

Revelation Series

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**Revelation 2:8, “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:’ ”**



hipolis/ Neapolis

BITHYNIA

Apollonia

Samothrace

Thessalonica

ampus

Troas

Assos

Mitylene

Aegean Sea

Kios

Thyatira

MYSIA

Pergamum

ASIA

Sardis

Philadelphia

Pisidian

Antioch

lphi

nth

Athens

Smyrna

Samos

LYDIA

Ephesus

PHRYGIA

Laodicea

Colosse

PISIDIA

Ionia

Lystra

chrea

arta

Patmos

Miletus

Cnidus

Attalia

LYCIA

Patara

PAMPHYLIA

Perga

Rhodes

Myra

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θλίψις, *thlipsis*, “to crush, press, compress, squeeze” hence tribulation, adversity, affliction

**Romans 2:28, “For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;**

**Romans 2:29, “but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”**

**Revelation 2:10, “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”**

**Do not fear:**

φοβέω, *phobeo*, Pres act imperative



**The devil, διάβολος, *diabolos*, slanderer,  
accuser, one who assaults someone.**

**πειράζω, *peirazo*, 2P; subjunctive  
aorist passive. The subjunctive  
emphasizes the possibility or potential  
in testing.**

**ἔχω, *echo*, 2P, future active ind**

**The indeterminate but soon future.**

## **Literal Interpretation:**

**When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, make no other sense, therefore take every word at its ordinary, usual, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths indicates clearly otherwise.**

**James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials [tests]**

**James 1:3, “[because you] know that the testing of your faith produces endurance**

**James 1:4, “But let endurance have its perfect [maturing] work, that you may be perfect [mature] and complete, lacking nothing.”**

**Hebrews 2:10, “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”**

**Hebrews 2:18, “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”**