

Faithful Philadelphia: Revelation 3:7-13

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INTRODUCTION

REMEMBERING THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Every small person that sings, phones loudly.
Ephesus Smyrna Pergamos Thyatira Sardis, Philadelphia Laodicea.

Jesus (the holy true One with the key of David) knows the works of Philadelphia's *angelos* (3:7-8a)

He will give the angelos an uncloseable opened door, because (despite his weakness) he kept Jesus' word and did not deny His name (3:8b)

Jesus will grant for synagogue of Satan to do obeisance before the angelos and to know that Jesus loves the angelos (3:9)

The angelos has kept Jesus' word to endure (3:10a)

Jesus will keep the angelos from the hour of trial (the tribulation) (3:10b)

We will cover this passage in more detail after verse 13

The angelos is to stay firm, so that no one takes his stephanos [victor's wreath = reward] (3:11)

The overcomer will be a pillar (prominent) and will have special access in the New Jerusalem (3:12)

All the churches are to listen to each of the messages (3:13)

A DISCUSSION OF THE RAPTURE AND REVELATION 3:10

Pre-trib?

Mid-trib?

¾-trib (the so-called pre-wrath view)?

Post-trib?

Hermeneutical Hand

Punctuation of Rev 3:9-10

Illustration of alternate punctuations:

I ATE BREAKFAST BECAUSE I WAS HUNGRY I ALSO ATE LUNCH EARLY

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#1 I grant the synagogue...

Because you kept My word, I also will keep you...

#2 I grant the synagogue... because you kept My word

And I will keep you...

Statistics of capitalized/non-capitalized because

Series of first-person verbs

I know...

I will give...

I am making...

I will make...

And I will keep...

Contextual meanings of keep

You have kept My word (3:8)

You have kept My word to persevere (3:10a)

I will keep you from the hour of trial (3:10b)

The Lord's special love for those who persevere

Conclusion

Revelation 5:9-10 is the one passage in Revelation that indicates (indirectly) when the rapture will be It occurs within an antiphonal hymn: That is, not every singer sings every part of the hymn.

The 24 elders sing (5:9)

The 4 living creatures sing (5:10)

The 24 elders, the 4 living creatures & many angels sing (5:12)

Every creature joins in to sing in (5:13)

The 4 living creatures sing in (5:14a)

The correct reading of 5:9-10

9 And they sang a new song, saying. “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain. And You redeemed **us** from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.”

10 “And You made **them** kings and priests to our God. And **they** will reign upon the earth.”

Verse 9 makes it clear in the correct reading that the elders are human, because Jesus redeemed them by His death.

Verse 10 says that the elders are kings who will rule.

Verse 10 is after the bēma, so it is after the rapture.

6:1 is the start of the seven-year tribulation.

Therefore, the rapture (according to Revelation) is before the start of the tribulation.