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Revelation 2:1-11

Revelation 2:1-11 includes the first two of the "letters to the seven churches" that preface the book of Revelation in the New Testament. These were real churches, attended by real flesh and blood believers, near the end of the first century. This "Revelation from Jesus Christ" is grounded in historical reality, addresses real concerns, and offers substantial hope to believers. Unlike the view of popular culture, Revelation is not a spiritual spook house or a mysterious code waiting for someone with the right charts to decipher.

The churches at Ephesus and Smyrna faced severe challenges. Ephesus had fought the good fight of faith, but had fallen into the temptation to become spiritually lukewarm. It was time to repent and return to their first love. The church in Smyrna had suffered severe persecution, poverty, and even imprisonment. Nevertheless, they had need of perseverance; it was no time to quit. Both churches were promised final victory in an eternal home.

"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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