Rev 3: 12

- When we contemplate this verse
  - We must remember
    - This church did not receive any condemnation
    - Rather the letter was dictated from One in authority
    - "who has the key of David"
  - This is a letter of comfort given to those
    - "Who have kept the word of My perseverance"
  - The result is....
    - "I will keep you from the hour of testing"

- This is an incredible promise given only to those who know Christ as Savior.
- However, there is another promise as well
  - •"I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God"
- At first glance, it would be very easy to skip over a very valuable truth being illustrated
  - To you and me, a pillar does not mean much
  - I Kings 7: 21.....
    - Jachin...He shall establish; Boaz...in its strength

- The two together means "He shall establish it in strength."
  - The making of the pillars
    - Interestingly, these pillars did not hold up the temple
    - They were for an ornamental design
      - 34 ¼ feet tall; 18 feet in circumference (I Kings 7: 15)
      - They applied directly to God's plan of salvation
      - Eph 2: 4-7.....
      - The pillars were situated so that when the sun rose over the eastern mountains of Jerusalem
      - They would gleam like the sun in all its brilliance

- From where did the brass come?
  - I Chron 18: 1-3; 7-8
  - Hadarezer....in Hebrew means "demon helper"
  - From the plunder the pillars were made (Vs 7-8)
    - Just as David took plunder from his enemies
    - So also, Christ has taken plunder from the Devil
      - Rev 1: 18.....
  - I Kings 7: 46.....In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.
    - We now see that the brass which was once used to make idols is now being formed in clay for the glory of God

- •I Kings 7: 45.... and the pails and the shovels and the bowls; even all these utensils which Hiram made for King Solomon *in* the house of the LORD *were* of polished bronze.
  - Note they were polished
    - Isa 48: 9-10; Heb 12: 6-7; 11; Rev 5: 11-14
  - The polishing is the work of the Holy Spirit
    - No act of human will change you like the Holy Spirit
    - Salvation by works required perfect obedience
    - No one can achieve this
    - It is the Holy Spirit who reminds us again that our salvation is of Christ and Christ alone

- Rev 3: 11..."No one will take your crown"
  - On top of each pillar was a capital (crown)
  - On that capital were rows of fruit
- I Kings 7: 42.. and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the tops of the pillars;
- These pomegranates represent...
  - Gal 5: 22-23......
  - John 15: 4-8

- •Rev 3: 12...."and he will go out no more"
  - When we are in the presence of God
  - All our struggles will never appear again
    - No more doubts, fears, temptations.....
- Note the four listings of "My God"
  - Temple of My God
  - The name of My God
  - The City of My God
  - Out of heaven from My God...My new name

- The name of My God
  - This tells us that God wants every angel to know.....
  - And any other created being to know....
  - That we belong to Him
  - We are now and forever His children
- The name of the city of My God
  - Rev 21: 1....tells us that there will be a new earth
  - Upon that new earth a city will descend from heaven
    - 1,500 miles cubed

- My new name
  - Rev 19: 12...And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself.
- Let him hear what the Spirit is saying....
  - He is saying that the Lord is faithful and true
  - He is saying that He is the authority of your life
  - He is saying there is victory in Jesus
  - A victory of glory in the New Jerusalem