

## CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE – SEVEN LETTERS TO SEVEN CHURCHES

### THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA – REVELATION 3:7-13 – PART ONE

The passage here in Revelation 3:7-13 is the \_\_\_\_\_ of seven letters written to the key churches of Asia Minor. This particular epistle is to the church of Philadelphia (signified by their appearance before God in heaven – *the angel*). Its scriptural value is threefold:

- 1) Historical – Written to the actual church in Philadelphia around 91-96 AD...
- 2) Doctrinal – Details the events and circumstances taking place during the church age around 1500 AD thru 1900 AD... (Including those living during the tribulation period as clearly seen in verse 10)
- 3) Devotional – Contains commendations and promises that can apply to churches at \_\_\_\_\_ times throughout history...

The name Philadelphia means: \_\_\_\_\_

#### The commendation – Revelation 3:8

- They are \_\_\_\_\_ working – *“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee and open door, and no man can shut it:”*
  - This is the church of the \_\_\_\_\_ – Col. 4:3; 1 Co. 16:9; 2 Co. 2:12; also see verse 7
  
- They have a little \_\_\_\_\_ – *“for thou hast a little strength,”*
  - Isaiah 40:29-31; 41:10; 45:24; John 15:4-7; 2 Co. 3:4-5; 2 Co. 12:9-10; Eph. 3:16; 6:10; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:11
  
- They have \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ – *“and hast kept my word,”*
  
- They have not \_\_\_\_\_ Christ’s name – *“and hast not denied my name.”*

## The promises – Revelation 3:9-13

- God's refuge – God himself will \_\_\_\_\_ their adversaries and personally testify to them that he \_\_\_\_\_ the church in Philadelphia – *“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, and to know that I have loved thee.”*
  
- God's rescue – God will keep them from the hour of \_\_\_\_\_ – *“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. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*
  
- God's resolve – Jesus Christ has eternal plans for \_\_\_\_\_ the saints – *“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. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*

## **NEXT WEEK: THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA – REVELATION 3:7-13 – PART TWO**

Historical – 91 AD – 96 AD

Doctrinal – Church History from 1500 AD – 1900 AD

Devotional – Can we be a Philadelphian church living in a Laodicean time?