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To the Church in Smyrna <Rev 2:8-11>

8. And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write;

These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9. I know thy works, and tribulation, (Heb 6:1-3/Mt 24:21-22) and poverty,

(Am 8:11-13/Jer 2:13) (but thou art rich) (Zec 9:11-12) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, (Tit 1:14) and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. (Rev 3:9)

10. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: (1Pe 5:10) behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, (Ps 142:7) that ye may be tried; (1Pe 1:5-9) and ye shall have tribulation ten days: (Jer 42:2-7) be thou faithful unto death, (1Co 4:1-2) and I will give thee a crown of life. (Php 4:1-7)

11. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; (Ro 10:13-17) He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. (Rev 20:11-15/Rev 21:8/Rev 6:6)

The Church in Smyrna is a church that has been put to the trial by Satan by the interference of the Jews, the synagogue of Satan, who called themselves the chosen ones. The believers, however, showed a strong desire about the word of eternal life even during the times of poverty and depletion of the spiritual word.

Also, it foretells that when some of those who merely repeat the elementary teachings of God and fail to reach the whole measure and fullness of Christ, recognize the afflictions of the reality of the spiritual prison, they can join in the symbiotic community of those who overcome. And they will become rich with truth and receive the crown of life.

Current Status: They have fallen into trial by Satan but have spiritual thirst.

The Reference Verses of the Church in Smyrna

(Heb 6:1-3)

1. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
2. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
3. And this will we do, if God permit.

(Mt 24:21-22)

21. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

(Am 8:11-13)

11. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
12. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it].
13. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

(Jer 2:13)

13. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

(Zec 9:11-12)

11. As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.
12. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee

(Tit 1:14)

14. Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

(Rev 3:9)

- Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not,
9. but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee

(1Pe 5:10)

10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

(Ps 142:7)

7. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

(1Pe 1:5-9)

5. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

- That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it
7. be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
 8. Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
 9. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

(Jer 42:2-7)

- And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted
2. before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even for all this remnant; but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:
 3. That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.
- Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the
4. LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.
 5. Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.
- Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to
6. whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.
 7. And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

(1Co 4:1-2)

1. Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
2. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

(Php 4:1-7)

1. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.
 2. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.
- And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the
3. gospel, with Clement also, and [with] other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.
 4. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
 5. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
 6. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
 7. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(Ro 10:13-17)

13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
15. And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
16. But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
17. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(Rev 20:11-15)

11. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and
12. another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
13. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
14. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev 21:8)

8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

(Rev 6:6)

6. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.



