



REVELATION

Seven Letters to the People of the Way, pt. 2 / Rev 2:8-11

Call to the Word

Rev 2:8-11



"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not but *are* a synagogue of Satan.

Call to the Word - Rev 2:8-11

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."'

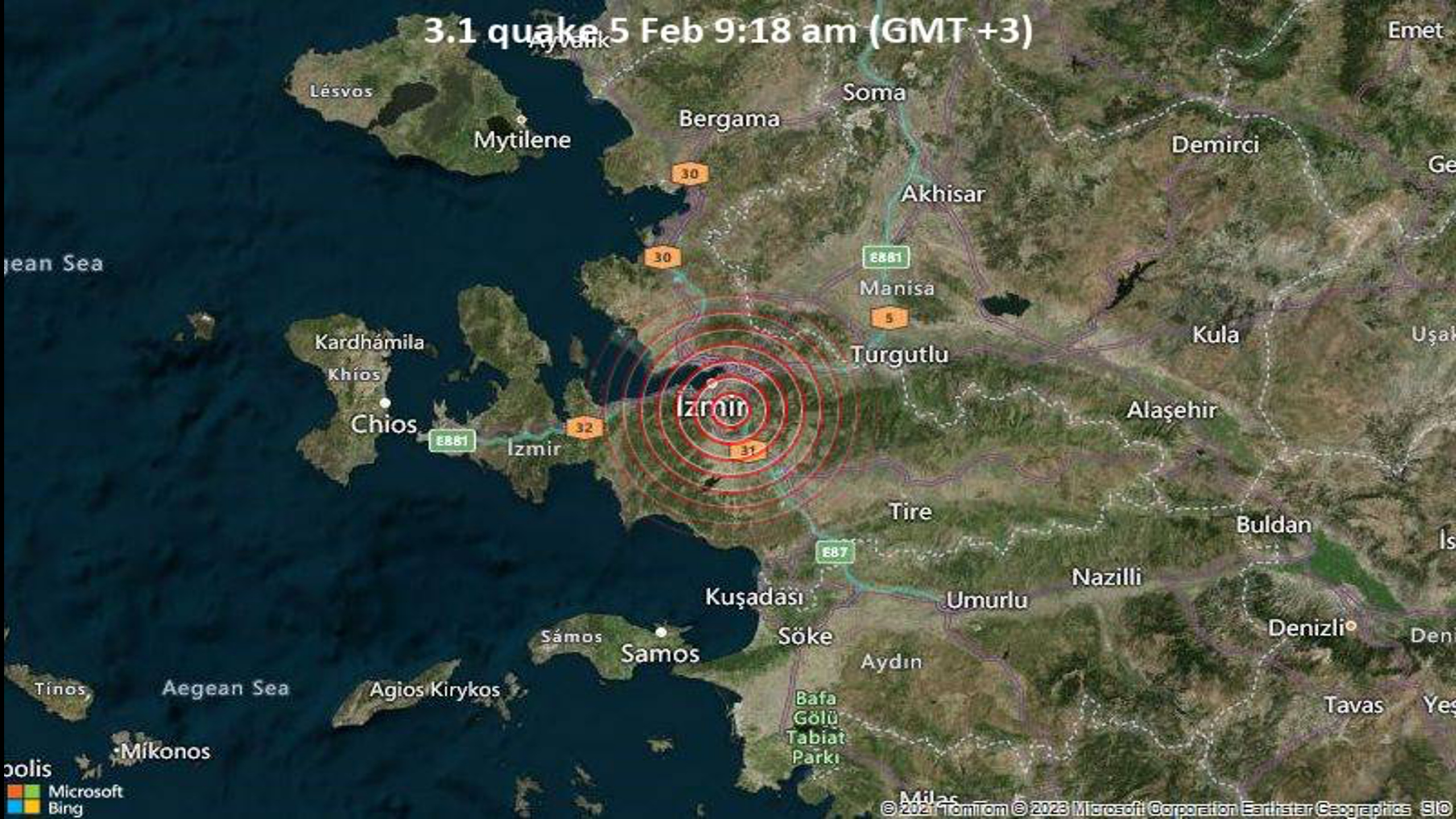
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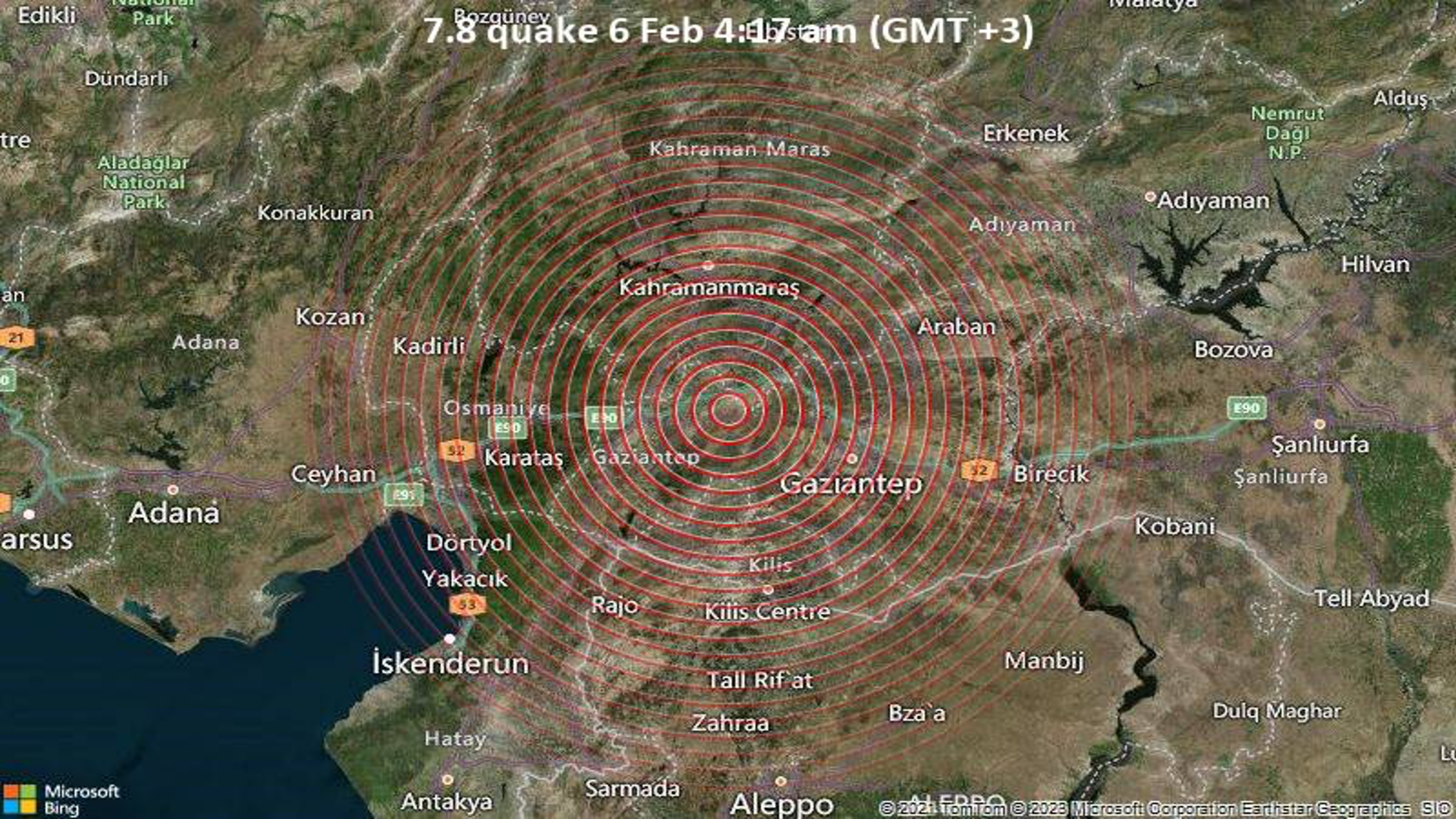
Introduction &
background



3.1 quake 5 Feb 9:18 am (GMT +3)



7.8 quake 6 Feb 4:17 am (GMT +3)





28,000 – 33,000
Fatalities

Miracles





Pastor Hakan and Pola

Introduction to Smyrna

Rev 2:8



Smyrna – myrrh

- Matt 2

- Mark 15

- John 19

“So, like a wounded child, ... fleeing to a loving parent, so the crushed Christians at Smyrna fled for refuge to their Lord.”

2Co 2:15-16

Introduction to Smyrna / Rev 2:8



“The winds blow through every part of Smyrna and make it as fresh as a grove of trees...” (Aristides)

Introduction to Jesus

Rev 2:8



Aggelos: messenger

“First and the last, who was dead, and has come to life...”

Rev 1:17; Isa 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev 22:13; Heb 7:15-16

Introduction to Jesus / Rev 2:8

*The Pharisees couldn't stand Him
but they found out they couldn't stop Him
Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him
The witnesses couldn't get their testimonies to agree
And Herod couldn't kill Him
Death couldn't handle Him
And the grave couldn't hold Him
That's My King!*

(E.M. Lockridge)

• *No Christian has the right to go around wringing his hands, wondering what we are to do in the face of persecution, confusion, wars, and rumors of wars, we are to comfort one another with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is coming back in triumph, glory, and majesty.*

(Graham)

Luke 6:20-21

Gelao': to laugh as a sign of joy, merriment & satisfaction

Laughter is God's gift to humanity, a gift that will be raised to new levels after our bodily resurrection.

Introduction to Jesus / Rev 2:8

“And there was greeting and kissing and handshaking and old jokes revived (you’ve no idea how good an old joke sounds after you take it out again after a rest of five or six hundred years).”

The Last Battle

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“Joy is the serious business of heaven.”

C.S. Lewis

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