

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 3:7-13

“Letter to the Church at Philadelphia” *The Church That Was Faithful*

- I. Identification of the author (verse 7)
- II. Commendation (verses 8-11)
- III. Promise if they overcome (verses 12-13)

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Letters To Seven Churches of Asia (Revelation 2-3)

- Some were **good** (Smyrna, Philadelphia)
- Some were **good / bad** (Ephesus, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis)
- One was **bad** (Laodicea)

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Letters To Seven Churches of Asia (Revelation 2-3)



- Most of us would like to be in GOOD church (no condemnation)
- None of us would have anything to do with a BAD church (no commendation)
- Reality: may be in a church that is GOOD / BAD (Some commendation and some condemnation)

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The Church At Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13)

Get a letter – You’ve done great, so keep on!
You have promise and opportunity.

Dear
Philadelphia,
I know your
works.

A Church That
Was Faithful
“CHURCH WITH AN
OPEN DOOR”

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Revelation 3:7-13

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- 28 miles SE of Sardis
- Dates back 159 BC
- Named after King Attalus II Philadelphus, of Pergamum (159-138 BC). Named the city out of affection for his brother Ecumenus II
- “Missionary” city – for the purpose of spreading Greek culture and language.

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- Youngest of the 7 cities. Famous for wines – the city's coins displayed an image of the “god of wine.”
- Near the greatest highway in the world – the highway from Europe to the Eastern gateway.
- Most favorable for commercial and strategically purposes
- Center of much heathen worship
- Many temples to heathen gods – “Little Athens”



Albert Barnes notes, “The country, as viewed from these hills, is extremely magnificent – gardens and vineyards lying at the back and sides of the town, and before it one of the most beautiful and extensive plains of Asia.”

Barnes, Albert, *Barnes on the New Testament*, “Revelation” Volume 11, Page 92.