

WE HAVE AN OPEN DOOR
Revelation 3:7-13
The Church at Philadelphia

About 25 miles east of Sardis is a beautiful valley. It is a great trade route. Philadelphia was a very fertile agricultural area. Also a violent area for volcanos – even today. The city name means city of brotherly love. Today the name is *Allah Shebu, the city of God*.

What is interesting about that name according to vs. 12?

Philadelphia was originally created to spread the influence of the Hellenistic culture: the Greek language and culture.

There are four observations in this passage:

1. The Power of God is behind this message (vs. 7-8) and describes God's

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What is the key of David symbol of? (Turn to Isaiah 22:20-25)

Remember the Jews lost the key of David. So who had the keys of David? Jesus said, "I have the keys to the Kingdom of heaven" and He tells the church at Philadelphia, "I have the key of David. I open the door and no one can shut it. I don't care who your enemies are, who have been persecuting you, who have been hostile to you. Don't give up. Don't quit. I have the key of David. The door of salvation is open. There is no way anyone can close it. I'll close it and I'll let you know when I close it." The key of David; the throne of David; The promise to David, was a sign.

The prophet Isaiah told the Jews what it was, but they didn't listen.

"Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call His name Immanuel – God with us."

Isaiah also said, "Unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given, and the government will rest upon His shoulders and His name shall be called:

What are the three reasons in verse 8 why God was opening the door to the Church of Philadelphia?

2. The Protection of Jesus Christ (vs. 8-9)

It is _____ we need.

What two things do we see about God's protection in verse 9 and 10?

_____.

What does He say about the synagogue of Satan?

They _____.

The y _____.

They will _____ down before believers.

They will know that I _____ you.

What is a Zionist?

Believes that Jews will _____ to their homeland.

Will bless and not curse _____.

God will display Israel as the _____ of His eye.

A remnant will come to _____ in Messiah.

According to vs. 10, what can you surmise about the tribulation?

3. The Purpose behind the message that all of us should heed (vs. 11)

We should all _____ the message.

What did Jesus say about "I will come quickly"?

Hold _____

Be _____

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4. Promises that Jesus gives to overcomers, who hold fast and are faithful

What does it mean when Christ says, "I promise to make you a pillar in the Temple of my God?"

We have a _____ place there. A _____ place.

An _____ place.

_____ is the Temple in Heaven.

What name will be written on those of us who overcome?

_____ own new name.

What does this mean?

God is our _____. We _____ to the Lord.