"Revelation – King of Kings and Lord of Lords (5): What is Now – Letters to the Church at Philadelphia and Laodicea" (Rev 3:7-22) Revelation 2-3: 7 Letters from Jesus Christ to 7 Churches in Asia Minor... **Exhortation and Warning to All Churches in the Present Church Age** "He who has an Ear, let him Hear what the Spirit says to the Churches" (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22) Today: Letters to the Churches at Philadelphia and Laodicea... I. Letter to the Church at Philadelphia – The Church with an _____ (3:7–13) Description: One "... who is Holy and True, who holds the Key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open..." A. Commendation (3:8) 1. An Open Door that No One can Shut 2. Little Strength, yet Faithful to Jesus' Word and Name **B.** Exhortation and Promise (3:9-13) 1. He will Humble Hostile Jews before them (v 9; Romans 2:28-29) 2. He will Protect the Church from the ______ that will come upon the World (v 10) 3. He will keep them Secure and grant them a New Name and a New Identity (v 12) God's work does not depend on Size or Ability, but on the Godly Vision of an Open Door, and _____ II. Letter to the Church at Laodicea – The _____ Church (3:14–22) Description: "the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's Creation" A. Rebuke and Correction (vv 16-17) 1. Lukewarm Spirituality – Neither Hot Nor Cold 2. Wrong standard of measurement for **B.** Warning and Promise (vv 18-19) 1. Re-focus on Spiritual Richness, Righteous Deeds, and Spiritual Sight 2. Plea to ______, and Promises: Intimate Fellowship Now, and Privilege of Honor for Eternity 2 Churches, 2 Doors: Which one to Choose? Fellowship leads to Open Door: Empowered to Share the Good News! Answer: Performance Appraisal; Open Door; Tribulation; Faithfulness, Courage and Perseverance; Opportunity; Lukewarm; Spirituality; Individual Believers

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