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Edward Church

WE WERE WARNED

REVELATION

THE END OF DAYS™

7 Churches pt. 10

Philadelphia (3:7-12)

“Healthy Church”



⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; ⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. ¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. ¹¹ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. ¹² Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him my new name.*

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The Lord Comes to His Churches...

...to Speak to Them About

• Where They Are...

• Where He Wants Them to Be...

• He Comes to Them w-...

...a Message Of Comfort

REVELATION

THE SEVENTH DAY



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of Revelation

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PHILADELPHIA: THE COMMITTED CHURCH





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Different Type of Message

**Up til Now, All the Churches
Received Messages...**

...the Good the Bad and the Ugly

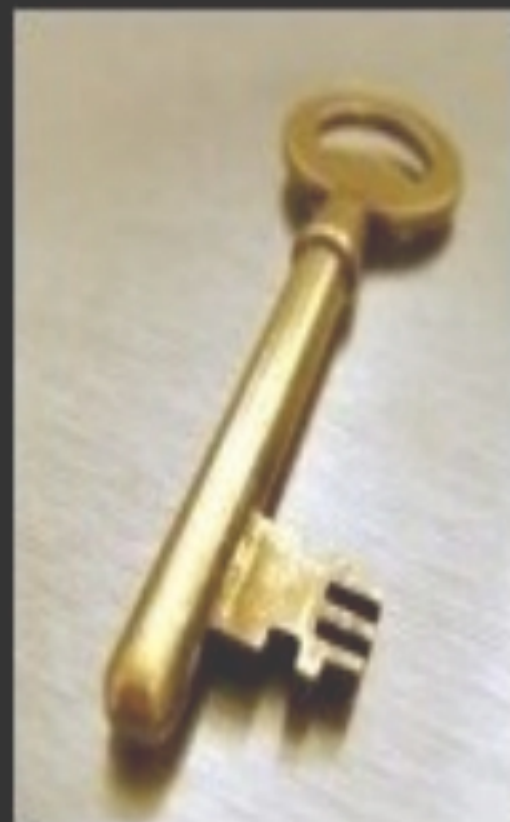
This Church is So Different...

...Only Good

...Only Encouragement

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**HOLDING THE KEY OF DAVID,
THE KEY OF THE KINGDOM,
WITH AUTHORITY TO OPEN AND TO SHUT**



Isaiah 22:22 And I will set the key of the house of David upon his shoulder - When he opens, no one will shut; When he shuts, no one will open.

Revelation 3:7 ...These things says the Holy One, the true One, the One who has the key of David, the One who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one opens.

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How the Lord Introduces Himself

“Holy...True”

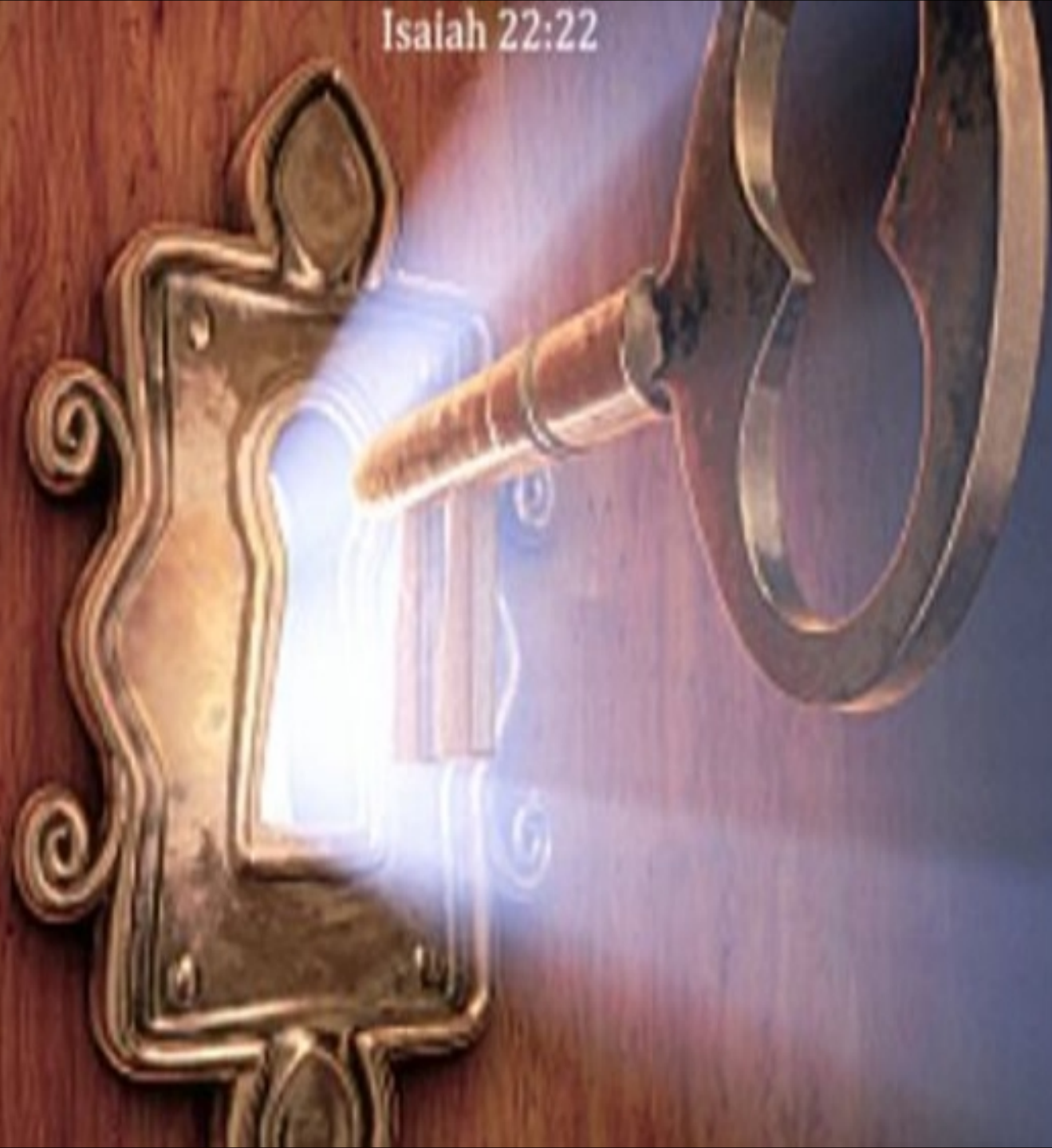
Why Say This?

- **Preeminent – “Holy God”**
- **Persuasive – “True”**

...no one

shuts and no one opens.

Isaiah 22:22



And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

- **Eliakim = OT picture of Jesus Christ.**
- **He was a Dependable, Faithful Administrator of the Affairs of God's people.**
- **This is a Picture of the Lord Jesus Christ...
...Who is in Full Control.**

He alone can open doors / when He opens, no mere man can shut. He alone can shut doors /when He does, don't even try to pry them open!



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CHURCHES OF
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PHILADELPHIA: THE COMMITTED CHURCH

Highly Commended Church

Deeply Challenged Church

They Faced Some Major Obstacles:

- **Their own lack of strength (8)**
“thou hast a little strength”

Greatly Compensated Church

- **Good Things Were Coming**

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Highly Commended Church

**Lord Had A Lot of Criticism in the first 5 letters
But Not to the church at Philadelphia...**

...There's Not One Negative Word

...Not a Hint of Rebuke.

Four Characteristics

of a

Healthy Church

Reached Up

Powerlessness in Self- *“Have a little strength”*

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- **Test**
- **Trust**
- **Triumph**

Healthy Church

Reached Around

Passion to Obey God *“Have kept my Word”*

John 14:23-24 *Jesus replied, “If anyone love me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.*

Kept- to *guard* fr. *loss* or *injury*, a military fortress

- **Passionate**
- **Priority**
- **Protective**

Reached Out

Powerful Witness *“Have not denied my name”*

Romans 1:16 (KJV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

These Believers Did Not Cower Down...

...Deny Jesus Christ.

- **Faithful In Proclaiming Christ**
- **Not Embarrassed or Ashamed**
- **Were Excited About Jesus**

Reached In

Passionate Persistence “*Endured Patiently*”

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. **James 1:2-4**

² Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests / challenges come at you from all sides. ³ You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. ⁴ So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature / well-developed, not deficient in any way. (MSG)

Will You.. Rust Out -Burn Out -or Live out?

BECAUSE YOU HAVE KEPT MY COMMAND

.....
TO PERSEVERE,

I ALSO WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR

OF TRIAL WHICH **SHALL** COME UPON

THE WHOLE WORLD,

TO TEST THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH.

-REVELATION 3:10

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Jesus Promises to...

- Humiliate Their Enemies (9)
- Keep Them from Hour of Trial (10)
- To Honor Them (12)

TO TEST THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH.
-REVELATION 3:10



**SEVEN
LETTERS
REVELATION 2-3**

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**How Do We Become a Philadelphia...
Church?
People?**

Seek God's Open Doors

Step Toward Them

Surround Self w- His Word / Spirit

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