

# **Session 4**

## **Smyrna**

**Rev 2: 8-11**



# **Acts 19**

## **vv.1, 8-10**

**(Paul's third  
missionary journey)**

Smyrna = myrrh

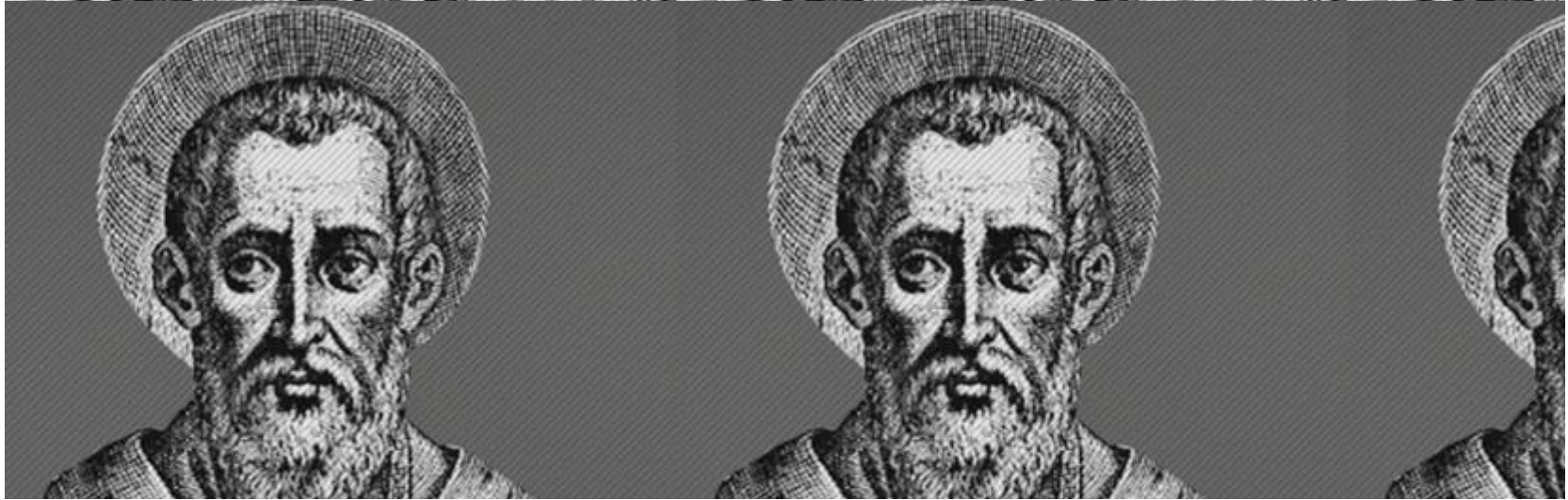
suffering,  
fragrance



# Smyrna

Period of  
Persecution  
AD 155 – 313

(approx)



# Polycarp

AD 69 – 155

'bishop' of Smyrna

Main historical  
events  
of the period



- **Nero** AD 54-68

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- **Marcus Aurelius** AD 161-180

... (≈ 15 Emperors)

- **Diocletian** AD 284-305
- **Constantine I** AD 306-337

# (v8) The Speaker

The Lord Jesus as:

... the *first*  
and the *last*

# (v8) The Speaker

The Lord Jesus:

... who became  
*dead* and *lived*

(v 9) His  
Approval ...

“ / know thy:

- tribulation,
- and poverty”

(v 9)

“ / know thy:

- tribulation,
- and poverty

but thou art rich” (v 9)

“ / know ...

the railing of those  
that say they are Jews  
and are not, but a  
synagogue of Satan”

(v 9)

“Fear nothing of  
what you are about  
to suffer.”

(v

10)



“behold:

- the devil is about to cast *some* into prison
- ye may be tried
- ye have tribulation”

(v 10)

“Ten days”

(v 10)

# The Great Tribulation

(Matt 24: 21-29)

3½ years (Dan 12:7)  
42 months (Rev 11:2)  
1,260 days (Rev 11:3)

“be thou

faithful unto death

and / will give you the  
crown of life”

(v 10)

His disapproval  
?...

Nothing!

His call to  
repentance? ...

Again, nothing!

“He that has an  
ear,” ...

“let him hear what  
the Spirit says to  
the churches” (v11)

“He that  
overcomes,” ...  
“shall not be hurt  
of the *second*  
*death*” (v11)