

**Revelation 3:7-13**

Christ's Address to the Church in Philadelphia  
Part 1

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**The Church in Philadelphia**

- City of "brotherly love" (Attalus II remained faithful to his brother Eumenes II)
- City had survived a horrific earthquake in 17 A.D.
- Received help from the Roman Emperor – became known as "Neocaesarea" (name of My God vs. 12)
- Synagogue of Satan "shut the door" on true believers

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**Jesus: The Administrator of The Kingdom**

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, **who has the key of David**, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

Isaiah 22:22 Then I will set **the key of the house of David** on his shoulder, when he opens no one will shut, when he shuts no one will open.

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### Jesus Will Avenge the Abuse of His People

Revelation 3:8-9 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, **who say that they are Jews and are not**, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.

Isaiah 60:14 The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, and all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; **and they will call you the city of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

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### Christ's Great Promise to the Church

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

"those who dwell on the earth" = exclusively unbelievers (Rev. 8:13; 11:10; 13:14)

Rev. 13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast...

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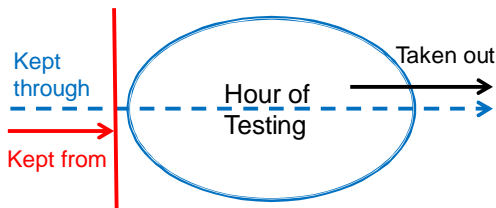
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### Kept Through, Taken out of, or Kept From?

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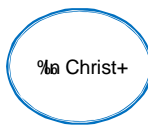
**An Important Example**

John 17:15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to **keep** them **from** the evil one.

Gundry's view:  World/Satan

1 John 5:18 We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and **the evil one does not touch him.**

Biblical view:  Evil One

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**Implications and Objections**

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will **keep** you **from** the hour of testing...



**Possible Objections:**

1. This promise only applied to the church in Philadelphia.
2. The hour of testing is something less than the full 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel.
3. The church is kept "through" the hour of testing.
4. The church is kept by being "taken out of" the hour.

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