

#1072 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – The Two Eliakims: The themes of an open door and the throne of David seen with both the church of Philadelphia and the church of Laodicea are to be seen in relationship with the open door and the throne in heaven in Revelation 4:1-2

The Revelation 3:7-13 church of Philadelphia has overcome, and has an *open door* to sit on the *throne of David* with Jesus Christ, while the Revelation 3:14-22 church of Laodicea must yet overcome and *open the door* to sit on the *throne of David* with Jesus Christ. **The themes of an open door into heaven and a throne in heaven immediately follow thereafter in Revelation 4:1-2.**

Revelation 3:7-8 (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** [which can be equated to sitting on the throne of David], he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee **AN OPEN DOOR**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Revelation 3:20-21 (KJV) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and **OPEN THE DOOR**, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

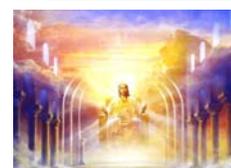
21 To him that overcometh **WILL I GRANT** to sit with me **IN MY THRONE**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father **IN HIS THRONE**.

Revelation 4:1-2 (KJV) After this I looked, and behold, **A DOOR WAS OPENED in heaven**: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 **And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, A THRONE WAS SET IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SAT ON THE THRONE.** [Note that the “sitting on the throne in heaven” theme flows from Revelation 3:21 through the end of chapter 3 and the beginning of chapter 4 to Revelation 4:2. They are meant to be thematically connected.]



Key Understanding: Clearly, the themes of an open door and the throne of David seen with both the church of Philadelphia and the church of Laodicea are to be seen in relationship with the open door and throne in heaven in Revelation 4:1-2.



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