

The Letters...

To Seven Churches

The Letters to Seven Churches in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey)

Revelation 2-3

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna
3. Pergamum
4. Thyatira
5. Sardis
6. Philadelphia
7. Laodicea



About Philadelphia:

- * **Gateway to the east – a border city**
- * **Named after Attalus II Philadelphus**, a king of Pergamum who was known for his loyalty to his brother Eumenes II.
- * *Philadelphia* (Φιλαδέλφεια) means brotherly (sisterly) love



* In 17 AD, due to an earthquake, the city was rebuilt by Tiberius

- New name “Neo-Caesarea” for a while, out of gratitude
- Old name restored during the reign of Nero (50-70 AD)



Our Daily Bread Ministries - Thyatira &
Philadelphia: The 7 Churches of Revelation
www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUsm9dZPrcY&t=11s

Revelation 3:7

To the angel (or Messenger) of the church in Philadelphia

**From: the Holy One, the True One,
Who has the key of David, who opens and no one
will shut, who shuts and no one opens:**

I know your works.

**Look, I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut.**

*** You have but little power, and yet
you have kept my word
and have not denied my name.**

Revelation 3:8

Revelation 3:9

I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

What does Jesus ask of them? (v.11)

**I am coming soon;
hold fast to what you have,
so that no one may seize your crown.**

If you conquer, (v.12)

**1. I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God;
you will never go out of it.**

**2. I will write on you the name of my God,
and the name of the city of my God,
the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God
out of heaven, and my own new name.**

**Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the
Spirit is saying to the churches.**

Revelation 3:13

**Keep His word and
Acknowledge the name of Jesus**

**Jesus is coming soon;
Hold fast to what you have,
so that no one may seize your crown. (v. 8, v.11)**