

A wide-angle photograph of the ancient ruins of Ephesus, Turkey. The scene is dominated by numerous tall, weathered stone columns of varying heights, some standing in small groups and others as isolated pillars. The ground is a mix of dirt, stone, and sparse, dry vegetation. In the background, a modern city with many buildings is visible on a hillside under a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and archaeological significance.

The Seven Churches of Asia Minor

Philadelphia – Revelation 3:7-13

REVELATION: ROME & THE SEVEN CHURCHES

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"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS": "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

(Revelation 3:7-13)



The Letter to Philadelphia

- “These things says:
 - He who is holy
 - He Who is true
 - Who has the key of David
 - He Who opens and no one shuts,
 - and shuts and no one opens
- “I know your works:
 - You have a little **strength**
 - You have **kept** My word
 - You have not denied My name

Strength

➤ G1411

➤ δύναμις

➤ dunamis

➤ **Thayer Definition:**

➤ 1) strength power, ability

➤ 1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

➤ 1b) power for performing miracles

➤ 1c) moral power and excellence of soul

➤ 1d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth

➤ 1e) power and resources arising from numbers

➤ 1f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts

➤ **Part of Speech:** noun feminine

➤ **A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number:** from G1410

Kept

➤ **G5083**

➤ τηρέω

➤ tēreō

➤ **Thayer Definition:**

➤ 1) to attend to carefully, take care of

➤ 1a) to guard

➤ 1b) metaphorically to keep, one in the state in which he is

➤ 1c) to observe

➤ 1d) to reserve: to undergo something

➤ **Part of Speech:** verb

➤ **A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number:** from teros (a watch, perhaps akin to [G2334](#))



Promises to Philadelphia

- “See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;
- “Indeed, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie – indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.
- “I also will keep you from the hour of trial which will come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.
- “Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.
- “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more.
- “I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God
- “And I will write on him My new name