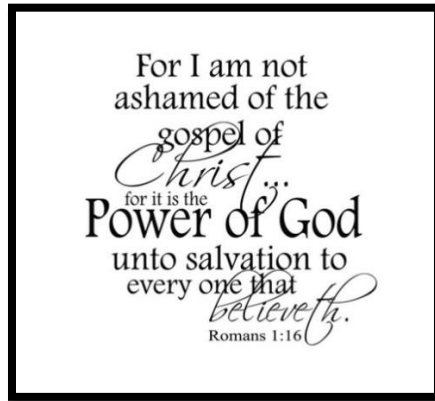


The Church of Smyrna



Read *The 7 Church Harvest – Part 2* (CBCG, 2000).

Read *Revelations 2:8-11*. Below, list the strengths & weaknesses of the Church of Smyrna according to scripture.

Strengths: _____

Weaknesses:



Smyrna

Based on scripture, Smyrna was known for having several struggles:

1. False teachings from _____ among them.
2. They were facing several kinds of suffering: _____, _____, _____, _____.

They are encouraged to be _____ unto _____.



True or False?

___ The best way to avoid false doctrine is to check with the Bible.

___ False prophets sometimes provide true teaching.

___ Sound doctrine divides truth from error.

___ False ministers like to come in & have dialogue so they can bring in false gospels.

___ False ministers twist the Word of God to fit & support their own agenda.

___ One way to spot a false prophet is to examine his works.

___ Pleasing men before God leads you down the narrow path.



Warnings to Churches about False Doctrine

What happens when a church permits false doctrine to become a part of their weekly Sabbath meetings?

Why should we not boast of anything God has given us as if we have accomplished things on our own?

If we do boast in ourselves, what will God likely do?

Paul warns the church that grievous wolves would pervert the gospel to try to pull people away to themselves. How does this happen in a church?



Losing Your First Love

What are 2 meanings of “losing your first love”?

1. _____
2. _____

When you lose your first love, other things begin to come first in your life & you are beginning to commit D Y .

You can have idols that are not physical because this process happens in the N .



Danger of Idols

List 5 examples of idols you must be careful do not take the place of God in *your* heart and mind. Place one in each box.

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What happens to your walk with God when idols begin to come between you & God?

Some churches were in danger of having their “lampstands removed”. What does that mean?



Smyrna

What is the whole purpose for going through the 7 churches in the weeks before Pentecost? (p. 14)

Why does no one want to be part of the church of Smyrna?

When will this church be re-enacted according to Revelations?

Those from Smyrna were very poor but God considered them rich because...

Those who are organized as a group against this church of God are made of people who...

which means some of them may have known __ __ _U_ __ __ at one time.

What are the first 2 things false prophets tend to tinker with & why?

1. _____
2. _____

What could this statement mean?

"...you shall have tribulation for ten days..."

1. _____
2. _____

Those in Smyrna are encouraged to be faithful. What is meant by that?

One's reward for being faithful to the end is...



Matching Terminology

Match the term to its meaning as used in this passage.

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| ___ profane/vain babblings | a. struggle against Satan/self/world |
| ___ going to heaven | b. Gnostic teaching |
| ___ the fight | c. speaking in tongues |
| ___ testing the spirits | d. gathering of any against the Truth |
| ___ first love | e. comparing doctrine with Bible |
| ___ synagogue of Satan | f. one who dies for his/her beliefs |
| ___ civil authorities | g. loving God with heart/mind/soul |
| ___ martyr | h. government/police state |

LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH ALL OF
YOUR HEART and ALL OF YOUR
SOUL and WITH ALL OF YOUR
MIND and WITH ALL OF
YOUR STRENGTH
MARK 12:30



True or False?

___ It is believed that 8 of the 10 periods of persecution have already taken place.

___ Those being persecuted for Truth fought against their murderers.

___ More believers were added upon witnessing the persecutions.

___ God always maintains His Word & His church throughout time, even during intense periods of persecution.

___ God will give any called to be persecuted His strength to endure it to the end, though it will require faith.

___ Those who are poor materially are often rich spiritually.

___ Wealth is a sign of God's blessing, so living in poverty means you may be doing something against God.

___ There will be a time when we will all be called to give testimony of God's truth.



Persecution

When will great persecution of Christians come again on the Earth?

How will Christians overcome during this time?

1. _____

2. _____

Those who seek to _____ theirs lives will _____ them...they will be those who are _____ during this time.



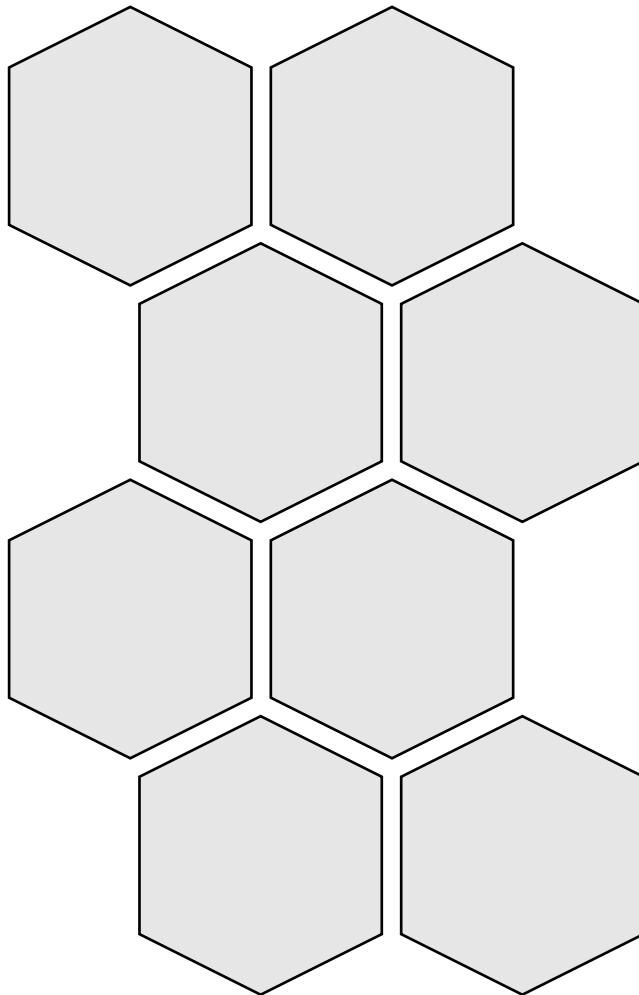
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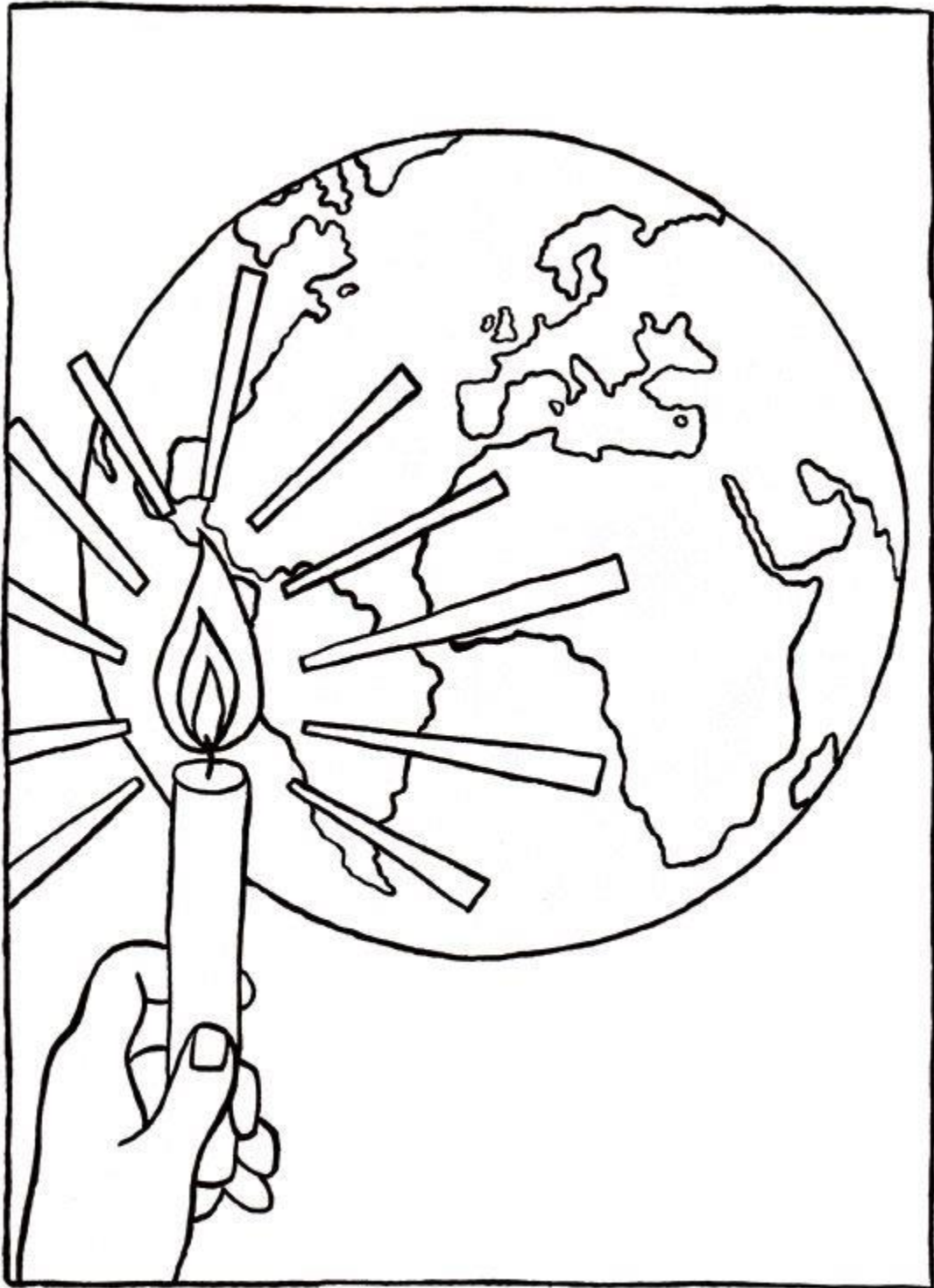
- ___ Those giving their lives for Christ will need to be doctrinally pure in order to be in the 1st Resurrection.
- ___ Family members will deliver up their own family members to be killed during this time.
- ___ The end time Church of Smyrna will be small in number.



Learning from Smyrna

Place one lesson we can learn from Smyrna in each shape below.





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