

Smyrna - Lesson 3

Jesus	Commendation	Reproof	Instructions/ Warnings	Promise to Overcomers	Message to the Churches
<p>The first and the last (OT name of Yahweh - God)</p> <p>Was dead has come to life (1:17-18)</p> <p>Col 1:15-18 - first born of the dead</p> <p>I Cor 15:20-26 - Jesus is the first fruits of those who are asleep</p> <p>First fruits - anticipation that we too will be resurrected as He has promised</p> <p>Jesus has the keys to death and Hades (OT Sheol)</p> <p>Acts 2:22-33; LK 16:19-31; Rev 20:13-14</p>	<p>I Know!</p> <p>Tribulation - #G2347 - thlipsis - crush, grievous affliction</p> <p>Poverty- #G4432 - Ptocheia - beggary - inability to provide anything for yourself</p> <p>You are rich - II Cor 8:9; Mt 6:19-34</p> <p>Blasphemy of those who say they are Jews - Ro 2:28-29 - are nothing but pagans in disguise -tool of Satan</p>	<p>NONE</p>	<p>Don't fear what you are going to suffer</p> <p>Devil will cast some of you in prison</p> <p>Tribulation for 10 days - a brief time</p> <p>If your faithful until death you will receive the crown of life - they are rewarded for faithfulness</p>	<p>He will not be hurt by the 2nd death</p> <p>Rev 20:6 Rev 20:14-15 Rev 21:8</p> <p>1st death is physical death</p> <p>2nd death is the lake of fire - spiritual and eternal separation from God</p>	<p>There will be suffering in our lives</p> <p>Persevere by keeping our focus fixed on Christ and our eternity</p> <p>Don't fear - don't worry</p> <p>Cling to God</p>

Pergamum - Lesson 3

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<p>One who has the sharp 2-edged sword (1:16)</p> <p>Eph 6:17 - sword of the Spirit is the Word of God</p> <p>He 4:12 - God's Word is alive and active and sharper than a 2-edged sword - judges the thoughts and intention of our hearts</p> <p>Rev 19:15 - strike down the nations and then rule them with a rod of iron (Is 11:4)</p>	<p>I know!</p> <p>Dwell where Satan's throne is - he wants people to doubt God's Word - false religions</p> <p>Held fast His name Ps 138:2-3 Is 9:6 Mt 1:21-23 Ph 2:9-11 Acts 4:12 Mt 10:32-33</p> <p>Didn't deny the faith Jude 3-4 Mt 5:17-19 II Pet 1:20-2: 3:1-2 II Tim 3:16 Lk 24:25-27 Rev 22:18-20</p>	<p>BUT</p> <p>You hold to the teachings of Balaam Num 22:1-24:25 Rev 2:14 II Pet 2:15 Num 31:16-18 (Jude 11) Num 25:1-9 Acts 15:22-29</p> <p>Nicolaitans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acts 6:5 - Nicolas (conqueror of the people) - Went apostate and took the church with him - The leaders put themselves in the position of priests - Rev 1:6; I Tim 2:5; He 4:14-16; 10:19-22; 13:7-9, 17; Mt 27:51; He 10:19-25 	<p>Repent</p> <p>I will come and make war with the sword of My mouth</p>	<p>Hidden manna -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex 16:13-15, 26-34 - Taught obedience and dependance - He 9:1-5 - Dt 8:3 (Jn 6:31-40, 48-51) <p>White stone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - court of law - Athletes - when they won they were given a white stone - ticket to a future celebration <p>New name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is 56:5 - everlasting name that won't be cut off - Is 62:2 - new name that comes from the mouth of the Lord - Is 65:15 - His servants will be called by another name 	<p>Stay true to God's Word (truth)</p> <p>Don't follow false teachings</p> <p>Contend earnestly for the faith</p> <p>People do creep in!</p>