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Rev. 3:7-13



The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Aegean Sea

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

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- **Some Facts:**

- **Present day Alasehir, Turkey**

- **Has a history of earthquakes, the most devastating of which occurred in 17AD**

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- **The Address, v.7**
 - “To the angel of the church...”
 - “He who is holy, He who is true...”
 - True = real, genuine
 - “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens” – Isa. 22:22
 - Reference to Rev. 1:18? Total rule...

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- **The Bad**
 - None
- **The Consequences**
 - None

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- **The Good, V. 8**
 - **Christ has set before them an open door, which no one can shut**
 - **Door of opportunity – self-improvement, service to others, partakers in sufferings...**
 - **Jesus is the door of salvation that no one can close – Jn. 10:7, 9**

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- **The Good, V. 8**
 - You have a little strength
 - You have kept My word
 - You have not denied My name

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- **The Good, V. 9-10**
 - **They have kept the command to persevere – persecution, trials**
 - **Synagogue of Satan – Jews that persecuted the saints – Christ will cause them to “worship” at their feet and know the love of Christ for the saints**
 - **The saints will be kept from the hour of trial which was to come upon the whole world to test all – Fall of Rome**

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- **The Motivation, v. 11-13**
 - **Jesus is coming quickly!**
 - **Should not necessarily be read with regard to His second coming, but rather judgment on those who trouble the saints**
 - **Encouraged to hold fast to their salvation, that no one may take their crown (II Tim. 4:8) Once saved...?**

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- **The Motivation, v. 11-13**

- **To him that overcomes:**

- **He will be made a pillar in the temple of God**

- **In the temple of Jerusalem, those who had served well would be honored by their name being carved into the pillars**

- **In Jesus, we become a pillar**

- **Promise of stability, permanency in an unstable life, place**

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- **The Motivation, v. 11-13**
 - **To him that overcomes:**
 - **He shall go out no more**
 - **Promise of safety – no more leaving when tremors come, for instance**
 - **The name of God, and New Jerusalem shall be written on him – showing ownership**
 - **Christ will write on him His new name**
 - **After the earthquake in 17 AD, Tiberius helped rebuild the city and renamed it Neocaesarea (New Caesar)**

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- **For us...**
 - **Are we a congregation that takes advantage of an “open door”?**
 - **Do we have a “little strength”? If so, what is our strength(s)? Where can we be stronger?**
 - **If Jesus wrote to us today, would He find nothing bad to say? If so, excellent! If not, then we need to address it!**