

Revelation Week 10 SG

Rev. 3:7-13

City History

-Started around _____ BC by colonist from Pergumum.

- City was named Philadelphia meaning _____
Gk-Philo- love of a brother

- It was a _____ city for Greek _____

- Located on the plain of Katakekaumene which meant _____. Making it a fertile place for crops, including it main cash crop _____. Which produced another top export _____

- It was situated on a main Imperial _____ road way, making it a great place for the message of Greece, Rome, and even Christianity to be spread from.

- In 17 AD it suffered a massive _____, which destroyed many other surrounding cities. It had _____ for the next 4 yrs following. People at first were courageous but as time went on more and more people would run out to open places for safety after the initial devastation.

- It was _____ 2 times

The Church

3 titles of the church

1) Holy- It was a church set apart from other churches and the world

2) _____ - the Greek word (alēthinos) used here means real as opposed to unreal church.

3) _____ -- 1) key represented authority also seen in Rev. 20:1

2) Isa. 22:20-23 Eliakim power to firmly establish honor to God. This Church is a firm presence of Christ honor and glory in this place among all the churches.

*It also says a open door was placed in front of them. (door could represent)

- 1. The door of the mission field in front of it. Because it was such a influential place the mission of Christ was spreading quickly there, so this door would always be open to them

- 2. Christ is the door- the example of this church is how you enter into the kingdom of Christ through obedience to him

-3. Prayer- an always open door to communication with God that cannot

What they faced

The synagogue of Satan- this was a group of gentiles that acted like Judizers who simply sought to destroy the Church and the Christian. That's why it says those who call themselves Jews. They were spreading false messages.

Promises to faithful

- **V 10**- time of testing refers to _____, who brought about persecution that touched all of the churches mentioned except Philadelphia

1. - _____ - this was symbol of honor. Priest would have a pillar created in honor of them and placed in the temples.
2. _____ like the earthquake people ran out to the open. He is saying you no longer will have to fear.
3. **Name of** _____ -1) priest name on pillar, 2) slaves marked
4. **Name of** _____ - part of the new Kingdom of God
5. **Name of** _____ - the name that would remain on them as the city had different names but still remained.

Week 11 Church of Laodicea SG

Rev. 3:14-22

Historical

*This city sat on the main crossroads of many great cities that we have already spoken about. The main road that ran through it though connected the east (Ephesus) to the west (Syria).

- This was not a well _____ city it could easily be attacked and sieged because its water supply was on an aqueduct in to the city under ground for about 6 miles. Cut off the water flow and the siege ended quickly
- One historian said that the only thing this city needed to become a major commercial city was _____. Which it finally got when Rome came to power.
- With Rome's protection it was able to flourish and it became know for 3 main things
 1. _____ - it became a major place of commerce and exchange.
 2. _____ - it had sheep which produced Black and almost violet wool. This made it so they could mass-produce these items.
 3. _____ -The one temple there was a temple from a past civilization known as the Carinas and the temple was simple to a god called "Men". It was converted into a market place and a famous medical school that produced two famous salves one for the _____ and one for _____.

The Christ message for the Church V14-16

1. Amen- means _____ guaranteeing a statement.
 2. Witness- Jesus is the true and only witness to the _____ for this Church.
 3. _____-Christ is the first and only created being that is part of the continuing movement of God into His creation. (Jesus is who continues to connect us with Gods message)
- This is the only Church of the 7 that Jesus has nothing good to say about them. Most of the churches were commended for something. Laodicea had nothing going for it.
 - His complaint with them is that they are _____or_____. This can be a revolting thing when it comes to drink or food. It has no purpose it doesn't make us feel good.
 - So what this meant is that even though they had the message of Christ they were_____.

What made them indifferent?- V17

- No _____ for anything. (Gold)
- Their own _____. (garments)
- Wisdom – Their medical knowledge they knew everything.

What God calls for a result V18

He tells them to buy 3 things from him- (again figurative you cant buy things from God)

1. _____ - This equals faith in something besides their own wealth. They haven't had too have much faith when they have been able to provide for everything they want. He says have faith in me, that I can take care off all of your needs physical and spiritual.
2. _____ themselves with white or righteousness of Christ not the things of this world. They are spiritual naked, which represented shame in those days. So they were shameful in the site of God.
3. _____this was to represent a wisdom that was not from them but of God so they could see how spiritually blind they were.

So then he corrects them. V19-20

He loves those that he rebukes. We see this said throughout the Old Testament. This is Christ saying even though this is painful it is because he still loves that church. If he did nothing it would say He no longer loved them.

- V. 20 speaks of the fact that Christ is constantly knocking on the hearts of his people to call them back into relationship with him. It is only if we will open the door that He can work in our hearts which is how we combat indifference or lukewarm attitudes.

The reward-v21

* If we will answer and do these things He will give us a throne in His kingdom making us kings.