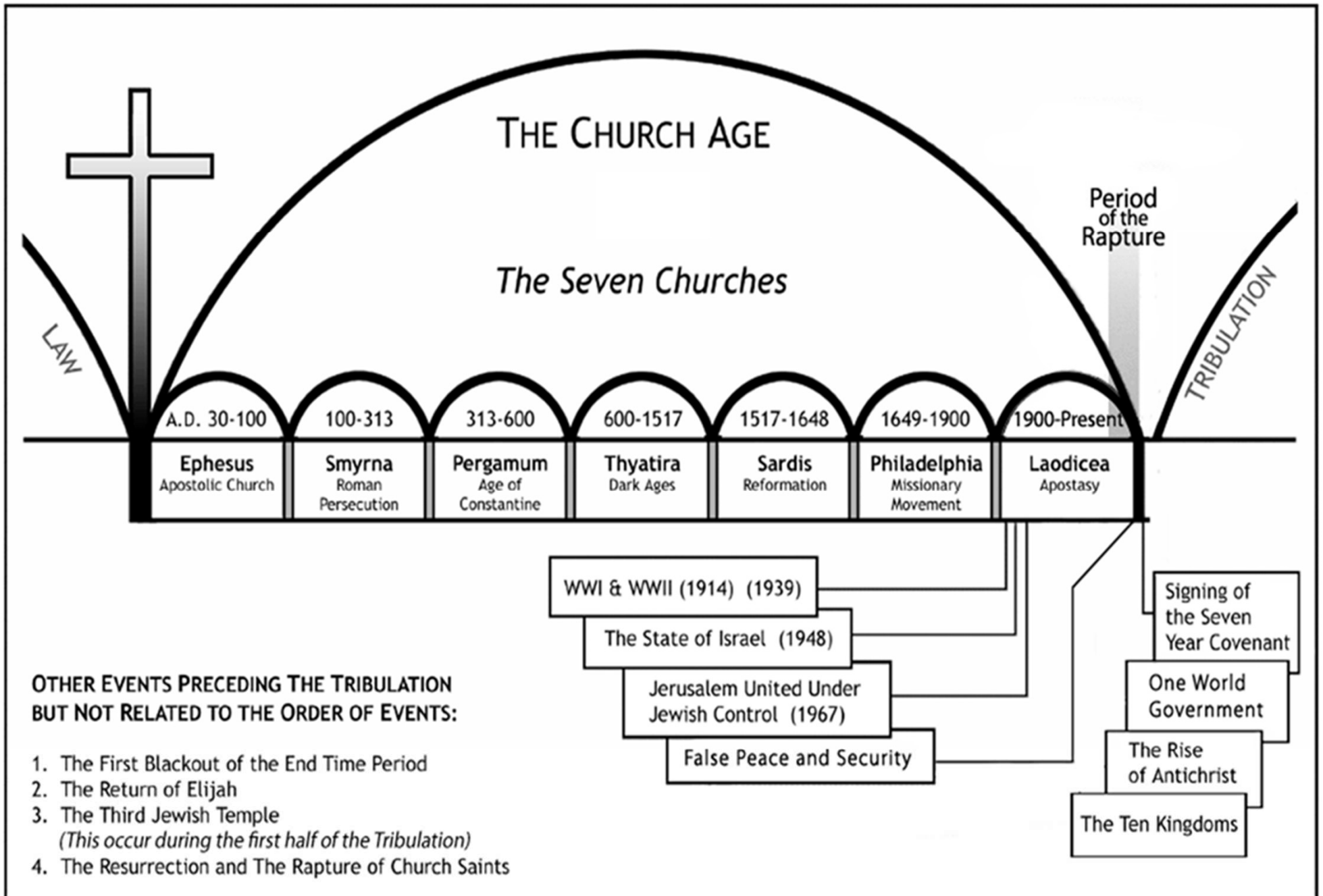


**“Letter to the Church
of Philadelphia -
The Faithful Church”**

Revelation 3: 7-13

June 21, 2020



The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1: 11



Patmos

Verse 7

Destination and Description of Jesus

Philadelphia = one who loves his
brother - *brotherly love*

Jesus gave every believer a new
commandment - *love one another!*

John 13: 34-35

Jesus taught us to love our
enemies - Matthew 5: 43-44

This is impossible without God!!

Who opens doors? Who shuts doors?

JESUS!

- You will never barge through a closed door

Principle: Join God where He is working!

In an ultimate sense, Jesus has complete authority over the door to eternal life or death

- He leaves the choice to us which we will walk through

Verse 8

Commendation (*like Smyrna,*
there is no condemnation)

Jesus opens the door of opportunity, *but you must walk through it!*

The Jesus formula for opportunity:

1) *“You have little strength”* - it is not about your strength, but His strength -

[Colossians 1: 27-29](#)

2) *“Have kept My Word”* -

Obedience to the Word of God gives the power to do the impossible

- obedience *ignites* the Holy Spirit in you!!
- disobedience *quenches* the Spirit - *puts out the Spirit's fire!!*

3) *“Have not denied My Name”* -

This Church represented Jesus as He truly is - *the Lord Jesus Christ* (“*kurios*” = master, ruler, owner)

- They did not cower, they did not pander, they did not fear
- They did, with boldness, *declare who Jesus is!!*

A great example for us today!!

What is your main calling in this fallen, chaotic world?

We are to represent Jesus as He truly is

We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ; we represent our King as He truly is!

2 Corinthians 5: 20-21

Verse 9 - 11

Promise

***“ I will make them come and
worship at your feet ”***

**The synagogue of Satan
(*earth dwellers*) will bow to Christ's
authority**

**Quite different than our world, today,
bowing to evil**

**Satan, and his world system, have
always demanded that people bow
to him**

What does our chaotic, lawless world need today?

- *Men and women of faith who live out their faith, filled with the Holy Spirit*
- *Those who will not compromise the Gospel message for the social gospel message!*

This is how we truly love people:

*By telling them the truth
(now called hate speech)*

How do we address sin in those we love, in those we encounter?

2 Timothy 2: 24-26

Verse 10 -

Jesus gives the Remnant Church a heads up on a huge issue, *the Tribulation!*

Who is kept from the trial?

Those who persevere - true believers!

“I will keep you from the hour of trial”

Many do not believe in the Rapture:

They believe ***“keep”*** can mean to guard and protect = God will keep them safe ***through*** the Tribulation

Problem:

Many are slain for the Word of God - Revelation 6: 9

This is not keeping you safe *through* this awful time frame

Taking you out, rescuing you from, would be a better view!!

Verse 11 - *“I am coming quickly”*

- Means sudden and unexpected = *the Rapture!*
- Those who hold fast will be rewarded - *“that no one may take your crown”* (reward)

1 Corinthians 3: 13-15

Verse 12 - 13

Exhortation

Solomon's Temple: 967 BC

Freestanding Columns: 1 Ki 7:21

"Church is pillar and support of truth" 1 Tim 3:12

"He who overcomes I will make a pillar in the Temple" Rev 3:12

Jachin
"establish"

Boaz
"strength"

God's promise to overcomers:

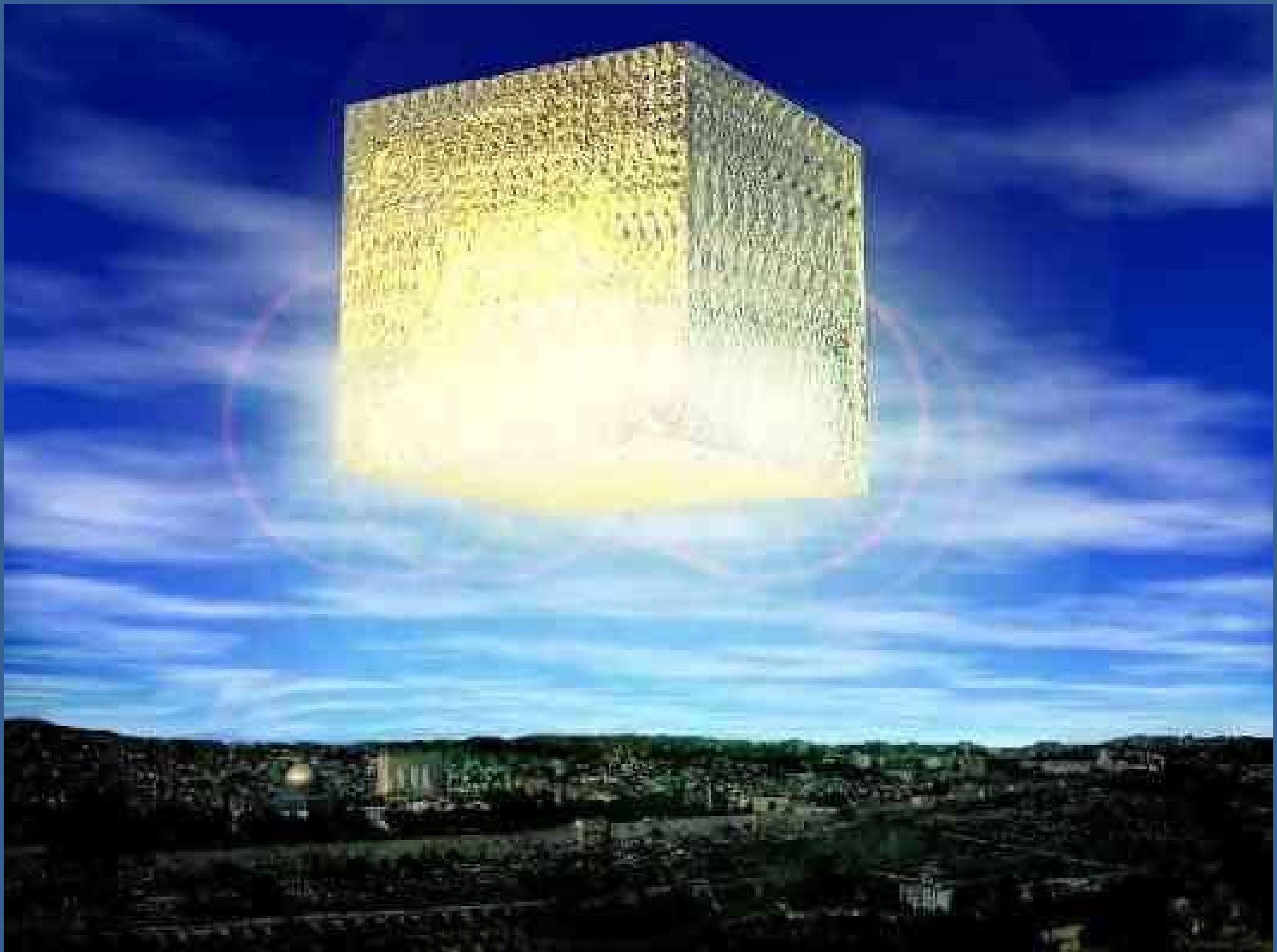
1) *“I will write on him the Name of My God”*

- Name implies family - I am in the family of God forever and ever!!

2) *“The name of the city of My God”*

- We are citizens of this eternal city, the New Jerusalem

[Revelation 21: 9-21](#)







God's promise to overcomers:

3) *"I will write on him My new name"*

- Jesus will give us a new eternal name by which we will know Him
- We will see Him as He is - ***GOD!!***

1 John 3: 2-3

CLOSING: *LETTER TO PHILADELPHIA - THE FAITHFUL CHURCH*

As the time grows closer, few will stay faithful to Christ, *apostasy will be the norm!*

Recall the words of Jesus regarding the condition of this world prior to His return:

“ when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth”

Luke 18: 8b

“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be”

Matthew 24: 37

You can see the darkness in our world is overwhelming, lawlessness is abounding, the love of many are growing cold; *all warning signs given to us by Jesus - Matthew 24: 12*

Allow this world to see Christ in you:

- Stand strong, keep watch, do not be moved by the chaos
- Tell people about the love of Jesus by your life and by your words - [John 9: 4](#)

The time is short . . .

Kingdoms are in conflict . . .

The lines are clearly drawn

**Work for the Master
while you can**

YOU WILL BE GLAD YO DID!!