

Revelation 3:7 The church of Philadelphia (the 2nd "on track" church): -80 A.D., 1700 A.D. -1900 A.D (America), last days (17)

Let's zoom out for a second: Jesus is having John write to 7 churches of which only 2 are "on track" in keeping the message of the Cross unadulterated. Whereas 5 are either totally lost or are heading in that direction. We know that Jesus' letter to the churches, penned by John, are indicative of churches that existed late 1st century, churches that have been represented in separate eras throughout the centuries; in order (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamus, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea) and which will also be present right now in the closing seconds of this sin saturated world. We also know that 2 out of 7 is very accurate in describing today's churches! We have seen that very clearly in the past 5 years during the accidental

plandemic that enabled the elite one world government leaders to refresh the phrase, "Never let a good crisis go to waste" (Winston Churchill) when Rahm Emanuel (notice the last name) revived it in 2008 by saying, "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that is an opportunity to do things that you think you could not do before." Of course it was the World Health Organization in conjunction with the World Economic Forum that revived that during COVID to create mass lockdowns which kept unnecessary institutions like churches and schools closed while keeping crucial entities like "pot shops" and liquor stores open. This of course has led to many

Christians not returning to traditional in person worship. And more tragically has resulted in many churches straying from "messages of the cross" to worshipping Black Lives matter,

transgenderism from the pulpit, and of course planet worship. The churches that were not strong in their faith wandered from the truth and started

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searching for messages that would entice a new audience to fill the pews (and fill the coffers) just like Paul warned. (See preface of Romans and 2 Timothy). So let us understand that we truly are living in a 2 out of 7 (28.57%) church world right now. And, let us have peace in the fact that we in fact, here at Solid Rock, do indeed, have a 2 in 7 church like that described in the letter to Philadelphia.

Revelation 3:7: "The words of the holy One, the true One, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens" refers to Jesus' deity of being the way (the door), the truth (the true One) and the life (the holy One). He is the One who is not only the door keeper but is also the only true and holy One. This door "theme" will be also mentioned in the next church (Laodicea). (See John 10:7-10 and Genesis 7:1-5 and verse 16).

Revelation 3:8-9 Jesus is telling the church at Philadelphia that they are secure in their salvation (the door is open). He also recognizes that they have "little power" against the big churches that are actually doing satan's ministry, but they are superior to them in His eyes ("I will make them come and bow down before your feet").

Revelation 3:10 The church at Philadelphia has been faithful with what has been given to them. They have been patient and content with where they are. I believe that they are growing at the pace that God enables them to grow not "sacrificing" "Quality" for "Quantity" which is all that the Lord

requires of them, or us. Many, Many, Mega Churches (19) have done the exact opposite. When a church grows only in numbers according to how many new hungry believers come in, it becomes a church full of real believers and as such a church that recognizes a "Cancerous" member quickly resulting in that cancerous member being removed before it can grow and spread.

Revelation 3:11 ("Hang in there. I am coming")

"Urgency" is always to be a believers mindset: "Behold, I come quickly", "Repent, the time is at hand", "Like a thief in the night", "For yesterday has gone and tomorrow may never be ours".... and so is "endurance". These are the two things Jesus loves about believers. The ability to keep our foot on the gas pedal for Jesus, as well as the ability to patiently wait for God's timing in all matters.

(Remember in 2 Peter 3:1-4 we are told, "that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning....")

Revelation 3:12 ("I have great rewards waiting for you. Continue to finish strong. I and My Father will lift you up for your faith journey").

Revelation 3:13 Same closing as to all churches "He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. This time I would like to point out that if we have an "ear" to understand Scripture as being God's word then we are God's children. Non-believers can not "hear" the truths that come from God's word. →

The Key to God opening up the ability for one to "hear" is found in Romans 10:14-15 (see printout). (20)

Revelation 3:14: Greetings from God the Son who is the Amen (the let it be so), the Faithful (the perfect One of God) and the true witness (the One who took on flesh to give the world God's Word: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).)

Revelation 3:15-17: Jesus gets right to the point. "I see boring existence! You're neither on fire for the Gospel, nor are you worshipping Satan. You're worse! You're wasting every opportunity to win people to Jesus. The only thing you're good at is praising yourself. You disgust Me!"

The Laodicean church, again, existed in 80 A.D., predominantly 1900's to current day, and also heavily represented in the last days. It is the church that has adulterated the Gospel by mixing it with worldly garbage. It has no problem with ordaining transvestites, or gay people. It lifts the Easter bunny up to the level of Jesus, celebrates Santa on Christmas, and holds mother earth as equal to the Father. It jumps on every band wagon of doctrine never checking for its Scriptural authenticity. As mentioned before it successfully backslid during COVID. In verse 17: Jesus calls it: wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked (to be shamed).

Revelation 3:18 Jesus has counseled them on how to once again purify themselves (gold refined by fire) and how they can change their course (be made rich, wear white garments, put this anointing on their eyes so that they

Can once again see the truth instead of the lie. (21)
Revelation 3:19 Jesus is saying, "those I love" "I will reprove and discipline" but only if "they repent and become zealous (on fire for Him).

There is no one in the laodizean church that is "good to go". Action must be taken on their part first. And even then it seems like there are only a select few that have hope of restoration.

Revelation 3:20 To them (the few who have not hardened their heart towards the truth) He still continues to knock on their doors. For one hundred years He has been knocking at their doors hoping that any of them would answer their doors! (note: He wasn't knocking from 1700-1900 A.D.! Why? Because that was the time in America where a country was formed as "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". It was founded as a Judeo-Christian nation with two mandatory books in every classroom (Thomas Jefferson). Laws separating church and state were easily passed. That's right, the state was prohibited from interfering with the church (not like today where the state feels compelled to persecute the church). It was a time when prayer was prevalent throughout the school day and fathers took their families to church on Sundays. Businesses were not allowed to operate on weekends and those who did not attend church were seen as strange.

Revelation 3:21+22 The only glimmer of hope: "the one who conquers" (a conqueror is one who overcomes adversity, or in this case a lukewarm adulterated church, and turns back to God). He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.