

SEVEN

CHURCHES IN REVELATION

Revealing Jesus

Revelation 3:7-13



Revelation 3

7 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 'Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you.



Revelation 3

10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. 11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown. 12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. 13 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- ① Ephesus
- ② Smyrna
- ③ Pergamos
- ④ Thyatira
- ⑤ Sardis
- ⑥ Philadelphia
- ⑦ Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



Everyone “loves”...

- Philadelphia –
- Had a serious earthquake in 17 A.D.
 - Had a name issue – Neo-caesarea due to Tiberius’s help
 - Jews who were “the only true ones”
 - Bacchus (Dionysus) was chief deity... alcohol and drugs!
- The city was filled with contrasts:
 - Choices made all the difference...
 - And loyalty could cost you!

Who am I to you?

- Holy, True, Key and Door – Jesus is:
 - The fullness of the God-head personified for them (and us!)
 - Jesus is our only truth, still...
 - **Key of David** – Isaiah 22:22
 - Open and Shut – no one has ANY power
- This is a Savior worth listening to!

Jesus KNOWS

- The deeds here were encouraging!
 - “I know... I have put before you an open door...” (8)
 - Little power – God knows your limits and responds!
 - Kept my word (*logos*)
 - Not denied my Name – many are!
- “I will cause...” JESUS IN CONTROL!!!
 - Synagogue of Satan.. Bow at your feet!
 - “KNOW I HAVE LOVED YOU!”

PROMISES!

- Keep your from the hour of testing...
 - More than just go AD, all the Earth...
- HOLD FAST
 - The focus is on the FAITH and RELATIONSHIP with Jesus
 - TRUST HIM while you endure the attacks
 - LOOK for the open doors!
- PILLAR – not bad in earthquakes! (Revelation 16:18,19)

OVERCOMERS

- The NAME of God, His City, MY NEW NAME!
 - This is the only thing that will count in the end!
 - What NAME are you known by?
- HOLD FAST!
 - I am coming quickly...

