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THE SEVEN – PART 4

WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT SUFFERING

Revelation 2:8-11

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Revelation 2:8-11⁸ ***“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:***

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.⁹ ***I know your afflictions and your poverty— yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.***¹⁰ ***Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.***¹¹ ***Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.***

I. ***“I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST.”*** (v. 8)

1 Cor 15:23

II. ***“I KNOW.”*** (v. 9)

III. ***“DO NOT BE AFRAID.”*** (v. 10)

Ps 23:4

IV. ***“I TELL YOU.”*** (v. 10)

Psalm 23:4 “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”

V. ***“BE FAITHFUL.”*** (v. 10)

1 Corinthians 1:9 “God, who has called you to share everything with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”

2 Thessalonians 3:3 “But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One.”

VI. ***“I WILL GIVE YOU.”*** (v. 10)

Deut 29:29