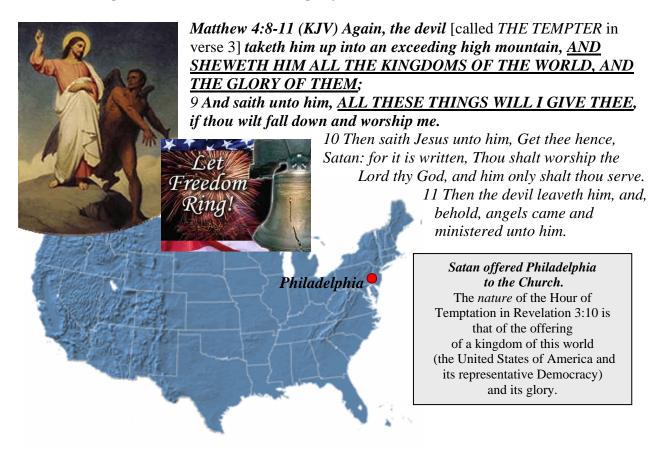
## #463 Thomas Paine and God Trying Men's Souls – The Hour of Temptation and the Church of Philadelphia, part 3, Trying Men's Souls with the offering of a Kingdom of this World and its Glory

The last Unsealing, #462, was about the fact <u>that</u> the theme of <u>temptation</u> is in both (a) Matthew 4:8-9 and (b) Revelation 3:10; <u>this</u> Unsealing, #463, is about <u>the nature</u> of the <u>temptation</u> in each, drawing together the two passages in a close relationship with one another.

Key Understanding: The nature of the Temptation in Matthew 4:8-9 and the nature of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 are similar, related to the offerings of the kingdoms of this world, and their glory.

(a) The *nature* of the Temptation of Jesus Christ in Matthew 4:8-9 was that of the offering of all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.



(b) The *nature* of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 – seemingly unexplained by the passage itself, but explained through the combination of (i) Matthew 4:8-9, (ii) the words of Thomas Paine, *These are the times that try men's souls*, and (iii) knowing that the nation birthed at Philadelphia, Pa., is a counterfeit of the 1 Peter 2:9 "holy nation" of God as well as the counterfeit of the Revelation 3:7-13 Church in Philadelphia – is that of the offering of a kingdom of this world (the United States of America and its representative Democracy) and its glory.

Again, the *nature* of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 is that of the offering of a kingdom of this world (the United States of America and its representative Democracy) and its glory.

Revelation 3:7, 10 (KJV) And to the angel of the <u>CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA</u> write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, <u>I also will keep thee from THE HOUR</u> <u>OF TEMPTATION</u>, which shall come upon all the world, TO TRY THEM that dwell upon the earth.

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