

#782 Constantine the Great and Woodrow Wilson, II – The Council of Laodicea, part 9, Revelation 2:9 and Smyrna; Revelation 3:9 and Philadelphia: Those who say they are Jews and are not

Smyrna and Philadelphia. The letters to the *seven churches* – Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea – in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 contain *criticism* for all of the churches except the churches in **Smyrna** and **Philadelphia**.

Key Understanding: In addition, the letters to **Smyrna** and **Philadelphia** share the same theme of “*them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan,*” in **Revelation 2:9 and 3:9**, respectively.

Smyrna. The letter to the church in **Smyrna**, with its contents including “*them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan*” (**Revelation 2:9**):

Revelation 2:8-11 (KJV) And unto the angel of the **CHURCH IN SMYRNA** write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I **KNOW THE BLASPHEMY OF THEM WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, BUT ARE THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN.**

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be

thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Philadelphia. The letter to the church in **Philadelphia**, with its contents including “*them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie*” (**Revelation 3:9**):

Revelation 3:7-13 (KJV) And to the angel of the **CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA** write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can



shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.



**9 Behold, I WILL MAKE THEM OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN,
WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, BUT DO LIE;**

*behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know
that I have loved thee.*

**10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee
from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try
them that dwell upon the earth.**

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

**12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more
out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is
new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my
new name.**

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

[Note: The numbers [29](#), or [2:9](#), or [209](#), as we have covered several times before (including in Unsealings [#159](#) [#160](#), [#238](#), [#244](#) [#246](#)), often point to a “double portion of the spirit,” a theme taken from 2 Kings 2:9. Here we see that in the letters to Smyrna and Philadelphia, each contains the matter of “*them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan,*” with the first of the two appearing in Revelation [2:9](#).]

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