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The word Smyrna used 3 other places in the NT, each time in "martyr": Matt 2: 11; Mark 15: 23; John 19: 39. It has been said, SMyrna received its name from that place at which it was victorious in commerce. The ports of Smyrna used to include the coast, placed in the lines for which it was the chief of suffering and martyrdom.

The only church, for which Jesus had only words of commendation, so might the city, very ancient and very great. 70 This day by for the largest city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000. They possessed an unbroken continuity of names and identity of persons from the first days of A.D. to the present time. Both the glory and wealth long ago left this harbor and this harbor. SMyrna remains unbroken & unad.

1. A great trade city, 35 miles to the north, 1. Glens. The harbor. The deep reef nearly back 30 miles. A magnificent harbor, all the more valuable because it could be totally enclosed in times of war. The road. Spread out to the sea, the road which runs to the Harms Vally.

2. An important political center. In all the Roman civil wars it had chosen the right side. The Roman consuls were at Smyrna. a free city. An assigned town (unlike those).

Consideration of its position. The most mysterious ground of all the cities, in Asia. Menonians called it "o paradisi" of the mythical earth. Claimed to be the first in beauty. "The first in Asia" Carica words; "with place of honor."

Looked with contempt upon the Jews. 70 SMyrna really among men "the first and the best," with God.

3. An outstandingly beautiful city.

Claimed to be "the glory of Asia" is 'dy d' red r's 'Aouds
Built between the blue water of the gulf and the mountains that rise
down to the sea, from the lowland, rising to its highest, beautiful
for situation.

From the dawn of city, a city then. In the early centuries the
Persian made conquest of it, made it one of the Persian Empire. From the
barbarians re-conquered it, for 300 years the place in the hands of these
tribes. They also the most excellent the idea of restoring it as a third
city - a model - and the plan was carried out by Antiochus the
Lysandrian, the great.

A model of all that town planing would be by Salt Lake City
The straight, massive streets were well paved, regularly spaced with
at right angles, saw from one end to the other. The most
famous, the 'Golden Streets' at the sea end stood by Temple &
Cypria, on the way along were seen Temple to Apollo, Acropolis
Apollonia; at the end of it, on the opposite to the Pagoda, stood the
Temple of Zeus.

Between a hill on the north-east and the Pagoda on the south-west
the road from Eliza entered the city of the glass front. Near by was
the gymnasium. Close to the acropolis was the stadium, and on the
north side of the Pagoda was the theatre seat 20,000 spectators.
One of the most famous monuments to be seen, built for the same body.

The life of persecution and martyrdom. Why? special Res?
 there are characteristics which made life for the V's a constant and intense pain.

1. I deduce, the multiplication of pain and persecution.
 The V's of the year lived in a situation in which, on any side the
 splendour of heaven would be necessary. what a contrast, then, that
 meeting place, and the joy of the types, there. / The V's were really
 to live this new just cult, year, place him in a position, receive
 right well. But refuse to place year in any position, along side of the
 just. The world of a period of peace, with peace and justice,
 spiritual features, necessity. The V's stand along, stand in part.

2. Causes necessary.

Someone asked why ever long the day with a soul unity in the fact
 to go back to 196 BC. Someone had been the first day in the world to create
 by the sea Rome, the goddess Roma. In 26 AD Augustus had driven
 into 6 other cities of Asia minor, and receive the right to wear a by the
 the goddess of the rising sun, and was it.
 Why was this such a threat to the V's? The answer lies in the reason
 the day back, it was, cause unity - how the unity day function

The goddess Roma, came to signify its vast empire. so many
 different states, cities, cities, nations, living in a then Rome world.
 why to unity it meant, it huge mass. Now, it meant religion, capital
 of unity and unity. But unity was: the spirit, Rome itself.
 [note to thoughts, the provinces created the Roman just. An impression from
 the bitterness of justice.] more than one big deliberately called by the day
 to the goddess Roma, on the day, Romans. The provincially ruled and
 to Rome, however, represented it.

Pay Roma.
 The one period, more flowed peaceful
 Roman roads free from the just
 that was free from taxation
 conduct business, possible for family. No
 no longer under capital, local dignity no
 right accountable to also not but into the world
 of about, important Roman too.

Not difficult to turn the spirit of Rome it a glory which was
 quality was really to unity. To bring the unity of the Rome
 goddess, Roma.

a requirement about the conception of the Roman spirit. But one
 person in whom the spirit of Rome was incarnate, the Emperor.
 on his it assumed a unity form, so Emperor would arise. The
 only Emperor stand for it, deprecates it. But year, but
 accepted, then much official. It Emperor spirit created a just.

His remedy at first a spontaneous voluntary affair, largely confined to the East. But in its continuation, the fiscal development toward the end, the 1st & 2d city in days, the Revolution - Boston, the final step taken: Cases which became compulsory. One a year the subject (Rome must own a parish, in case of the altar to the goddess of Liberty; being some do, quiet & independent to show the best performance of religious duty.

4.
5.

The being, the parish, in case of a trust, a more religious vocabulary, but, his political loyalty. Rome, a remedy to be had (the British agents). One a year made his sacrifice, and as subjects free to marry, as you please & show. Part of reform... administrative headed - disloyal, disaffected citizens. English too high: would not appear disloyal disaffected citizens, intended some action, would therefore, refuse to buy parish of revenues, heads to outlaws, traitors.

All the 1st had to do was his parish in its case, say "Cases in 2nd": remain independent, so much as he pleased. But this parish what the 1st would not do. No man "2nd" intervene alone. With uniform therefore without, liable to government as enemies of the state. His refusal to do 1st & disloyal citizen.

Surgeon the body center, and minister. Cases remedy. For a man to be a 1st regular was to take his life in his hands. In Surgeon about all places dangerous... In Surgeon the church a place for down.

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3. Hat of intolerant pagans, but the third was. present date to the 18th, the large joint population. Rev. 2:9
7. the year here to read, the day his son of punishment, the 18th. But here & other way around. 6 to 19:33; Rev 2:28, 29.
The early years stopped at night to assist the 1st church, again - again, in fact against the 1st; against the use of the authorities in the to kind about against the 1st. Such their bitterness against the 1st, would place cases for the pagans, just with their hands, if by no day would his church to the 1st.
In Surgeon the year, responsible for no, the most famous martyrs in body. a festival day, would give it suitable, in the will, they led to 1st, says 18th of 18.

6.

The death of Polycarp the saint, the punishment to come. He was at Surgeon, on the hillside, pagans when Polycarp was burned. His disciples, 150 years later, in the first day of 4th c. residence of signs with the blood of 2000 martyrs.

There were the 1st, Rev 2:101.

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We possess a request for and a specimen of such a certificate:
The request:

2 to those who have been
appointed to preside over the sacrifices:

From INARES AKEUS of the
village of THEOXENIS, together with
his children AIAS and HERA, we
reside in the village of THEADELPHIA.

We have always sacrificed to the
gods, and now, in your presence,
according to regulations, we have
sacrificed and offered libations, and
tasted the sacred things, and we
ask you to give us a certification
that we have done so.

May you fare well. "

The certificate itself runs:

"We, the representatives of the
Empire, SENEROS and HERMAS, have
seen you sacrificing."
They follow the act.

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