

THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA

9-14-91

Rev. 3:7-13

And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says the holy One, the true One, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shall shut, and shuts and no one shall open: I know your works; behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, those who call themselves Jews and are not, but lie, behold, I will cause them to come and worship before your feet, and they shall know that I have loved you. Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth. I come quickly; hold fast what you have that no one take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF REACTION

II. PHILADELPHIA - THE CHURCH IN RECOVERY

I John 3:14

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love abides in death.

III. THE "BRETHREN" MOVEMENT IN HISTORY

- A. The Positive Move of God
- B. The Negative Disappointment
- C. The Line Continues

IV. "AND TO THE MESSENGER OF THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA WRITE: THESE THINGS SAYS THE HOLY ONE, THE TRUE ONE"

A. Christ - Holy and True

John 8:29

And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.

John 14:6a

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the reality, and the life...

B. The Believers - Holy and True

Eph. 2:2a

In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air...

Gal. 1:4

Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might rescue us out of the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

John 6:57

As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me shall also live because of Me.

V. "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID"

A. Image and Dominion

Gen. 1:26

B. The Old Testament Type

C. The New Testament Reality

Matt. 12:3-6

And He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he was hungry and those who were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and they ate the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but for the priests only? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? Now I say to you that a greater than the temple is here.

I Tim 3:15

But if I delay, that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

Matt 16:18-19

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall be what has been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall be what has been loosed in the heavens.

VI. "HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHALL SHUT, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE SHALL OPEN; I KNOW YOUR WORKS; BEHOLD I HAVE PUT BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR WHICH NO ONE CAN SHUT"

VII. "YOU HAVE A LITTLE POWER"

A. "Member" Power

1 Cor. 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Eph. 4:11-12

And He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelist, and some shepherds and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ;

Rom. 12:5

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another.

B. Life Power

2 Cor. 12:7-9

Wherefore also, that I should not be exceedingly lifted up by the transcendence of the revelations, there was given to me a throne in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I should not be exceedingly lifted up. Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

2 Peter 1:3a

As His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness...

VIII. "YOU...HAVE KEPT MY WORD"

2 Tim. 3:15

And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Mark 7:7-8, 13

And in vain they are worshipping Me, teaching as teachings the commandments of men. Leaving the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men....Invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have delivered; and many such similar things you do.

Heb. 4:12a

For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword...

Job 23:12

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

IX. "YOU...HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME"

Acts 3:16

And by faith in His name, His name has made this man strong, whom you behold and know; and the faith which is through Him has given him this perfect soundness before you all.

Act 4:12

And there is no salvation in any other; for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.

Eph. 1:20-21

Which He wrought in Christ in raising Him from among the dead, and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is coming.

1 Cor. 1:13

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?

Col. 3:11

Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ is all and in all.

Eph. 4:4

One Body and one Spirit, as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

X. "BEHOLD I WILL MAKE THEM OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, THOSE WHO CALL THEMSELVES JEWS AND ARE NOT, BUT LIE; BEHOLD I WILL CAUSE THEM TO COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOUR FEET, AND THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I HAVE LOVED YOU."

XI. "BECAUSE YOU HAVE KEPT THE WORD OF MY ENDURANCE, I ALSO WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF THE HOUR OF TRIAL WHICH IS ABOUT TO COME ON THE WHOLE INHABITED EARTH TO TRY THEM WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH."

Matt. 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of the heavens is taken by violence, and violent men seize it.

Rev. 1:9

I John, your brother and joint partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

2 Tim. 2:12

If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us;

Matt. 24:21

For then there shall be great tribulation, such as has not occurred from the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall be.

Rev. 14:3-4

And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and on one could learn the song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who have been purchased from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruit to God and to the Lamb;

XII. "I COME QUICKLY; HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE THAT NO ONE TAKE YOUR CROWN."

XIII. "HE WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL MAKE HIM A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD, AND HE SHALL BY NO MEANS GO OUT ANYMORE"

Gal. 2:9

And perceiving the grace given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and to Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we should go to the nations, and they to the circumcision;

Col. 1:28

Whom we announce, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

Eph. 4:14

That we may be no longer babes tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error;

2 Tim. 4:11

Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for the ministry.

XIV. "AND I WILL WRITE UPON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD, AND THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, THE NEW JERUSALEM, WHICH DESCENDS OUT OF HEAVEN FROM MY GOD, AND MY NEW NAME,"

A. The Name Of My God

Phil. 2:13

For it is God who operated in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.

2 Cor. 13:8

For we are not able to do any thing against the truth, but for the truth.

B. The Name of the New Jerusalem

2 Cor. 1:22

Who has sealed us and given the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts.

Rev. 21 & 22

Rev. 22:1

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

C. My New Name

Rom. 8:29

Because whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He should be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Rev. 21:14

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev. 21:19-20

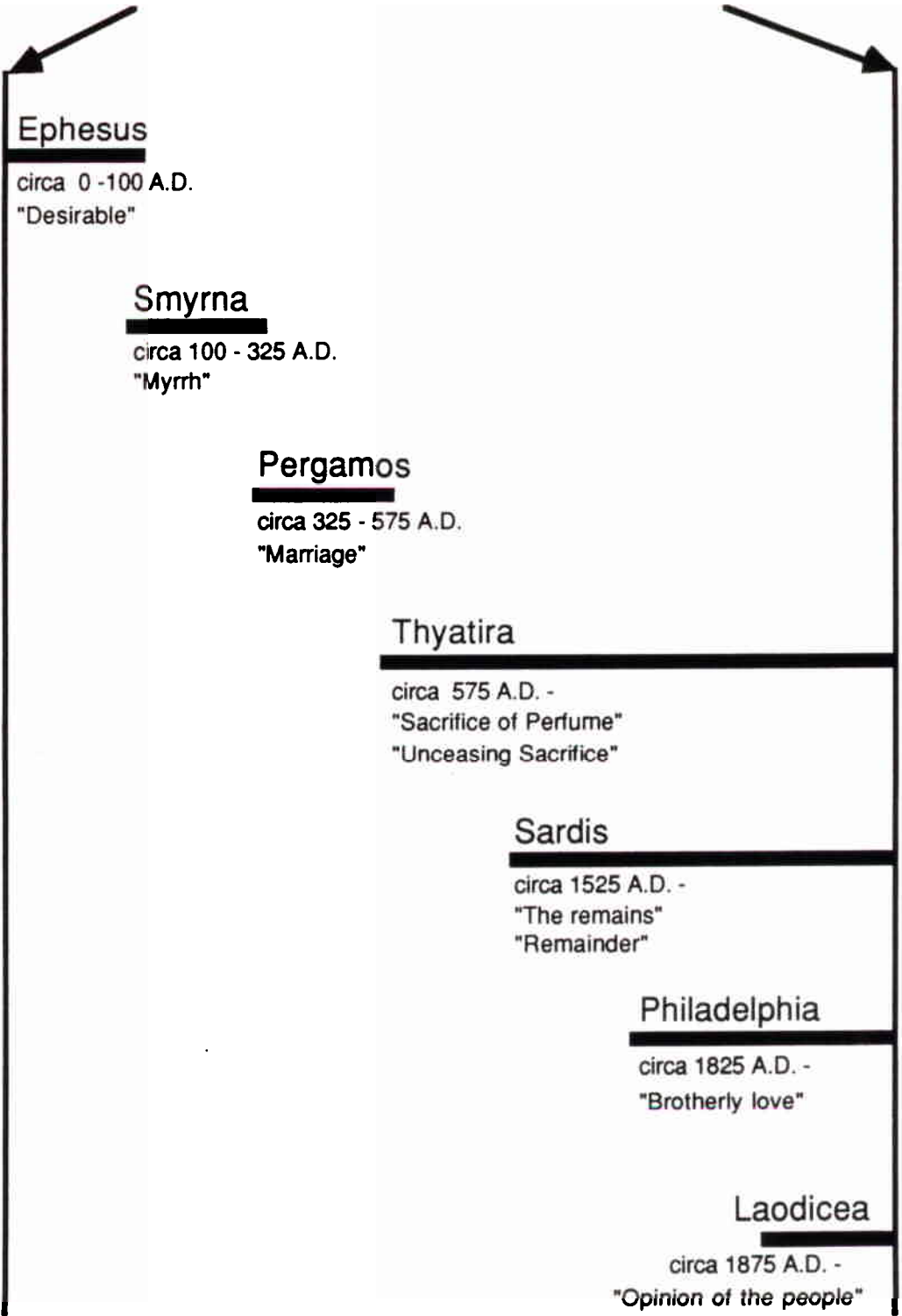
The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoptase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

XV. "HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES"

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Christ's Resurrection

Christ's Second Coming



Ephesus

circa 0 - 100 A.D.
"Desirable"

Smyrna

circa 100 - 325 A.D.
"Myrrh"

Pergamos

circa 325 - 575 A.D.
"Marriage"

Thyatira

circa 575 A.D. -
"Sacrifice of Perfume"
"Unceasing Sacrifice"

Sardis

circa 1525 A.D. -
"The remains"
"Remainder"

Philadelphia

circa 1825 A.D. -
"Brotherly love"

Laodicea

circa 1875 A.D. -
"Opinion of the people"

The Kingdom - 1000 year millenium

New Jerusalem - Eternity Future

