

# *A Study of the End Times!*

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*



# **Our Journey Through the Book of Revelation!**

**The Text:**

***Revelation 3:7-13!***

**The Title:**

***Our Lord's Message to the Church: Then & Now!***

**The Theme:**

***Revealing of the Things  
Which Must Shortly Come to Pass!***

# **The Outline of the Book Revelation 1:19!**

## **CHAPTER ONE**

**Write the things which were!**

## **CHAPTERS TWO and THREE**

**Write the things which are!**

## **CHAPTERS FOUR through TWENTY-TWO**

**Write the things which shall soon take place!**

The Three Great Judgments of God upon the Earth!

# The Seal Judgments!

One Fourth of Mankind Destroyed



The Three Great Judgments of God upon the Earth!

# The Trumpet Judgments!

One Third of Mankind Destroyed



The Three Great Judgments of God upon the Earth!

## The Bowl Judgments!

Unless Those Day Had Been Cut Short  
No Life Would Have Been Saved



# The Map of the Seven Churches!



# The Church at Ephesus: The Lacking Church!

Ephesus was one of the largest cities in the Roman world. It possessed one of the world's great seven wonders – the Temple of Artemis. It was considered to be at the cross roads of the world or the place where east and west meet. Because of its prosperity and worldly influence upon the church, the church had lost its love for Christ. (I John 2:15-17) Here Christ is found walking among the seven golden lamp stands.



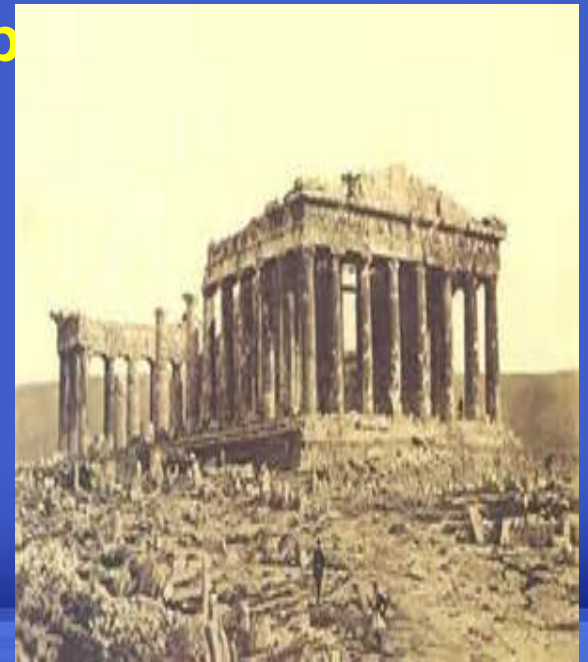


# The Church at Smyrna: The Loyal Church!

Smyrna was once one of the world's greatest cities and the world's great war ships dominated its harbor before the city

was destroyed during the Hellenistic Wars. At the time of John's letter, Roman had decided to rebuild the Naval base there to protect merchant ships from pirates.

In gratitude, the city fathers built a temple to honor emperor Domitian. When Christians refused to worship him, they were put to death. In this letter Christ is the One who gives



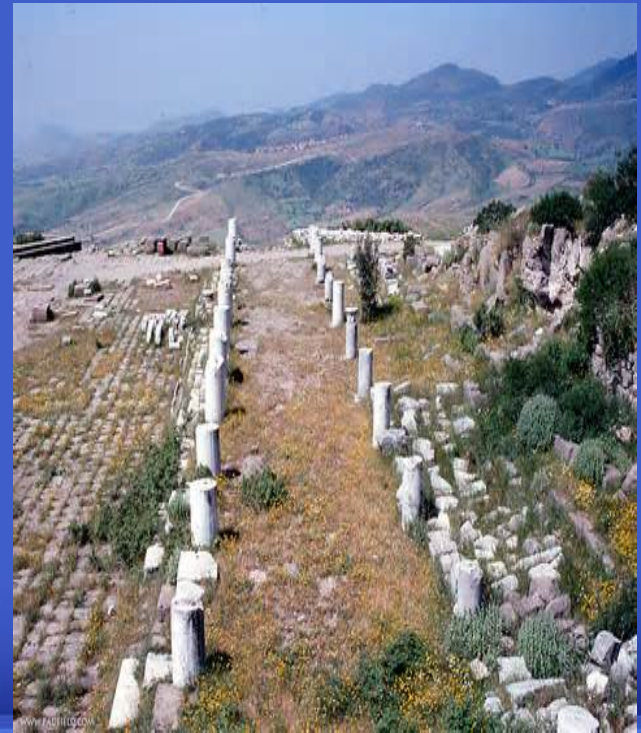
# The Church at Pergamum: The Licentious Church!

Pergamum was the capital of Asia Minor. It was built on a mountain top some 1000 feet above the valley below. It too possessed one of the world's great seven wonders – the Temple of Zeus. This city was known as a center for higher learning and hosted one of the world's great medical centers. The city attracted the world's rich and famous, and the church was soon influenced by its knowledge. Here Christ carries a sharp two edged sword.



# The Church at Thyatira: The Lax Church!

Thyatira was located in a small out of the way place, off the beaten path, in the middle of no where. Its claim to fame was the hard work and honesty of its citizens. Because bargains were found there (pottery, trinkets, purple cloth), tours were booked daily from surrounding cities. Because making a decent living was difficult, the Christian men soon began to take a secondary role in the leadership of the home and in the church. And the women soon assumed the spiritual role of leadership (I Cor. 11 / I Tim.2:12). Here Christ is found with eyes like fire and feet like burning bronze.



# The Church at Sardis: The Lifeless Church!

Sardis was once considered to be one of the greatest cities in the world. At that time it was the capital of the fabulously wealthy kingdom of Lydian. The most famous king to rule Lydia was King Croesus who was known as the wealthiest man alive. The Pactolus River was the city's source of wealth (gold), and because of the steep cliffs that jetted straight upward some 1500 feet on three sides, and the smoothness of the rocks, the city was considered to be impregnable. The great wealth of the city soon influenced the church and its lust for riches (security) overtook its love for Christ.





# Today's Sermon Outline

## The Church at Philadelphia!



1. (3:7a) The ASSEMBLY is in Philadelphia.
2. (3:7b) The AUTHOR is the Lord.
3. (3:8) The APPROVAL is for their faithfulness.
4. (3:9-10) The ACCOUNTING is for their perseverance.
5. (3:11) The APPEAL is to “Hold Fast!”
6. (3:12-13) The ACTION that is expected.

# Lessons Learned from Today's Text

## **Great Opportunities Turn Our Attention Back To God!**

Open doors are great!

But the tremendous responsibilities they often present remind us of our own inadequacy and our need for God's help. (Matthew 28:20)

# Lessons Learned from Today's Text

## **Great Opportunities Take The Sting Out Of Affliction!**

Open doors allow the flies to come in!

Opposition is often viewed by us as a great enemy of the believer. But as long as we focus on Christ (as our Protector and Sustainer) we will be able to face and overcome the struggles that will surely come our way.  
(II Timothy 1:12)

# Lessons Learned from Today's Text

## **Great Opportunities Teach Others About Christ's Love!**

Open doors allow us to become living testimonies of God's love for sinners!

They give us daily opportunities to proclaim the Gospel message of God's love for us. Remember the only difference between a saved sinner and a lost sinner is faith in Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)



# Lessons Learned from Today's Text

## Great Opportunities Are To Be Taken Advantage Of!

Open doors are God given opportunities to share Christ with our unsaved family and friends.

In the third section of the book of Revelation (coming soon), we are given tremendous insight into the gory details of what will happen when God's wrath is poured out on the unsaved world. Remember verse 10. John pointed out that only those who have placed their faith in Christ will escape this coming time of wrath. (John 3:16)

# The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ!

