

Intro. The city of Brotherly Love: So named for the strong affection of Attalus II for his brother which earned him the name Philadelphus. (Heb. 13:1) City estab. about 150 B.C. as a Greek language mission (Lydian). Destroyed in A.D. 17 by an earthquake but rebuilt by Germanicus.

Why should we give any attention to this letter? Because the King of Kings is its author.

A. Holy: (Heb. 7:26, I Pet. 2:22-23, Heb. 4:15, Rev. 4:8b) Forever separated from evil - separated from all that defiles by the vast chasm of eternity.

B. True: His every word is truth, cannot lead away. (Jno. 18:37, 14:6). His way is the true way. *He. 6:19, Jn. 8:46*

C. Key of David: (Isa. 22:22) The symbol of authority as the rightful ruler to sit upon the throne of David. (Lk. 1:30-33, Acts 2:29-35, Rev. 1:5, Eph. 1:20-23, I Cor. 15:25-26) *Reigns Now*

D. Openeth: Indicative of absolute authority over all things pertaining to his kingdom. (1) Terms of entrance (Jno. 3:5) (2) Terms of expulsion (Matt. 13:41-42) Remember the virgins! (Matt. 25)

I. The church of the open door. He opens. But what did he open? Opportunity! Opportunity is ability and a chance to use it. (see talents Mt. 25) An opportunity is a gift of God. This door may have been:

A. A door of evangelization: (I Cor. 16:8-9, II Cor. 2:12, Col. 4:3-4)

B. Through the door of service, another door of blessedness (II Pet. 1:5-11).

C. No one can shut it. (II Cor. 1:20)

II The church with a "little power". Strength small but real. Influence in community small but wholesome. (Numbers, Wealth, Social prestige).

A. Weakness, an opportunity for the power of the Infinite to be displayed: (II Cor. 12:9, I Cor. 1:26-31)

B. Wisdom: The arguments of the Learned and the old man with a Bible. (illus.)

C. (Zech. 4:10a) An acorn - oak, Twelve unlettered men and a world-wide challenge, (Rom. 8:31), Moses vs. the armies of Egypt, David before Goliath, The church may look small and insignificant but with the Lord opening the doors, thus is no barrier too great, .

C. Our very helplessness enlists the aid of Omnipotence (I Sam. 17:47). A little power, a little enthusiasm, a little courage in who can withstand the servant of the Lord. *and*

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withstand the servant of the Lord.

III The church with Heavens Commendation. None other matters, counts. His alone is worthy. Thrills.

- ④ A. "Synagogue of Satan." Professing to be the "chosen." But only those "in Christ" are chosen. (Rom. 2:28-29) (Col. 2:11-12)
- B. "Worship before thy feet". The final conquest. (cf. Acts 16)
- C. "I have loved thee" Because... ②
- ① D. "Kept." (Jno. 14:23, Heb. 3:14) ~~NOT DENIED~~
- ③ E. Increase of faithfulness is increase in immunity. The keepers are kept. (I Cor. 10:13) (I Pet. 1:5). An affirmation of divine providence. (Phil. 4:19) (Summarize here)

IV The church with a promise: "I come quickly to terminate your trials, to receive you unto myself, to take vengeance on your foes - while waiting, hold fast what you have."

- A. No man take your crown: A crown waiting - do not let the deceiver delude you. (Rev. 2:10)
- B. Hold fast; (II Jno. 8:, I Cor. 15:1-2, I Cor. 10:12) *He. 3:14, 10:38-39*
- C. "I come quickly" (II Thess. 1:6-8) (Prayer Rev. 22:20) (Song # 94 last verse)

V "He that overcometh". (1) "A pillar" permanence. *Re. 7:15*
Pillar stands as long as the temple stands (2)
"go out...no more" The door opened for entrance is closed for security. "Who is there that would not yearn for the city out of which no friend departs, and into which no enemy enters." There is danger as long as in the flesh, but there, no more danger.

Je. 3:17

(3) Inscriptions.

- A. "Name of my God" - because he is a child. (By birth)
- B. "Name of the city" " " " " citizen. (Phil. 3:20 R.V.)
- C. "Mine...new name" having worn the name Christian thru life, in the glory home a name of higher honor.

1. You must wear that name
2. How have you worn that name?

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Rev. 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

I Cor. 16:8-9 "But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

II Cor. 2:12 "Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord."

Col. 4:3-4 "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak."

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II Jno. 8 "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

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