

Standing Against Satan

Rev. 2:8-11

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Understanding Smyrna

- Naval attraction and suitability for shipping
- Agricultural trade connection to the inland
- Wealthy city
- 200 BC ally with Rome and later worship of Roman emperors increased status with Rome
- “First of Asia in beauty and size.” (pop. 200,000)
- Center of learning (esp. science, medicine), birthplace of Homer
- Jewish community

Understanding Jesus’ message to Smyrnan church (Rev.2:8-11)

➤ A message to:

- “the _____” a[ggeloß (ang'-el-os) = a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God (v. 8)
- The _____ (individual/you) (v. 11)
- All _____ (then and now) (v. 11)

➤ A message from:

- Jesus who is coequal with _____(v. 8)
- Jesus whose identity is confirmed by His _____ (v. 8)

➤ A message about:

- Jesus _____ their [and our] tribulation (v. 9)
- Jesus called the attackers a synagogue of _____! (v. 9)
- Those opposing the Gospel are tools of _____ (v. 9, 10)

➤ A message with:

- Jesus' two instructions

1) Do not _____! (v. 10c)

2) Be _____ unto _____ (10c)

- Jesus' promises

1) A crown of _____ (v. 10c)

2) Not be hurt by the _____ _____ (v. 11c)

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- To the **one** (individual/you) (v. 11)
- To all **churches** (then and now) (v. 11)
- From Jesus who is coequal with **God** (v. 8)
- From Jesus whose identity is confirmed by His **resurrection**. (v. 8)
- Jesus **knows** their [and our] tribulation (v. 9)
- Jesus called the attackers a synagogue of **Satan!** (v. 9)
- Those opposing the Gospel are tools of **Satan** (v. 9, 10)
- Jesus’ two instructions
 - 1) Do not **fear!** (v. 10c)
 - 2) Be **faithful** unto **death** (10c)
- Jesus’ promises
 - 1) A crown of **life** (v. 10c)

Not be hurt by the **second death** (v. 11c)