

#463 Thomas Paine and God Trying Men's Souls – The Hour of Temptation and the Church of Philadelphia, part 3, Trying Men's Souls with the offering of a Kingdom of this World and its Glory

The last Unsealing, #462, was about the fact *that* the theme of *temptation* is in both (a) Matthew 4:8-9 and (b) Revelation 3:10; *this* Unsealing, #463, is about *the nature* of the *temptation* in each, drawing together the two passages in a close relationship with one another.

Key Understanding: The nature of the Temptation in Matthew 4:8-9 and the nature of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 are similar, related to the offerings of the kingdoms of this world, and their glory.

(a) The *nature* of the Temptation of Jesus Christ in Matthew 4:8-9 was that of the offering of all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.



*Matthew 4:8-11 (KJV) Again, the devil [called THE TEMPTER in verse 3] taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, **AND SHEWETH HIM ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD, AND THE GLORY OF THEM;***

*9 And saith unto him, **ALL THESE THINGS WILL I GIVE THEE,** if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.



Philadelphia

Satan offered Philadelphia to the Church.

The *nature* of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 is that of the offering of a kingdom of this world (the United States of America and its representative Democracy) and its glory.

(b) The *nature* of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 – seemingly unexplained by the passage itself, but explained through the combination of (i) Matthew 4:8-9, (ii) the words of Thomas Paine, *These are the times that try men's souls*, and (iii) knowing that the nation birthed at Philadelphia, Pa., is a counterfeit of the 1 Peter 2:9 “*holy nation*” of God as well as the counterfeit of the Revelation 3:7-13 Church in Philadelphia – **is that of the offering of a kingdom of this world (the United States of America and its representative Democracy) and its glory.**

Again, the *nature* of the Hour of Temptation in Revelation 3:10 is that of the offering of a kingdom of this world (the United States of America and its representative Democracy) and its glory.

*Revelation 3:7, 10 (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, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, which shall come upon all the world, TO TRY THEM that dwell upon the earth.*

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