

Revelation 3:7-13

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I. City

- Lies at the valley of a mountainous plateau in West Central Turkey.
- Founded by Kings of Pergamum as an outpost in 2 BC.
- Located on important travel route between Pergamum in north and Laodicea in south.

I. City

- Gateway to the east; a prosperous and financial city.
- Destroyed by a major earthquake and rebuilt by Emperor Tiberius.
- Occult practices : Altars to Zeus, Hestia.
- Large Jewish population.

II. Church

- Faithful Church; The Church with the Open Door.
- The Persevering Church.
- Mistreated yet Missions-minded.
- Philadelphia means "**brotherly love**".
- Currently known as "**Allah-Shear**" the city of God.

III. Christ Jesus

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1. Christ is He who is **holy** and **true**.

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1 Peter 1:15-16

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct, 16** because it is written, "**Be holy, for I am holy.**"



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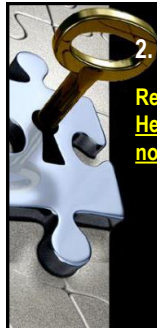
John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and **truth**.


John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.



2. Christ is He who holds the **Key of David**.


Revelation 3:7b ... **He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens**"






2. Christ is He who holds the **Key of David**.

Isaiah 22:22 The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; so he shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one shall open.



2. Christ is He who holds the **Key of David**.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you **bind** on earth will be **bound** in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be **loosed** in heaven."



2. Christ is He who holds the **Key of David**.

Revelation 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the **keys of Hades and of Death**.

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Four Commendations

1. The church in Philadelphia had a **little strength**.

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1. The church in Philadelphia had a **little strength**.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my **infirmities**, that the **power of Christ may rest upon me**.

2. The church in Philadelphia kept the **Word of God**.

Revelation 3:8 I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have **kept My word**, and have not denied My name.

2. The church in Philadelphia kept the **Word of God**.

Matthew 7:24-25

24 "Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does** them, I will liken him to a **wise** man who built his **house on the rock**: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did **not fall**, for it was **founded on the rock**.

3. The church in Philadelphia did not deny **His name**.

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Revelation 3:5c ... I will **confess his name before My Father and before His angels**.

3. The church in Philadelphia did not deny **His name**.

Psalm 16:4a .. those who barter for another god / idol - their sorrows will multiply.

4. The church in Philadelphia kept God's Command to **persevere**.

Revelation 3:10 Because you have **kept My command to persevere**, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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Revelation 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! **Hold fast what you have**, that no one may take your crown.

Revelation 3:3 - Sardis Remember therefore **how you have received and heard; hold fast** ...

4. The church in Philadelphia kept God's Command to **persevere**.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been **approved**, he will receive the **crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

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Romans 5:3-5

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces **perseverance**; 4 and **perseverance**, character; and character, hope. 5 Now **hope does not disappoint**, because the **love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.

V. Complaint

None

VI. Counsel

Hold fast what you have.

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- (A) Scriptures and Relationship with the Holy Spirit
- (B) The 3 Spiritual Weapons

Hold fast what you have.

2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we **do not lose those things we worked for**, but **that we may receive a full reward**.

HOW?

1. **Discipline** all aspects of our life to finish well.

1 Corinthians 9:24, 26-27

24 ... Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. **27** **But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection**, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

2. Daily die to our **sinful nature**.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and **the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

3. Deal with the **baggage** in our lives.

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4. Focus on the **Lord Jesus** to perfect our faith.

Hebrews 12:2 **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

VII. Crown - Promises of God

1. God will keep them from the **hour of trial** that will come on the whole world.



Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial** which shall come upon the whole **world**, to test those who dwell on the earth.

1. God will keep them from the **hour of trial** that will come on the whole world.



1 Thessalonians 5:9 For **God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

2. God will cause their enemies to **honour** them.



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Deuteronomy 28:9-10

2. God will cause their enemies to **honour** them.



Revelation 2:9b - Smyrna
... I know the blasphemy of those who **say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.**

3. God will cause their enemies to **know** they are precious to God.



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4. God will make him a **pillar** in the temple of God to **dwell** with God **forever**.



Revelation 3:12 He who overcomes, **I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more.** I will write on 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 I will write on him My new name.

5. God will write on him the **name of Father-God**.



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6. God will write on Him the **name of the City of Father-God**.



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7. God will write on him the **new name of Christ Jesus**.



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Bottom-Line

**Philadelphia,
the Faithful Persevering Church**

Revelation 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and **those who are with Him** are **called, chosen,** and **faithful.**"