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**Revelation 3:7-22**  
**Completion of the 7 Letters to the Churches until ch19**  
**Start ch4 next week. Rev 4:1-**

Church of Philadelphia

(Continuation of Letters to the Church)

**Philadelphia (Favored, Brotherly Love) - AD1750-AD1900 - Reformation Period**

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Church of Brotherly Love. Christ knows everything that every church group is doing. Many great evangelists came out of this time in Europe and Asia. This was a time of spreading the Word, of missions spreading out furtherer into the world. There was a small group of people that were calling themselves Jews, but they were not really. They felt they were the only ones who understood the Word of God. But Christ says they don't really know Him, they don't really love him, but Christ will make them worship at His feet sometime in the future, and let them know that He has loved them. Because the church of Philadelphia kept the word of Christ's patience (staying true to His word), He will spare them from the hour of temptation. The church of Jesus Christ will not go through the tribulation.

5 different crowns are mentioned in scripture. They are rewards for works or service to Jesus Christ. 1 Cor:3 tells us about the crowns.

**Laodicea (Lukewarm) AD1900-Rapture**

This is now the age of which we live. Laodicea means the voice of the people. It is the lukewarm church. Our congregations and Sunday schools are getting smaller. European churches are almost spiritually dead. They are not teaching the Book of Revelation anymore. This church makes Jesus sick. He states "I will spue thee out of my mouth"(Rev 3:16). That means he's going to vomit them out. Laodicea was the center of banking. They didn't need anything material, and they thought they had everything. But Christ tells them are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. Christ wants us to be righteous, to buy gold tried by fire from Christ. Christ loves us but he'll chasten us when we need it. In this day and age, Christ says He's outside the door knocking, and whoever opens it, He'll come in and sup with us. He's saying in the day and age, we have kicked Jesus out of the church. Any individual can open the door. It doesn't have to be the whole church, just an individual.

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