

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## Chapters 2-3 – Church History – Seven Letters to Seven Churches

### THE PHILADELPHIA LETTER – PART THREE – REVELATION 3:7-13

The name Philadelphia means brotherly \_\_\_\_\_. This name supernaturally represents the characteristics of this church and also its particular period in church history (1500 AD – 1900 AD). There is no greater love you can show anyone than the kind of love that tells the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ and the gospel of eternal life through him \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Basic review of part two

#### Three basic applications of the Philadelphia letter:

Historically – 90 AD – 96 AD

- a. Philadelphia is an inland city of ancient Lydia (modern day Turkey) located approximately 125 miles from the coast of the Aegean Sea. It had a natural fortress aspect because of its geographic location, yet it was susceptible to earthquakes and other negative environmental forces.
- b. The Greek culture totally dominated the area—it was called “little Athens” and was populated primarily by middle class \_\_\_\_\_ people.
  - The church in Philadelphia was very fruitful and accomplished much in the way of evangelism and church planting in spite of the limited resources they possessed.

Doctrinally – 1500 AD – 1900 AD

1. The Philadelphia Church Period begins with the close of the Dark Ages and ends at the conclusion of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century—the time known as the “Modern Industrial Age.”
  - a. During the Philadelphia Church Period the Bible is back in the hands of the common man (Mk. 12:37). With the invention of the printing press all men could eventually obtain a personal copy of God’s completed word.
  - b. The church of the Philadelphian period possesses the *Key of David*. And as a result, they have an *open door* to the world because God said they *kept my word ... And hast not denied my name*
    - The Philadelphian church period is the “golden age” of missions and missionary work. It is the greatest time of world evangelism the planet has ever known.
    - During the Philadelphian church period there are seven main English translations leading up to the *key* that launched the greatest period in church history:

*Psalm 12:6-7 – The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (Emphasis added)*

- 1) The Wycliffe Bible (1382)
  - 2) The Tyndale Bible (1525)
  - 3) The Coverdale Bible (1535)
  - 4) The Matthew Bible (1537)
  - 5) The Great Bible (1539)
  - 6) The Geneva Bible (1560)
  - 7) The Bishops Bible (1568)
- At this time in history, through the course of amazing events the eighth book, the Authorized King James Version, is produced and published.
  - At this time in history, England became the greatest, most powerful nation in the world. Its conquests of colonialism carry them to every continent, establishing well-travelled trade routes. They possess a completed Authorized English Bible that accompanies them everywhere. Ultimately, they propagate that glorious eighth book to the entire planet and in doing so English becomes the universal language on the Earth!

### **Part three**

2. The Philadelphian church period is the time when the Bible texts traced back to Antioch, Syria (Acts 11:26) were translated into German (Martin Luther's German Bible), English (King James Version of 1611), and over \_\_\_\_\_ various languages around the world.
- This is the time period when \_\_\_\_\_ speaking missionaries took God's preserved words to the ends of the Earth.

Some of the key men were:

Philip Spener (1635-1705)  
Herman Francke (1663-1727)  
Count Zinzendorf (1700-1760)  
Richard Baxter (1615-1691)  
George Fox (1624-1691)  
John Bunyan (1628-1688)  
Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)  
John Wesley (1703-1791)  
George Whitefield (1714-1770)  
David Brainerd (1718-1747)  
Samuel Seabary (1729-1796)  
Christian Schwartz (1726-1798)  
Henry Martyn (1781-1812)  
John Clark (1609-1676)

Samuel Mills (1783-1818)  
 Billy Bray (1794-1868)  
 Robert Morrison (1782-1834)  
 Joshua Marshman (1766-1837)  
 Samuel Marsden (1764-1838)  
 Peter Parker (1804-1888)  
 Samuel Nott (1788-1864)  
 Wilfred Grenfell (1866-1940)  
 Alfred Saken (1814-1880)  
 Francis Gardiner (1794-1851)  
 John Geddie (1815-1872)  
 Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)  
 William Carey (1761-1834)  
 Robert Moffat (1795-1883)  
 George Mueller (1805-1898)  
 David Livingstone (1813-1873)  
 Hudson Taylor (1833-1905)  
 Jonathan Goforth (1859-1936)  
 C.T. Studd (1862-1931)  
 William Tennent (1673-1746)

3. The church of the *open door* in Philadelphia will, in the next church period, become the church of the \_\_\_\_\_ door. (Rev. 3:20)
- a. God gave England his preserved word. They fell in love with it, thus falling in love with him. When this happened, believers were broken and burdened for the lost...
- Because England was faithful to the truth, God blessed England, and she became the greatest nation on Earth.
  - Her God-fearing citizens took the Bible to the ends of the world, including America!
  - God raised up more men and women to propagate his truth. They were faithful in their mission to preach the gospel, to preach and teach God's preserved words. \_\_\_\_\_ received God's supernatural blessing...
  - Doors were \_\_\_\_\_ to the entire planet for God's English speaking missionaries during Philadelphia...
  - Doors were opened because they had the \_\_\_\_\_ of David...
  - The devil was not happy with this world-wide evangelistic activity. In the past, as men and women were martyred, the church grew! His plan to stop the work of God had to be \_\_\_\_\_. The word of God (*the Key of David*) was too powerful for him to defeat!

- What the devil could not accomplish through persecution and slaughter, he was able to do through materialism, \_\_\_\_\_ and intellectualism...
  - Ultimately, England traded in her English Bible (the Bible God gave to them to escape the power of Rome—the Bible that launched the Philadelphian Church Period) for a \_\_\_\_\_ imitation.
  - Ultimately, America too traded in her English Bible, the Bible that stirred our American founding Fathers to freedom, the Bible that launched the Philadelphian Church Period.
  - The Revised Version of 1881 in England gave rise to the American Standard Version of 1901... these Bibles were not “revisions” of the KJV but were in fact completely \_\_\_\_\_ Bibles, translated from the corrupt texts of the Roman Catholic Church, traced all the way back to Alexandria, Egypt (Africa) and the false teacher, the demonic kingpin of all corrupt Bibles, the pseudo-Christian, Adamantius Origen.
- b. The *key* is now being replaced world-wide in English as well (as all languages), set aside for the modernistic; the door is \_\_\_\_\_. We now enter the Laodicean church period, the most *perilous* time in human history – 2 Tim. 3:1-17

Devotionally – 2025

- Can we be a Philadelphian church living in a Laodicean age?

NEXT MESSAGE ON CHURCH HISTORY: The Laodicean Letter