

**Christ's Messages To The Seven Churches Of Asia;
Part 5—Message To The Church In Philadelphia**

Revelation 3:7-13

Intro: In spite of the fact that the city of Philadelphia was built on earthquake prone ground, Christ commends the believers in the church at Philadelphia for standing firm for what they believed. The church in Philadelphia joins the church in Smyrna as being the only two churches to receive Christ's words of commendation for faithfulness, and no condemnation.

G. The Church at Philadelphia is described as *The Church With An Open Door*

1. Destination of the letter (v. 7a)

2. Description of Christ (v. 7b)

First, *He who is holy*

Second, *He who is true*

Third, *He who possesses the key of David*

Fourth, *He who opens and shuts doors of ministry*

3. Commendation (v. 8)

First, *For using the opportunities He had provided them*

Second, *Even though they had but little power, they were effective*

Third, *Christ commends these believers for keeping His Word, and*

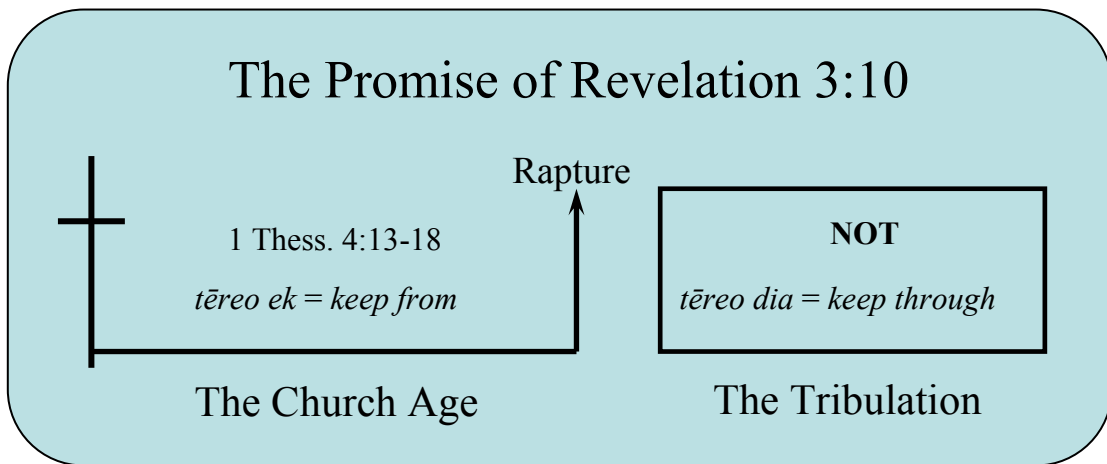
Fourth, *For remaining steadfastness in their Christian profession and service*

4. Promises (vv. 9-12)

First, *Christian's enemies would be humiliated* (v. 9)

Second, *Believers delivered from the wrath of God* (v. 10; Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9)

- *Pre-Tribulationalism—*
- *Mid-Tribulationalism—*
- *Post-Tribulationalism—*



Third, *Christ's return will be sudden* (v. 11)

Fourth, *Believers will be honored* (v. 12a)

Fifth, *Believers will be identified with and possessed by God* (v. 12b)

5. Christ's closing exhortation (v. 13)

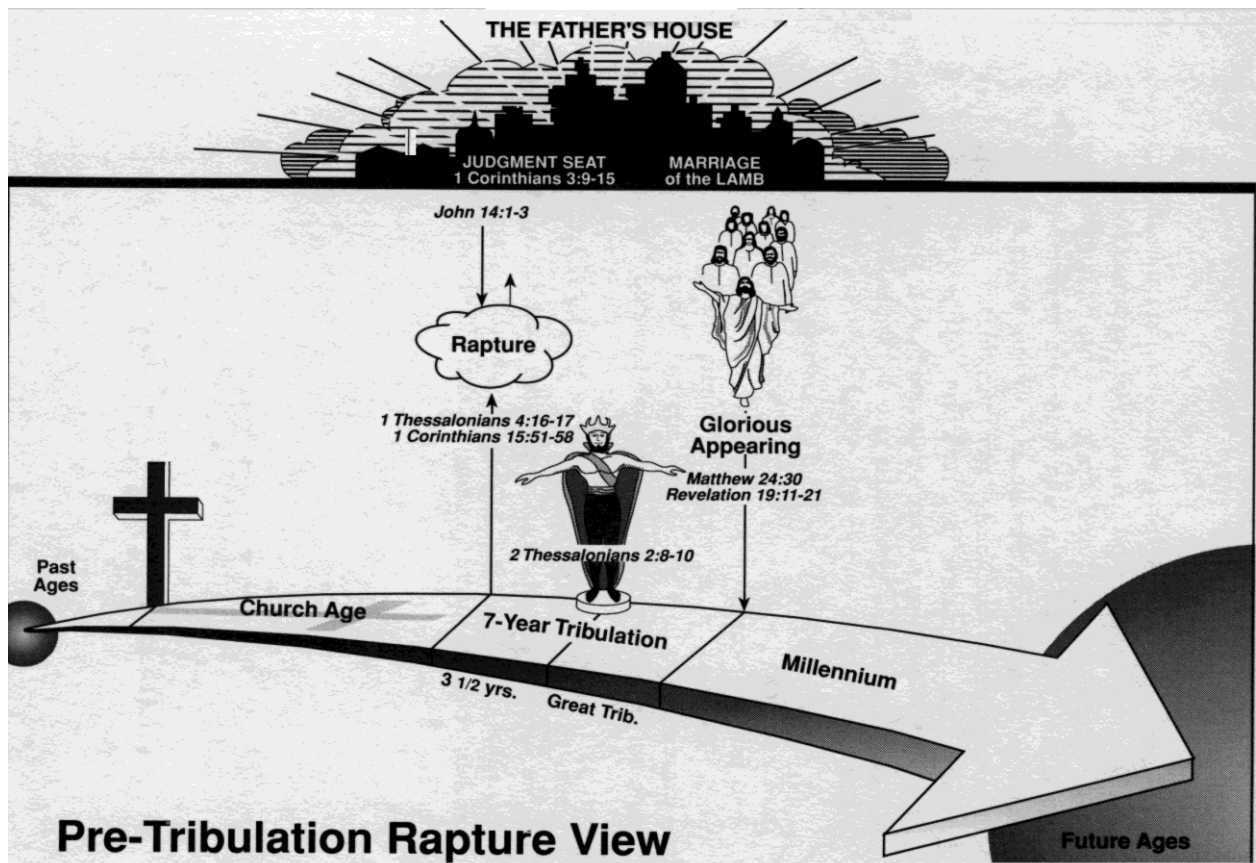


Chart from Tim LaHaye, *No Fear of the Storm* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Press, 1992), 190.