

#1070 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – The Two Eliakims: The church of Philadelphia has an *open door* to sit on the *throne of David* with Jesus Christ, while the church of Laodicea must overcome and *open the door* to sit on the *throne of David* with Jesus Christ

Key Understanding #1: The two themes of (i) an *open door into heaven* and (ii) the *throne of David* and/or the *throne of the Father* are paired together *twice* in Revelation 3 in the letters to the church of Philadelphia and to the church of Laodicea.

Key Understanding #2: The church of Philadelphia *has* overcome, and has an *open door* to sit on the *throne of David* with Jesus Christ, while the church of Laodicea *must yet* overcome and *open the door* to sit on the *throne of David* with Jesus Christ.

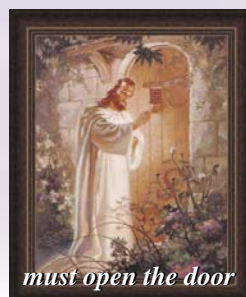
Revelation 3:7-8 (KJV) And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath THE KEY OF DAVID [which can be equated with sitting on the throne of David], he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

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.

The church in Philadelphia: an open door to sit on the throne of David with Jesus Christ



The church in Laodicea: must overcome and open the door to sit on the throne of David with Jesus Christ



Revelation 3:20-21 (KJV) 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.

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