



Learn the Patterns of Prophecy

1. **The Why** is more important than the when.
2. **See God's consistency** in who He is.
3. **Example: Pentecost-** Moses in the presence of God. Ruth & Boaz a type representing the Kinsman Redeemer. Acts 2 the coming of the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 5:21-24 & Jude 1:14-16)

Acts 17:11

Revelation 3:1

Intimate Letters to the Bride

1. **Ephesus** the apostolic Church is to consider how far they have fallen and if they don't repent their place within the Kingdom will be removed.
2. **Smyrna** the persecuted Church. They are fighting the devil and have proven faithful.
3. **Pergamum** an unholy Church married to the world with only a remnant holding on to His name.
4. **Thyatira** an evil Church, with false teaching and false prophets in charge. The remnant is told to hold on.
5. **Sardis** the dead Church. It has appearances without performance, a lack of diligence and watchfulness about the end times.
6. **Philadelphia** a church that kept His word. I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming upon the whole world.

Revelation 3:2-6

The Message (Sardis)

1. **V:1 They denied the** Word of the Holy Spirit.
The seven spirits represent the Holy Spirit. **Isaiah 11:2-3** The Spirit of the LORD will **rest** on him—the Spirit of **wisdom** and of **understanding**, the Spirit of **counsel** and of **might**, the Spirit of the **knowledge** and **fear of the LORD**—
2. **V:2 Wake up:** Truth is unfinished in the sight of God.
3. **V:3 If you don't wake up:** You will miss the rapture when Jesus comes as a thief in the night.

4. **V:4 Clean clothing:** the white clothing represents transformation of the new life.
5. **V:5 They lack acknowledgment.** They deny the inerrancy (Holy Spirit) of the Word of God. Their association with Jesus as being the Bridegroom is only an allegory.
6. **The majority deny** the millennial reign and do not respect or understand the promises to Israel. (99% Catholics 70% Protestants)

Revelation 3:7-13

The Message (Philadelphia)

1. **V:7 The Key of David:** Most Churches miss this important truth about God's will for humanity especially to Israel. Jesus is connecting these promises with open doors. (Luke 1:32 & Isaiah 9:7 & Isaiah 22:22-25) This is **the promise** that Jesus will reign from David's throne.
2. **V:8 The Open door.** Because this church honors the whole counsel of God's word a special honor is given.

Open & Shut Doors

1. **Jesus is the door** (Gate) (John 10:7 & 9)
2. **We are to pray for** open doors of service. (Colossians 4:3)
3. **God closes the door** 7 days before the flood. (Genesis 7: 4 & 16)
4. **The Wedding door** was shut. (Matt. 25:10)

Message to Philadelphia Continues

2. **V:8 The Open door.** Because this church honors the whole counsel of God's word a special honor is given.
3. **V:9 The World and the devil will** have to acknowledge this special love Jesus has for the Church that keeps the whole counsel of God.
4. **V:10-11 They escape from the trial.** This church is going to be rapture! The promise is Jesus is coming soon.
5. **V:12 This segment of the body** is honored for all eternity with special recognition in the New Jerusalem.

Parallels to the 7 Parables (Matt. 13 & 25)

1. **Matthew 13:33-35 & 36-43 Sardis is the yeast & weeds.** They work death throughout the Church like yeast. They kill off what is remaining like weeds choke off the healthy.
2. **Matthew 25:1-10 The Church of Philadelphia** is wise virgins. Sardis, Thyatira, Pergamum, and Laodicea are the foolish virgins.

Themes

1. **The titles** of Jesus
2. **The promises** of Jesus
3. **Let everyone hear** what the Spirit says to the Churches.
4. **Time is short,** repent now while there is still time.

