

God's Design in the Greek Scriptures: Revelation

The Call To Fearless Faith — Smyrna

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The phrase "the first and last" is a title in our Hebrew Scriptures for our eternal God Himself (Isa41.4; 44.6; 48.12).

3. Commendation, 2.9

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Remember, behind anything Satan can bring against the believer, God stands working His greater glory through our faith in Him, Jam1.2-3; 1Pet1.6-7; Rom8.28!

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Smyrna

The city was surrounded by sturdy walls, and on the Pagos ("the Hill") above the city were stately public buildings that, because of their orderly arrangement, were called "the crown of Smyrna." "The Street of Gold" curved around the sloping hill from east to west and had a temple to Cybele at one end and a temple of Zeus at the other. Because of its length and fine buildings along the way, including a temple to Apollo, Asklepios, and Aphrodite, the street was compared to a necklace of jewels around the neck of a statue. To some this was the ideal city on earth.

Robert L. Thomas, "Revelation," (Chicago IL: Moody Press, 1992) p.159.