

## **Book of Revelation, part 31**

### **I. The Church at Philadelphia—‘*brotherly fondness*’ (Rev. 3:7-13).**

1. Named after King Attalus Philadelphus.
2. 28 miles SE of Sardis.
3. Christians are to be fond of other Christians (Rom. 12:10; 1 Thes 4:9; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 1:7).
4. Image of judgment not referenced, breaks pattern, all positive.

### **II. “Says He that:**

1. “is Holy”: God is holy—separated unto Himself.
  - a) The three Persons do not conflict with Themselves.
  - b) God abhors anything unlike Himself (Lev. 11:44; Is. 6:3; Heb. 7:26; 1 Pet. 1:16).
2. “is true/genuine (Jn. 14:6).
3. “the One having the key (door?) of David.”
  - 1) Eliakim had the key to the physical treasury of David (Is. 22:21-22).
  - 2) The Land Covenant—the what (Duet. 30:1-10).
    - i. The Jews gathered from all nations (v. 3).
    - ii. To the Land (v. 5).
    - iii. To possess the Land (v. 5).
    - iv. With heart changed (v. 6).
    - v. New laws instituted (v. 8).
  - 3) The Davidic Covenant—the when (2 Sam. 7:8-16).
    - i. At the return to the Land (v. 10).
    - ii. After David dies (v. 12).
    - iii. David’s Kingdom for the ages (v. 13).
4. “the One opening and no one will shut”
5. The One shutting and no one opens”
6. Christ is in charge of the spiritual treasury of David and will reopen it when He deems it the time.

### **III. “I know your works.”**

1. “thy” KJV, New Testament pastor—different door.
2. Open door.
3. No one can shut.
4. Remains open:
  - 1) Till the exact time (Heb. 10:37).
  - 2) Till all that are chosen are saved (Jam. 5:7-8).
  - 3) Till every Christian does one praise-worthy thing (1 Cor. 4:5).