



A Study of Revelation

The Seven Churches of Asia: Revelation 1-3

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The message to the church at Philadelphia: Revelation 3:7-13

1. What Philadelphia was like (ISBE):

- a. A city on the Cogamus River, 105 miles from Smyrna. It stood upon a terrace 650 ft. above the sea. Behind it are volcanic cliffs.
- b. Founded after 189 BC on one of the highways which led to the interior. Its name was given to it in honor of Attalus II, because of his loyalty to his elder brother, Eumenes II, king of Lydia.
 - i. Another name which it bore during the 1st century. AD was Neokaisaria; it appears upon the coins struck during that period.
 - ii. It was called Flavia.
 - iii. Its modern name, Ala-shehir.
 - iv. In addition to all of these names it sometimes bore the title of "Little Athens" because of the magnificence of the temples and other public buildings which adorned it.
- c. Philadelphia quickly became an important and wealthy trade center.
- d. During the reign of Tiberius it was destroyed by an earthquake, yet it was quickly rebuilt.
- e. Ala-shehir is still a town with a Christian heritage. The ruins of the castle and the walls may still be seen, and among them is pointed out the foundation of the early church (meeting house). The place may now best be reached by rail from Smyrna."

2. There are no other biblical references to Philadelphia outside of Revelation.

3. Revelation 3:7-13

a. How is Jesus described in the message to this church?

- i. He who is _____.
- ii. He who is _____.
- iii. He who has _____.
- iv. He who _____ and no one _____.
- v. He who _____ and no one _____.

b. Jesus knew some things about the church in Philadelphia:

- i. Their _____.
- ii. That Jesus had set before them an _____ door and no one could _____ it.
- iii. They had a little _____.
- iv. They had _____ His word.
- v. They had not denied His _____.

c. A condemnation is declared concerning those who were of the synagogue of Satan:

- i. They say they are _____, but are not. They _____.
- ii. They would be made to come and _____ before the feet of _____.
- iii. They would know that Jesus _____ this church.

d. What blessing would be given to the church at Philadelphia because of their perseverance? _____

e. Jesus says, "Behold, I come _____".

f. Why was it so important that they hold fast? _____

g. What were they to hold fast to? _____

h. Those who overcome:

- i. They would be made a _____ in the temple of God.
- ii. They would go out _____ more.
- iii. They would have three things written on them:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____

i. Who is to hear this message? _____