

# Thy Kingdom Come - The Book of Revelation

The Church at Philadelphia – Revelation 3:7-13

## *A Tale of Two Brothers – v. 7a*

*<sup>7</sup> And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write;*

Philadelphia was named in honor of Attalus II (220-138 bc) and means “city of him who loves his \_\_\_\_\_ **brother** \_\_\_\_\_.”

The city was founded as a “\_\_\_\_\_ **outpost** \_\_\_\_\_ promoting Hellenism.

Hellenism is the promotion of Greek language, literature, \_\_\_\_\_ **religion** \_\_\_\_\_, and way of life.

Philadelphia had the name and reputation as the “\_\_\_\_\_ **doorway** \_\_\_\_\_ to the east.”

## *A Tale of a Church – v. 7b*

*These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;*

It was the door keeper’s responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ **limit** \_\_\_\_\_ access to the city.

The Lord’s qualifications as Door Keeper.

1) He is \_\_\_\_\_ **holy** \_\_\_\_\_ so that He can be trusted.

2) He is “true” – the word speaks of the \_\_\_\_\_ **character** \_\_\_\_\_ of a person as being genuine and not an \_\_\_\_\_ **imitation** \_\_\_\_\_ or fake.

3) He has the “key of David” meaning He has the \_\_\_\_\_ **authority** \_\_\_\_\_ and power to use the key.

The Lord declares that He is the true, genuine God and Messiah. Who, as David’s \_\_\_\_\_ **descendent** \_\_\_\_\_, holds the keys to life with Him in the future city of the \_\_\_\_\_ **New** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jerusalem** \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord’s Encouragements for all of us:

1) No one or power can \_\_\_\_\_ **close** \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

2) Our strength is in \_\_\_\_\_ **Him** \_\_\_\_\_, not ourselves.

3) The day of our \_\_\_\_\_ **vindication** \_\_\_\_\_ is coming.

4) He will \_\_\_\_\_ **protect** \_\_\_\_\_ His Bride from the worst time of history upon this earth, the Tribulation.

## *A Tale of Protection– vv. 8 - 10*

*<sup>8</sup> I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. <sup>9</sup> Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, [an act of a defeated foe] and to know that I have loved thee.*

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

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Part 2

## *The Context of this Letter – v. 10-12*

- 1) \_\_\_ **the Tribulation** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_ **the Rapture** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_ **judgment seat of Christ** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_ **citizens of God's kingdom** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_ **eternity with God** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_ **New Jerusalem** \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) \_\_\_ **Jesus Christ's Bride** \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Hour of Temptation** – v. 10

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

A promise \_\_\_ **because** \_\_\_\_\_ they were trusting His word and guarding their behavior based upon it.

Promise is protection from an \_\_\_ **unprecedented** \_\_\_ “temptation coming upon the entire world.

Trials are to reveal the true \_\_\_ **quality** \_\_\_\_\_ of a thing or person.

## *Two Reasons for the 7-year Tribulation*

1) To bring national Israel to a place of true and complete \_\_\_ **repentance** \_\_\_ for the sins of the nation and to \_\_\_ **restore** \_\_\_\_\_ their place as God's people.

2) To pour God's wrath upon all who have \_\_\_ **rejected** \_\_\_\_\_ His Son and His gift of eternal life, as seen by their \_\_\_ **treatment** \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel and true believers.

*<sup>11</sup> Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

Our salvation, spiritual \_\_\_ **stability** \_\_\_\_\_, and security enables us to be recognized as “pillars” in God's “temple.”

*<sup>12</sup> Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

*To have...*

“name of my God” is the \_\_\_\_\_ **declaration** \_\_\_\_\_ of belonging to God permanently.

“name of the city” means the \_\_\_ **right** \_\_\_\_\_ of citizenship in the New Jerusalem.

“Christ's name” recognizes that we will then be His Bride \_\_\_\_\_ **servicing** \_\_\_\_\_ Him eternally.