



# Philadelphia – the Faithful Church

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# The 7 Churches of Revelation

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1. Ephesus – lost first love
2. Smyrna – the persecuted church
3. Pergamum – the compromising church
4. Thyatira – the tolerant church
5. Sardis – the dead/sleeping church
- 6. Philadelphia – the faithful/opportunity church**

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— Chapters 2-3 —

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamos
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- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

THE RAPTURE	THE SECOND COMING
A “secret” event; Jesus witnessed by believers only (1 Thess. 4:17)	A public event; Jesus witnessed by everyone (Rev. 1:7)
Christ comes <u>for</u> His bride (the Church) to take her to heaven (John 14:1-3)	Christ returns <u>with</u> His bride to set up His 1000-year-kingdom (Rev. 19:11-16)
Occurs prior to the beginning of the Tribulation (Rev. 3:10; 1 Thess. 5:9)	Occurs at the end of the Tribulation (Matt. 24:29-35)
Ushers in a time of great distress on earth (Matt. 24:15-28)	Ushers in a time of great peace on earth (Isa. 2:1-5; Isa. 11:1-9)
Believers are rescued from wrath (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)	Believers rule with Christ (Rev. 20:4)
Church age believers receive their glorified bodies (1 Cor. 15:50-54)	OT saints receive their glorified bodies (Isa. 26:19-21; Dan 12:1-2)
Jesus comes in the air (1 Thess. 4:14-17)	Jesus comes to the earth (Rev. 19:11-16)
Imminent; could happen at any time (Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54)	At least 7 years away - will not occur until after certain end-times events take place (Dan. 9:26-29; 2 Thess. 2:4; Matt 24:15-30; Rev. 6–18)
No signs precede it (Titus 2:13)	Many signs precede it, including the Tribulation (Matt. 24:3-35)
Time of great joy for believers (1 Thess. 2:19, 20)	A time of great mourning for unbelievers (Rev. 1:7)