

To the Church at Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

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 3:7

' I have set the Lord always before me; because he is
at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore
my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my
flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon
my soul to Sheol, or let **your holy one** see
corruption. You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your
right hand are pleasures forevermore.'

Psalm 16:8-11

Key of David - Isaiah 22:15-25

- ◆ The LORD is throwing out Shebna, as the palace steward and choosing Eliakim instead to have **all authority over the royal household**.
- ◆ 'I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah' 22:19-20
- ◆ '...And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.' 22:21
- ◆ 'And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.' 22:22

'I know your works. Behold, 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. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie— behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.'

Revelation 3:8-9

'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.'

Revelation 3:10

THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS

' If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the **endurance** and faith of the saints.' Revelation 13:10

' Here is a call for the **endurance** of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.'

Revelation 14:12

THE ENDURANCE OF JESUS CHRIST

‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us’

Hebrews 12:1

THE ENDURANCE OF JESUS CHRIST

'looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.'

Hebrews 12:2

THE ENDURANCE OF JESUS CHRIST

‘Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.’

Hebrews 12:3

OUR DIVINELY EMPOWERED ENDURANCE

'being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all **endurance** and patience with joy;'

Colossians 1:11

'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.'

Revelation 3:10

RAPTURED BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

“Critics of the pretrib rapture position often say that we cannot produce one single passage that teaches our position. I believe that Revelation 3:10 is a verse which answers their challenge.”

–Dr. Thomas D. Ice, Executive Director Pre-Trib Research Center

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RAPTURED BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

“the promise of Revelation 3:10 not only guarantees being kept from Tribulation trials but from the Tribulation period itself.”

-Dr. Charles Ryrie

PRE-WRATH RESPONSE

“I agree that the hour of testing is the day of the Lord’s wrath. And we know that the church will not experience the day of the Lord’s wrath according to 1 Thess 5:9. Revelation 3:10, however, does not address when the day of the Lord begins, only the promise that the faithful will not experience it. As for when the day of the Lord’s wrath begins, we must look elsewhere in Scripture since Rev 3:10 does not address this point.”

– Dr. Alan Kürschner, author of Antichrist Before the Day of the LORD

<https://www.alankurschner.com/2021/01/26/what-is-the-hour-of-peirasmos-testing-in-revelation-310/>

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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.’

Revelation 3:10

Coming on the whole world

- ◆ oikoumenē - the inhabited world, or the world inhabited by the Greeks and Romans, and not the barbarians
- ◆ Matt. 24:14 gospel...preached...in all the world for a witness...
- ◆ Luke 2:1 decree went out...that all the world should be taxed...
- ◆ Luke 4:5 devil showed him...all the kingdoms of the world in a moment...
- ◆ Acts 17:6 ...those that have turned the world upside down are...

The earth dwellers are non believers

- ◆ Avenge the martyrs blood on them 6:10
- ◆ Woe, woe, woe because of the trumpet and bowl judgments 8:13
- ◆ The false prophet who works for the beast deceives them 13:14
- ◆ They worship the beast 13:8
- ◆ Whose names not written in the book of life 13:8
- ◆ They have the mark of the beast 13:12
- ◆ A flying angel preaches to them 14:6

'if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;'

2 Peter 2:5-6

'if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah
to ashes he condemned them to extinction,
making them an example of what is going to
happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued
righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual
conduct of the wicked'

2 Peter 2:6-7

'(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to **rescue the godly from trials**, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, '

2 Peter 2:8-9

' "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,' Matthew 24:36-38

'and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'

Matthew 24:39-42

What is this hour of trial?

- ◆ They assume “the tribulation” is the whole final 7 years
- ◆ They prove the “pre-trib” rapture by assuming it in the first place
- ◆ The church is “saved from wrath through him” Rom 5:9, 1 Thess 1:10, 5:9
- ◆ This is saying this hour of trial comes on the earth-dwellers, unbelievers
- ◆ The “wrath of God” is what happens in the 7th Seal.

'I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so
that no one may seize your crown.'

Revelation 3:11

'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 3:12

'And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great,
high mountain, and showed me the holy city
Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is
the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.'

Revelation 21:10,22

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

Revelation 3:13