



The

REVELATION

of Jesus Christ

An aerial view of the ancient city of Smyrna, showing a large amphitheater in the foreground, a harbor with a long pier, and a city with many buildings and a large stadium. The text "The Oppressed Church at Smyrna" is overlaid in white.

The Oppressed Church at Smyrna

An aerial view of the ancient city of Smyrna, showing a harbor with a long pier, a large stadium, and a dense grid of buildings with red roofs. The city is situated on a hillside overlooking the sea. The text "The City of Smyrna" is overlaid in white.

The City of Smyrna

ASIA-MINOR



Pergamon

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Patmos



An aerial view of the ancient city of Smyrna, showing a harbor with a long pier and a large amphitheater. The city is built on a hillside with many buildings and a prominent stone wall. The text "Smyrna was a cultural center" is overlaid on the image.

Smyrna was a
cultural center

An aerial view of the ancient city of Smyrna, showing a harbor with a long pier and a large stadium. The city is built on a hillside with a grid-like street pattern and many buildings with red roofs. The text "Smyrna was a civic center" is overlaid on the image.

Smyrna was a
civic center

An aerial view of a city with a harbor, likely Jerusalem, with mountains in the background. The city is densely packed with buildings with red-tiled roofs. A large harbor is visible in the center, with several ships. The background shows a range of mountains under a clear sky. The foreground shows a stone wall and some greenery.

A Personal Introduction from **Christ**

An aerial view of a Roman city, likely Carthage, featuring a large amphitheater and a harbor. The city is built on a hillside overlooking the sea. The architecture is characterized by white walls and red-tiled roofs. A large, semi-circular amphitheater is visible in the foreground, surrounded by trees and a path. The harbor is filled with ships and buildings, and the sea extends to the horizon under a clear sky. The foreground shows the stone walls of a fortification.

The **F**irst and the **L**ast

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **'I am the First and I am the Last;** besides Me there is no God'

Isaiah 44:6

Listen to Me, O Jacob,
and Israel, my called: I am
he, **I am the First, I am
also the Last**

Isaiah 48:12

An aerial view of an ancient city, likely Rome, featuring a large amphitheater (the Colosseum) and a harbor. The city is built on a hillside, with a large stone structure visible in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

He Who was Dead
and Came to Life

An aerial view of a Roman city, likely Carthage, featuring a harbor with a long pier, a large amphitheater, and a dense grid of buildings with red-tiled roofs. The city is situated on a hillside overlooking the sea, with mountains in the background. The foreground shows a stone wall and some greenery.

A Positive Assessment



They suffered
persistent
oppression



Their oppression
caused **financial**
struggles

An aerial view of an ancient city, likely Jerusalem, featuring a large harbor with a curved wall, numerous buildings with red-tiled roofs, and a stone wall in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

Their struggles
were caused
by slander

Types of Slander

Cannibal

Immoral

Divisive

Atheist

Arson

Treason



Their oppression
was going
to get worse


Meaning of Ten Days

Ten
Years

Ten
Caesars

A Long
Time

Ten
Days

An aerial view of a city with a harbor and a large stadium. The city is built on a hillside, with a large harbor in the foreground. The buildings are mostly white with red roofs. A large, curved stadium is visible in the lower right. The text "A Promise of Personal Blessing" is overlaid in the center.

A Promise of Personal Blessing

An aerial view of a city with a harbor and a large stadium. The city is built on a hillside overlooking a large body of water. The buildings have red-tiled roofs and white walls. A large, curved stadium is visible in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

They would receive
the crown of life



They would be
**saved from the
second death**

Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such **the second death** has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years

Revelation 20:6

Death and Hades were
cast into the lake of fire.
This is the **second death**.

Revelation 20:14

The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, **which is the second death**

Revelation 21:8



Don't be afraid
to suffer for Christ



**Pray for the
persecuted church**

FRONTLINE

MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

- 1. Dwight and Melissa | North Africa
- 2. Pavlo and Inna | Ukraine
- 3. Johnson and Susan | South Asia
- 4. Yura and Olesya | Central Asia
- 5. Jonathan and Sarah | Southeast Asia
- 6. Jared and Sharon | Southeast Asia
- 7. Mark and Rachel | East Asia

- 8. **Morocco | 99% Muslim**
Light of Morocco radio outreach
- 9. **Algeria | 99% Muslim**
Light of Morocco radio outreach
- 10. **Tunisia | 99.1% Muslim**
Frontline Experience interns
- 11. **Ethiopia**
Oromo Bible distribution and impact
- 12. **Albania and the Balkans**
Church planting and Gospel literature
- 13. **Ukraine**
Theological training and camp ministries in Ukraine and neighboring countries

- 14. **Russia**
Church planting and theological education
- 15. **Turkey | 99.8% Muslim**
Christian literature ministry
- 16. **Azerbaijan | 96.9% Muslim**
Christian literature ministry
- 17. **Lebanon**
Church planting and Gospel advance
- 18. **Iraq**
Church planting and refugee ministry
- 19. **Iran | 99.4% Muslim**
Boldness for persecuted Christians

- 20. **United Arab Emirates | 76% Muslim**
Church planting in a hostile environment
- 21. **Afghanistan | 99.7% Muslim**
Gospel advance
- 22. **Uzbekistan | 88% Muslim**
Camp ministries and church planting
- 23. **Kyrgyzstan**
Pioneer missions and church planting
- 24. **India | 79.8% Hindu, 14.2% Muslim**
Village evangelism, persecuted Christians

