



THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Place in the Book of Revelation

- I.** What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II.** What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
 - A.** Ephesus (2:1–7)
 - B.** Smyrna (2:8–11)
 - C.** Pergamum (2:12–17)
 - D.** Thyatira (2:18–29)
 - E.** Sardis (3:1–6)



F. Philadelphia (3:7–13)

- Pergamenian king founded the city.
- Intent: consolidate, regulate, and educate.
- Main trade and communications route east.
- Sat on the edge of the Katakekaumene.
- Great earthquakes in A.D. 17 and A.D. 60.
- Tiberius sent aid to rebuild Philadelphia.
- New name: Neocaesarea and Flavia.
- Cogamis River valley—vineyards.
- Modern city of Alasehir.











Revelation 3:7–13

- 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.

Revelation 3:7–13

- 9 ‘Behold, I will cause *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and *make them* know that I have loved you.
- 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 on the earth.

Revelation 3:7–13

- 11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will 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 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 My new name.

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13 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

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1. Characterization of Christ (v. 7)

- He is holy and true.**
- Possessing Messianic authority, He has the key of David—He alone controls entrance into the Messianic kingdom.**

Isaiah 22:20–22

**20 Then it will come about in that day,
That I will summon My servant Eliakim the
son of Hilkiah,**

**21 And I will clothe him with your tunic
And tie your sash securely about him.
I will entrust him with your authority,
And he will become a father to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the
house of Judah.**

Isaiah 22:20–22

**22 Then I will set the key of the house of
David on his shoulder,
When he opens no one will shut,
When he shuts no one will open.**

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2. Commendation from Christ (v. 8)

- He commends the church at Philadelphia for obeying His word even though they had a little strength.**
- He commends the church at Philadelphia for not denying His name.**

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3. Complaint by Christ

- He has no complaint against the church at Philadelphia (cp. Smyrna).**

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4. Counsel from Christ (v. 11a)

- He counsels the church at Philadelphia to hold fast to the truth and their faith.**

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5. Caution by Christ (v. 11b)

- He warns the church at Philadelphia to hold fast to what they have lest some take their reward.**

Question for Discussion

How does _____
hold fast to what we have?

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6. Commitment of Christ (vv. 9–10, 12)

- He will force the Jewish opposition to render homage to the church at Philadelphia.**
- He will cause the unbelievers to recognize that He loves the church at Philadelphia.**
- He will preserve them from the time of a great worldwide tribulation.**
- He will give them a secure place in the kingdom.**
- He will write on them three names.**

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7. Practical Implications

- A church must rely on the power of Christ to rein in and force the submission of Satan's people and program.**
- A church must trust the word of Christ to overcome discouragement and trials.**
- A church must maintain its hope for the soon return of Christ.**

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- He is holy and true.
- He has authority over the Davidic kingdom.
- He knows His church's works.
- He knows His church's spiritual condition and faithfulness.
- He has authority over Satan's kingdom.
- He loves His church.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- He will preserve His church from the coming great tribulation.
- He rewards the faithful.
- He has a new name.