

**#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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