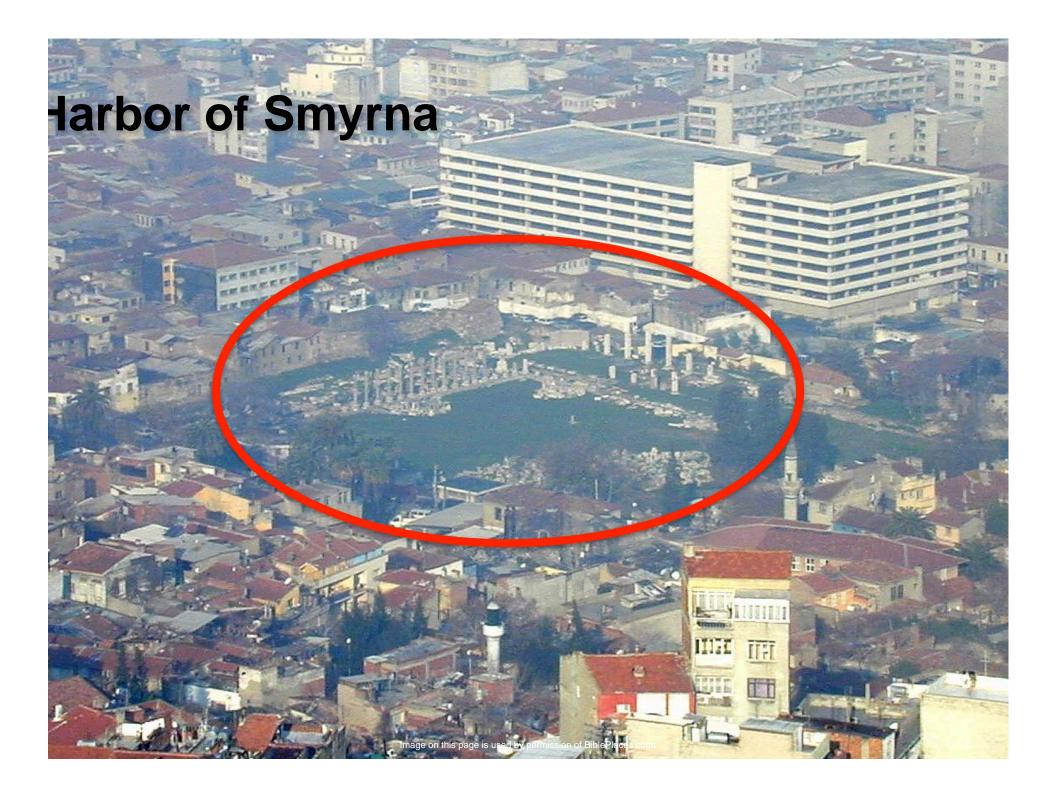








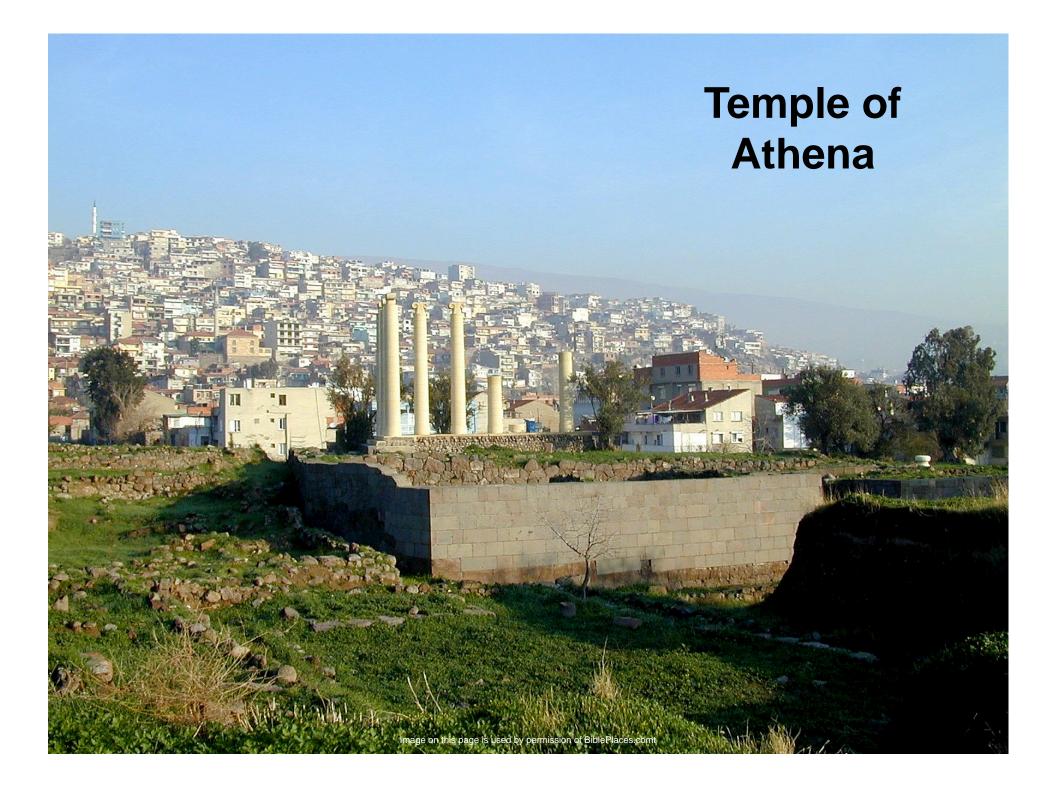








Agora – Second Level



The Speaker Verse 8b

"The first and the last who Was dead and has come to life . . ."

... refers to Jesus Christ

... Revelation 1:17; 22:13



The Hidden Knowledge Revealed Rev. 2:9



... Greek word $o_i \delta \alpha =$ "complete knowledge"

... reminder that God knows our hearts

... we cannot escape

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed Rev. 2:9-10

Jesus reveals 5 things about them . . .

- 1. Tribulation
- 2. Poor
- 3. Experience Blasphemy
- 4. Tested
- 5. Experience Tribulation
- 6. Die

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed Rev. 2:10

Why Did Jesus Say . . .

... Do not fear ?

Matt. 28:20 - Jesus is will not leave us

Heb. 13:5 – Jesus will not forsake us

2 Cor. 12:9 – Jesus gives us grace to help

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed Rev. 2:10

Why Did Jesus Say . . .

... Do not fear ?

... Be faithful until death ?

- Decision to be faithful
- Empowerment by the Spirit
 - Gal. 5:22-23
 - Eph. 5:17-18

The Encouragement Rev. 2:11

Not Experience the Second Death . . .

Receive the Crown of Life

Conclusion

The Key To Victory:

Knowing Jesus Is With Us

Empower By The Spirit