THERE WILL BE NO DEATH:

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[ὁτι] τὰ πρώτα ἀτῆλθαν. (Rev 21:4b)

Αὕτη ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡ πρώτη.
μακάριος καὶ ἅγιος ὁ ἐχὼν μέρος ἐν τῇ ἀναστάσει τῇ πρώτῃ,
ἐπὶ τούτων ὁ δεύτερος θάνατος οὐκ ἔχει ἐξουσίαν. (Rev 20:5b-6ab)
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2 Cl      -  2 Clement
1 En      -  1 Enoch
2 En      -  2 Enoch
3 En      -  3 Enoch
2 Esdr    -  2 Esdras
4 Ezra    -  4 Ezra
4 Kgdms   -  4 Kingdoms
1 Macc    -  1 Maccabees
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Apoc Abr  -  Apocalypse of Abraham
Apoc Eli  -  Apocalypse of Elijah
Apoc Ezra -  Apocalypse of Ezra
Apoc Pet  -  Apocalypse of Peter
Apoc Zeph -  Apocalypse of Zephaniah
AscIsa    -  Ascension of Isaiah
Bar       -  The epistle of Barnabas
Did       -  Didache
Gos Pet   -  Gospel of Peter
Ign Eph   -  Ignatius: Letter to the Ephesians
Jub       -  The Book of Jubilees
Just Dial -  Justin – Dialogue with Trypho
Mart Pol  -  Martyrdom of Polycarp
OdesSol   -  Odes of Solomon
Ps Sol    -  Psalms of Solomon
Sir       -  The Wisdom of Jesus ben Sirach
Test A    -  Testament of Asher
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