



# CHURCHES

OF REVELATION

# THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE ROMAN PROVINCE OF ASIA





*Church of the  
Open Door*

**PHILADELPHIA**



# Philadelphia



**King Attalus II  
Philadelphus**





## Revelation 3:7 (ESV)

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: “The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.”



## Revelation 3:8 (ESV)

8 “I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”



## Revelation 3:9 (ESV)

9 “See, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—look, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.”



“Look, I have  
set before you  
an open door,  
which no one  
is able to  
shut.”



“And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.”

**(Acts 14:17)**



“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,  
for a wide door for effective work has  
opened to me, and there are many  
adversaries.” (1 Corinthians 16:8-9)



“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

**(Colossians 4:2-4)**



## Revelation 3:10-11 (ESV)

10 "Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown."



“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)



“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)



“The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment.” (2 Peter 2:9)



“The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘There is peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you...”

**(1 Thessalonians 5:2-4)**



“Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.” (1 Thessalonians 5:8-10)



“But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.’”

**(Isaiah 43:1-3)**



## Revelation 3:12 (ESV)

12 “The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.”



## Revelation 3:13 (ESV)

13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



“‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens...’ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.” **(Hebrews 12:26, 28)**



In Christ, we are PEOPLE OF THE  
OPEN DOOR. How will this  
identity shape how you live?



By grace, you have a PLACE at the table in God's family. NOTHING can revoke your invitation or strip you of your status as a beloved, honored son or daughter.



“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**(Romans 10:9, 13)**



“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

**(John 10:27-28)**



Recognize that just as Jesus opened  
the door for you, He has opened the  
door for others—even those whom  
you might consider your  
OPPONENTS or RIVALS.



“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

**(Romans 5:8-10)**



“We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar.” (1 John 4:19-20)



Jesus calls us to BROTHERLY LOVE.

We do this 1) by calling no man our enemy, 2) by forever stewarding hope for another's repentance and salvation, and 3) by faithfully bearing witness as we share the hope we have in Christ.

