

#1063 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – The “Open Doors” of Revelation 3:8, Revelation 3:20, and Revelation 4:1

We are now progressing from The Revelation 3:21 Grant to **The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God**.

Key Understanding #1: *The “open door.”* The theme of “open door” is a thread that runs from the letter to the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:8) to the letter to the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:20), and then to the beginning of the next chapter (Revelation 4:1).

*Revelation 3:7-10, 14-22 (KJV) And to the angel of the **church in Philadelphia** 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;*

*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.



*14 And unto the angel of **the church of the Laodiceans** write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

*17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and **blind**, and naked:*

*18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve**, that thou mayest see.*

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

*20 Behold, **I STAND AT THE DOOR**, and knock: **if any man hear my voice, and OPEN THE DOOR**, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

*21 **To him that overcometh WILL I GRANT to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my***



Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 4:1-2 (KJV) After this I looked, and, behold, A DOOR WAS OPENED in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.



Key Understanding #2: Note that two topics that are found near the end of Revelation 3 in the letter to the church of Laodicea, (1) *the opening of a door*, and (2) *the throne in heaven*, are found at the beginning of Revelation 4.

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