

Book of Revelation, part 35

- I.** The Church at Philadelphia—‘*brotherly fondness*’ (Rev. 3:7-13).
1. The treasures of the New Testament are currently open.
 2. Christ will make all who rejected Him and the Church acknowledge that we were correct at the Great White Throne Judgment (*cf.* 1 Cor. 6;2-3).
 3. We are to emulate Jesus’ earthly patience, of suffering on earth, knowing that like Him we will be exalted.
- II.** He will keep/guard the New Testament saints out of the hour/time of the temptation (Rev. 3:10).
- 1) “Hour” indicating a specific period of time—70th week of Daniel.
 - 2) The, a specific temptation.
 - i. A time of temptation that will come upon all the inhabited earth.
 - ii. At time of temptation upon them that are at home on the earth (*cf.* Rev. 2:13).
 - iii. The Day of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:7-9).
 - 3) Chapter six begins descriptions of catastrophic judgments on unrighteousness, about 75% of the Book (Rev. 6:16).
 - 4) The wrath of God has yet to be seen (*cf.* Rom. 1:18).
 - 5) The church will not see the wrath of God—the Tribulation (Zeph. 1:7, 14-15; Rom. 5:8-9; 1 Thes. 5:9).
- III.** “Behold, I am coming quickly...” (Rev. 2:11).
1. The Rapture is an event that should be **eminent**, *prominent* in the Christian’s thinking (Heb. 10:37; 1 Thes. 4:13; Phil. 3:20; 2 Cor. 5:2; Rom. 8:19, 23, 25; Heb. 9:28; Tit. 3:13; 1 Thes. 1:10).
 2. The Rapture is an event that should be **imminent**, *about to happen* in the Christian’s thinking (1 Thes. 4:14, 15, 17; 1 Cor. 15:51).