

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 12 – Rev. 3:7-13

I. Jesus' Letter to the Assembly at Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13)

A. Vs. 7 Jesus' introduction:

1. The 'holy' and 'true' one –
2. The one with the 'key of David'
 - a. Full authority: Matt. 11:27; Matt. 28:18; John 3:35; John 13:3
 - b. The 'Key of David': (Rev. 1:18, Isaiah 22:22 {cf. 2 Kings 18-19})
 1. King Hezekiah & Judah besieged by king of Assyria.
 2. Instead of turning to God for protection, he stripped all the gold and silver from the Temple and gave it to the Assyrians.
 3. Assyrians sent letter to Hezekiah demanding surrender.
 4. Eliakim & Shebna sent to Isaiah
 5. Eliakim's good advice to Hezekiah
 6. 'Key of David' given to Eliakim
 - c. Christ's full authority under God compared to Eliakim's full authority under king Hezekiah.

B. Vs. 8 Christ observing this assembly with one of His 7 eyes

1. Open door set before them
2. A little strength, attended to Jesus' commandments (SoM)
3. Not denied His name

C. Vs. 9 Faithful Christians will be vindicated before the imposters

1. Jewish mystics who persecuted Christians (Rev. 2:9)

D. Vs. 10 defines the 'open door' of verse 8

1. They had 'guarded' Jesus' commandments (Matt. 5:19 & Matt. 7:24-27)
2. He will 'guard' them OUT FROM WITHIN the hour of trial (John 17:15)
 - a. Implies SURVIVAL (Rev. 7:9,13-17)
 - b. 'Guarding' by God in the tribulation (Rev. 12:6,14-17)
 - c. The 'hour of trial' (Matt. 24:21)
 - d. The whole world" (πάσαν τὴν οἰκουμένην / ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην / τῆς οἰκουμένης ὅλης) does not necessarily refer to all nations (Luke 2:1; Acts 11:28), although usually it does (Rev. 12:9; Rev. 16:14).

E. Vs. 11 Possible to lose your 'wreath' of immortality (Rev. 2:10)

F. Vs. 12 'Column' in the Temple – a permanent fixture (Rev. 20:4-6 {Ezek. 40-48})

1. Three names: God's name, New Jerusalem, Jesus' new name.

G. Vs. 13 The 'Breath' speaks the words of Jesus to the assembly.