

THE MYSTERY OF THE 7 STARS - CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 1:3, 10-13

3 **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein:** for the time is at hand.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, **What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches** which are in Asia; unto **Ephesus**, and unto **Smyrna**, and unto **Pergamos**, and unto **Thyatira**, and unto **Sardis**, and unto **Philadelphia**, and unto **Laodicea**.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, **I saw seven golden candlesticks;**

13 **And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

❖ Revelation 2:1

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, **who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;**

Revelation 1:14-20

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;
15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 **And he had in his right hand seven stars:** and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 **The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand**, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches:** and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

❖ **Angels** (aggelos - ang'-el-os)

Strong's - **a messenger**; by implication a pastor or bishop. an angel

Thayers - **a messenger from God**, one who is sent, or an angel.

❖ Mark 1:2-3 John the Baptist

2 As it is written in the prophets, **Behold, I send my messenger** (aggelos) **before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord**, make his paths straight.

STAR REFERENCES

Genesis 37:9-10 Joseph, Jacob, Rachel and 11 Brothers

9 He dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? (Jacob

Revelation 12:1-2, 5 Israel and the 12 Patriarchs

1 There appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

SEVEN CHURCHES

Revelation 1:3, 10-13

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- ❖ Ephesus - Tried by False Apostles. Left First Love
- ❖ Smyrna - Suffering, Tribulation, Poverty, Imprisonment, Martyrdom (no rebuke, fear not)
- ❖ Pergamos - Dwelt in the Midst of Great Wickedness, Idolatry, Fornication (satan's seat)
- ❖ Thyatira - Given over to Jezebel, Fornication, Idolatry
- ❖ Sardis - The dead religious church, having reputation that your alive, but dead.
- ❖ Philadelphia - Key of David, crown, end time church. (no rebuke or correction)
- ❖ Laodicea - Rich, increased with goods, self-sufficient, lukewarm (heavily rebuked)

CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 3:7-11

7 To the angel (messenger) of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David (The House of David), he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

AN END TIME CHURCH

Revelation 3:10-11

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

11 **Behold, I come quickly:** hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

A CHURCH THAT KEEPS AND POSSESSES THE WORD OF HIS KINGDOM (referenced twice)

Revelation 3:8, 10

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: **for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word,** and hast not denied my name.

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience,** I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID - THE GOVERNMENT OF DAVID

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- ❖ A Kingly House - Reigning Monarchy (Dominion, Authority, Justice , Judgement)
- ❖ A House of Salvation for Jew & Gentile under Solomon
- ❖ House of Wisdom and Revelation under David and Solomon
- ❖ House of Commerce under King Solomon
- ❖ House of 24/7 Worship - 288 Singers & Musicians led by Asaph (I Chron 25:1-2, 6-7)
- ❖ House of Continual Priesthood - 4000 Priest by David / Solomon led by Zadok (I Chron 23:3-5)
- ❖ House of Arts - Song & Poetry and under David and Solomon

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:** and **the government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night visions, and, **behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom,** that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: **his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,** and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Isaiah 22:15, 19-24

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, **get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house,** and say,

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And **I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand:** and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 **The key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.**

23 **I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place;** he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 And **they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue,** (the whole family - all the sons and daughters) ...

THE CROWN - A CHURCH GIVEN A KINGLY GOVERNMENTAL CROWN

Revelation 3:11

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

❖ Revelation 2:10 - Church of Smyrna

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

❖ The Crown

The symbol of a ruling monarchy governed by constitution exercising dominion, authority, power, victory, commerce, rule of law, order and financial legitimacy.

Zechariah 6:10-13

10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, **which are come from Babylon,** and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 **Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;**

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord:

13 **Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**

REVELATION OF THE CROWN TO BE CONTINUED...