**Revelation Bible Study**

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**The Church of Smyrna: The Death of Death?**

**Introduction:**

2nd largest city in Asia Minor.

Myrrh

The Resurrection of a City. “I am the first and last, I died and came back to life again!”

**I. Knowing God**

**A. I Know…**

This is eternal life

The Foreknowledge of God

God will only love

Peter and Jesus

**B. The Synagogues of Satan**

Romans 2:28-29, 28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Galatians 3:28, 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Julian the Apostate

**II. The Promise: The Death of Death?**

**A. What is the Second Death**? Revelation 20:14, ***Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.***

**B. The First Death Defines the Second Death**

*1 Corinthians 15:* ***54***When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” **55**“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” **56**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **57**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 25… **7**And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. **8**He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.

He is also quoting Hosea, in which the context is the judgment of Israel. Hosea 13:14“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?

**2 Cor. 3:7-8, 7**Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, **8**will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

**Conclusion:** So what is the implication of the second death?