

## Sermon Notes

### *Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands*

“Philadelphia: Perseverance of the Persecuted – Part A”

Revelation 3:7-13

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Location of the city.

1. Visuals of the region.

##### B. Facts about the city.

1. Importance

2. Location

3. Size

4. Identified by two things.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Namesake – Philadelphia

- a. Historical background of how the city acquired its name.

6. Volcanic soil

a. Catacaemenie: Greek for b\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Weima lecture

c. Strabo

##### C. Jewish Presence

1. Synagogue of Satan

##### D. Reading of the text – Revelation 3:7-13

#### II. Exposition

#### A. The Christ Title

##### 1. Revelation 3:7

- a. The title harks back to the opening vision – Rev. 1:19-20.  
Less obvious but still present in Rev. 1:18b

- b. He is “Holy” or the “Holy One”

1. First note tandem usage of “Holy” and “True”.

2. Holy – Common title for God in the Old Testament  
(See Isaiah 37:23; 40:25; Hab. 3:3)

a. Psalm 16:10

b. Isaiah 1:4

- c. The “True” one.

1. Greek meaning

2. Hebrew meaning

- d. Holds Key of David

1. A clear allusion to Isaiah 22:23.

Background on Shebna, Eliakim, and Hezekiah

2. Parallel to Rev. 3:7. Jesus has absolute authority. Access is only through him – Revelation 3:12.

3. A polemic (argument) against the local Jewish community who recently E\_\_\_\_\_ Christian Jews from the synagogue.

a. Historical support.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. An aspect of our worship should be the lifting up of devotion to Jesus as the Holy, True, and Keeper of the Keys.

- B. Accept the Commendation.