



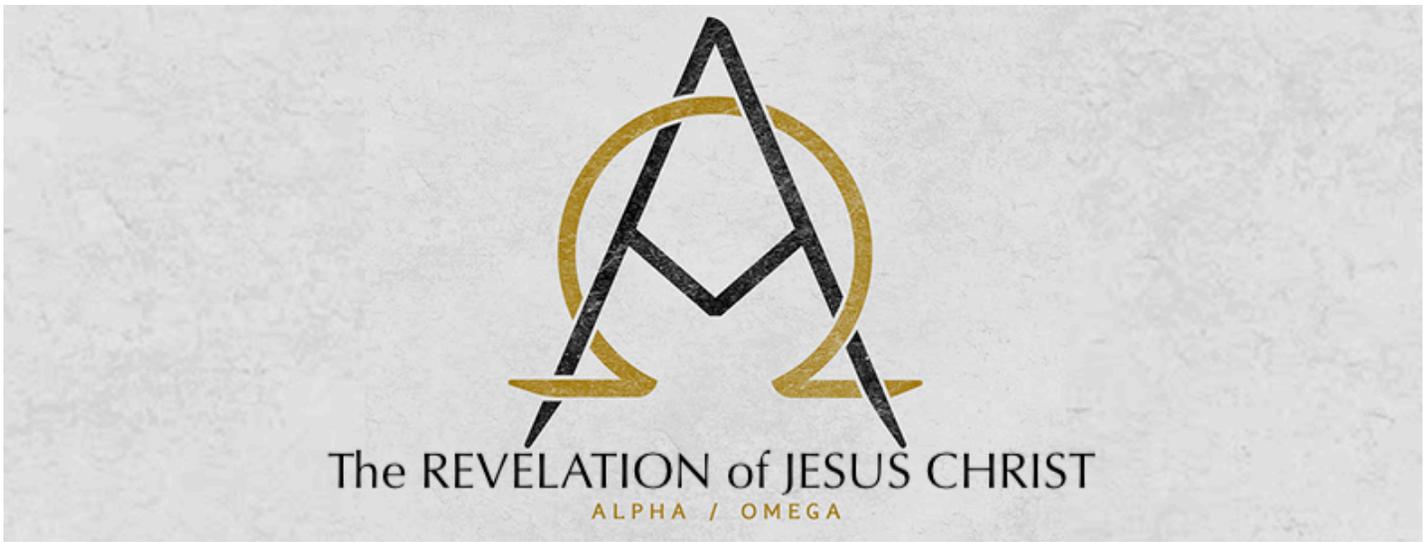
The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST
ALPHA / OMEGA

*Session 5 — The Church at Smyrna [Revelation 2:8-11] —
February 14, 2021*

- I. God the Son had to take on flesh as a man to **suffer** and **die** as an atoning sacrifice for our sin. [Isaiah 53]
- II. Jew hatred is the **essence** of the spirit of **antichrist**.
- III. God will keep His **promises** to save a **remnant** of the Jews and **restore** the fortunes of Israel when Jesus **returns**. [Ezekiel 37:15-28]
- IV. God promises that Christians will suffer **tribulation** in this world and encourages us to remain **faithful**, even unto **death**.
- V. God will **reward** faithful **stewards** with imperishable **crowns** in the kingdom.
- vi. Those who are **born once** will **die twice** and those who are **born twice** will only **die once**!

Personal Application

- ➔ Have you been born again? Are you secure in Christ?
- ➔ Continue to prepare for increased persecution and coming tribulation in this hostile culture
- ➔ Pray faithfully for the persecuted church



Small Group Listening Guide — February 21, 2021

Read Revelation 2:8-11 Out Loud

1. Why was it essential for God the Son to be born as a man?
2. Why is always essential for us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus — His death and resurrection?
3. What were the “Jews” doing to the believers in Smyrna and why were they called a synagogue of Satan?
4. Who are the “Jews” according to the Bible and why is it important to understand God’s covenant promises to Israel?
5. Why should followers of Jesus expect persecution, and what is the Lord’s encouragement to us through it?
6. What is the crown of life and who receives it?
7. How relevant is this letter to the persecuted church today?
8. What is the only way to avoid the second death?