

Christ The Rock Church

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

- China/Russia Naval Exercises
- Cyber Attacks on Health Infrastructure

- Israel: Damascus Airstrikes

- - Isaiah 17:1

- Civil War over Court Reform

Revelation

Chapter 3:7-13

The Church at Philadelphia

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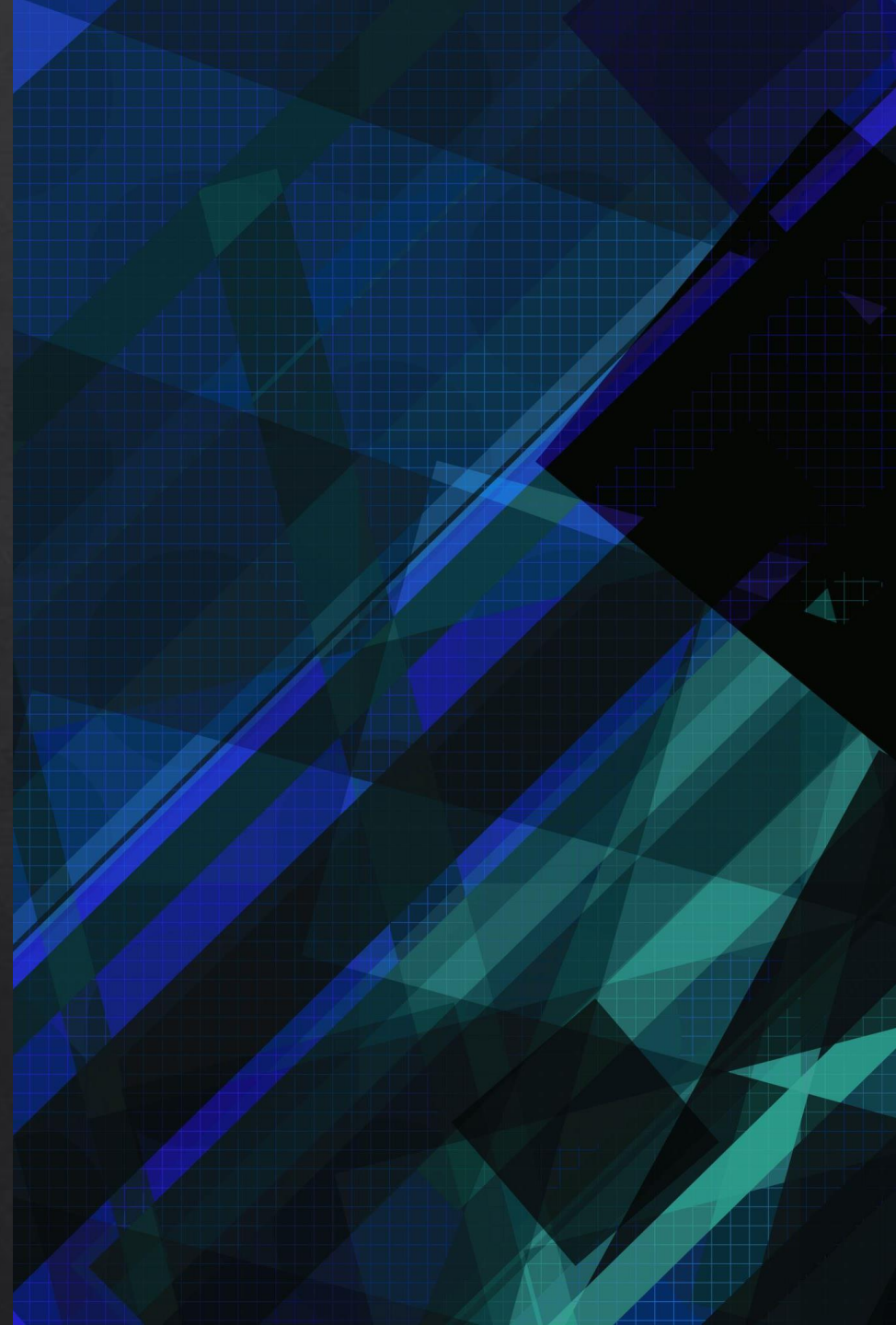
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What's in a
Name . . .

Philadelphia



The Church

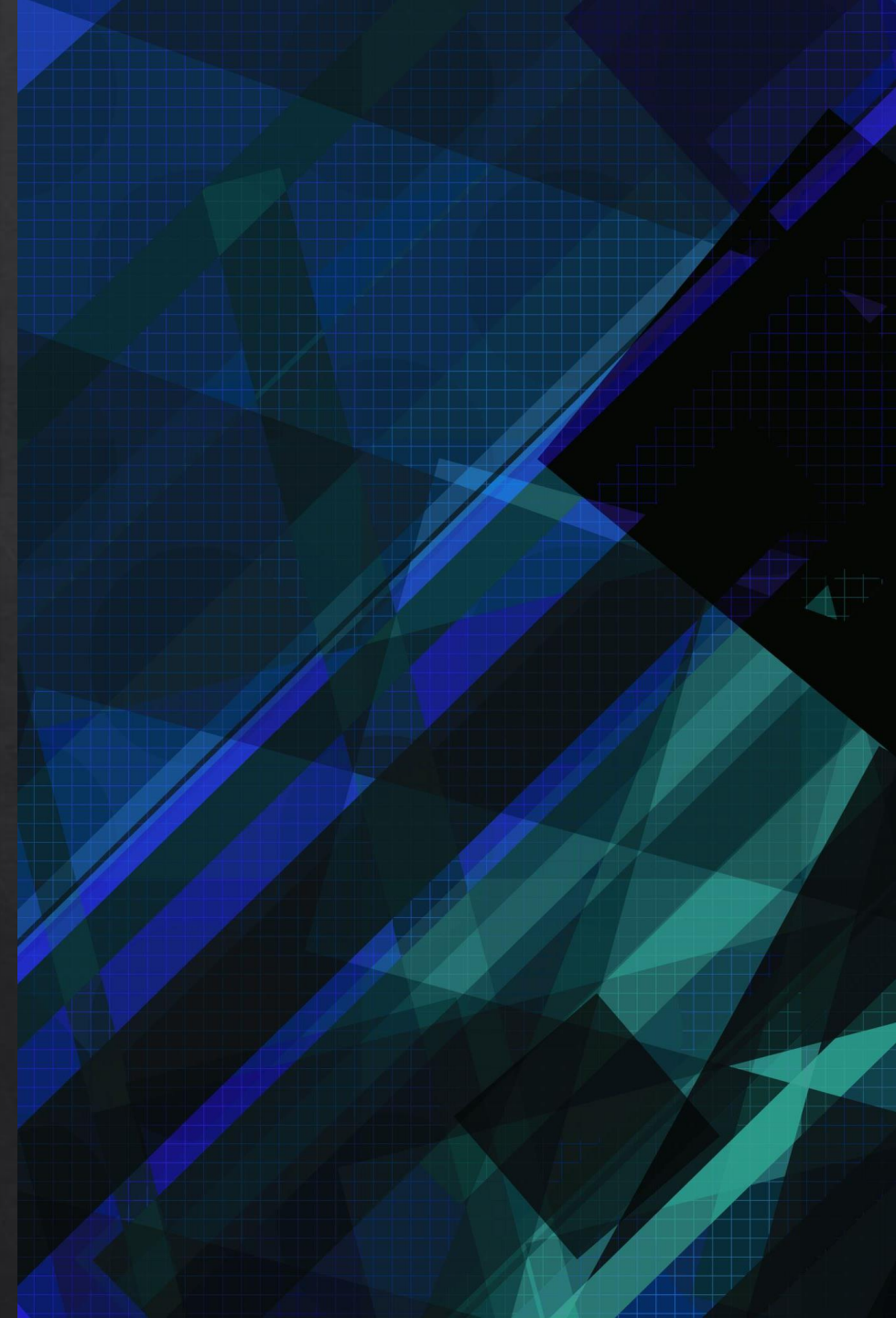
Phileo: *Philia* is affectionate love, the type of love that involves friendship

Modern day: Allahshir

Love: *Eros*, *Agape*, *Storge*, *Mania*,
Pragma,

Philadelphia . . .

Promise: I will make your
enemies “**know that I have
loved you.**”



So Far . . .

Ephesus: good on doctrine, good on works BUT lost their “first love”, city was a great political center

Smyrna: 'myrrh' (death) – The suffering church – no condemnation by Jesus

Pergamum: Satan's Throne, Satan has locality (Babylon, Tyre, etc.)

Thyatira: Tolerated Jezebel – false doctrine and worldliness, Satan infiltrated from within (vs. Ephesus)

Sardis: Thought they were alive but are dead – only a faithful remnant.

No Satanic attacks because they made no difference against Satan's kingdom

Seven Letters - Structure

1. Name of the church - Philadelphia
2. Title of Jesus – holy, true, Key of David, doors
3. Commendation – kept word, not denied name
4. Concern – none (like Smyrna)
5. Exhortation – hold fast until I come
6. Promise to the Overcomer – removal (vs. 10)
7. “He that hath an ear, let him hear”

Four Levels of Application

1. Local: Actual churches in John's day with
The actual problems described
2. Universal (correction): “to the churches”
3. Personal (homiletic): 'he that hath an ear”
4. Prophetic: lays out church history

Prophetic History

- 1) Ephesus: Apostolic Church (AD 33-100)
- 2) Smyrna: Persecuted Church (AD 100-313)
- 3) Pergamos: Mixed Marriage (AD 313-590)
- 4) Thyatira: Continual Sacrifice (AD 590-1517)
- 5) Sardis: Reformation Church (AD 1517-1700)
- 6) Philadelphia: Missionary Church (AD 1700-1900)



TURKEY

- PERGAMOS
- THYATIRE
- SARDIS
- PHILADELPHIA
- SMYRNA
- EPHESUS
- LAODICEA

- Edirne
- Istanbul
- Gebze
- Kocaeli (Izmit)
- Sakarya (Adapazarı)
- Bursa
- Çanakkale
- Ereğli
- Samsun
- Çorum
- Sivas
- Kayseri
- Konya
- Kahramanmaraş
- Adana
- İçel (Mersin)
- Gaziantep
- Malatya
- Elazığ
- Şanlıurfa
- Antioch
- Iskenderun

GREECE

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CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

The Seven Churches of Revelation



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Philadelphia: The City

Founded by Attalus Philadelphus at the Eastern slope mount Tmolus, by the river Cogamus, twenty seven miles East from Sardis. Christians have twenty-five places of worship

Philadelphia: The City

Second-city in Lydia, subject to earthquakes, rebuilt by Tiberius after the great earthquake of A.D. 17. Wine-growing district (Bacchus). Good Roman roads, commercial importance, “the Missionary City”

Jesus Title

He who is holy,
true,
Key of David

Jesus Title

First time not taken from chapter One

Jesus description of Himself in first five churches all taken from Revelation chapter One.

Jesus Title

All of the others suggestive of judgement. This title taken from Old Testament suggestive of blessing/deliverance

Jesus Title

He who is holy

Lev. 11:44 – “For *I AM*

the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, because *I am holy.*

Jesus Title

Isaiah 57:15 – For this is what the high and exalted One Who lives forever, **whose name is Holy**, says: “I dwell *in* a high and holy place, And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Jesus Title

He who is **true**,

Jesus Title

1 John 5:20 - And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us **understanding** so that we may know **Him who is true**; and we are in **Him who is true**, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the **true God and eternal life**.

Jesus Title

John 1:9 - *This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person.*

Light – Creation Bears Witness

Pure light cannot be seen

Sunlight has 3 kinds of rays:

- (1) **Chemical** (actinic) can't be seen
- (2) **Light rays**: seen but not felt
- (3) **Heat rays**: felt but not seen

Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Light – Creation Bears Witness

7 Visible colors in the spectrum

7 = fullness/completeness

Violet to Red

(Ultraviolet – Infrared)

Sun's rays: “justice rays”, “love rays”

Support of the Truth

Jesus is the truth (John 1:14, 17; 14:6)

God's Word is truth (John 17:17)

Gospel of Truth (Gal. 2:5, 14; Eph. 1:13)

Jesus Title of Himself

Key of David:

King Hezekiah

Treasurer Shebna

Replaced by Eliakim

Lordship over his house

Jesus Title of Himself

Key of David:

Then I will put the key of the house
of David **on his shoulder**;
When he opens, no one will shut,
When he shuts, no one will open.

Jesus Title of Himself

Isaiah 9:6 - For a Child will be **born** to us,
a Son will be **given** to us;
And **the government will rest on His
shoulders**; And His name will be
called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

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'I know' . . .

2:2 – Ephesus = deeds

2:9 – Smyrna = tribulation/poverty

2:13 – Pergamum = where you dwell

2:19 – Thyatira = your deeds

3:1 – Sardis = your deeds

Opens and no man shuts . . .

Open door of deliverance

Door of service (witness)

1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12;
Colossians 4:3

Missionary Church

1700-1900 AD

George Whitfield, John/Charles
Wesley, Jonathan Edwards,
Hudson Taylor (C.I.M),
David Livingstone (Africa)

Measure of Church Success

Followed my Word

Not denied my name

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Abandon 'Genesis' to science

Abandon 'redemption' to anthropology

Abandon life in the Spirit to Psychology

Abandon the Bible to 'higher criticism'

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Synagogue of Satan

2:9 (Smyrna) – synagogue Satan

2:13 – (Pergamum) Seat of Satan

2:24 (Thyatira) - Deep things of Satan

3:9 – (Philadelphia) Say they are Jews

Synagogue of Satan

Bow at the feet

Philippians 2:10-11

so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

False Apostles, Prophets, Jews (Judaizers)

Rev. 2:2 – say they are Apostles and are not

2 Cor. 11:13-15 -- ¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

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7 Year Tribulation

6:1 – Lamb opens the seals

8:2 – Angels sound the trumpets

16:1 - Bowls poured out

Earth-Dwellers

The word for “dwell” in the eight times it is used about these humans just in Revelation is the Greek word *katoikeo*. It is the same word used to describe the fullness of the godhead dwelling in Christ (Col. 2:9).

Earth-Dwellers

It is used of Christ taking up permanent residence in the believer's heart (Eph. 3:17). The Holy Spirit could have used the Greek word meaning transitory but this word is much stronger. Katoikeo has the idea of permanence to it.

Earth-Dwellers

The definition of these people is those who have settled down in the Earth as their permanent home and sworn allegiance to this world's economic and religious system and its dictator – The Beast (Antichrist). Once they receive the Mark of the Beast they will already have their eternal fate sealed according to Revelation 14:9-11 and 17:8.

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He Who Overcomes

1 John 5:4-5 – For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Pillars

We are living stones

(Eph. 2:19-21, 1 Pet. 2:5)

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In eternity we will bear the name of God (we belong to Him), the name of the city (our dwelling-place), and that New name written down in glory. The entire New Jerusalem will be the ultimate temple (21:22) and we will discuss the New Jerusalem in detail when we get to chapter 21 of Revelation.

He who has an ear

Applications:

“keep that which is committed to thy trust”

(1 Tim. 6:20)

“hold fast the form of sound words” (2 Tim. 1:13)

“earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3)

“Continue in the faith grounded and settled”
(Colossians 1:23)