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*The Faithful Church.*

Revelation 3:7-8 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”:

<sup>8</sup>“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

*We need to keep*

*1. works*

*2. A little strength.*

*3. the Word.*

*4. Not deny His Name.*

Revelation 3:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup>Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

<sup>10</sup>Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

*“I will expose all liars, I will humble them before you, I will confirm My love of you. To them.”*

Revelation 3:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

*A reference to the rapture.*

*The Lukewarm church.*

Revelation 3:14-22 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

<sup>15</sup> “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

<sup>16</sup> So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

<sup>17</sup> Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

<sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

<sup>19</sup> As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

<sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

<sup>22</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ’ ”

Revelation 1:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

*A term used of being wholly in union with the Holy Spirit and yielded to Him.*

Revelation 1:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

Revelation 1:12-16 (AMP)

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And after turning I saw seven golden lampstands;

<sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands *I saw* someone like the Son of Man, dressed in a robe reaching to His feet, and with a golden sash wrapped around His chest.

<sup>14</sup> His head and His hair were white like white wool, [glistening white] like snow; and His [all-seeing] eyes were [flashing] like a flame of fire [piercing into my being].

<sup>15</sup> His feet were like burnished [white-hot] bronze, refined in a furnace, and His voice was [powerful] like the sound of many waters.

<sup>16</sup> In His right hand He held seven stars, and from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword [of judgment]; and His face [reflecting His majesty and the Shekinah glory] was like the sun shining in [all] its power [at midday].

Revelation 1:18-20 (AMP)

<sup>18</sup> and the Ever-living One [living in and beyond all time and space]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of [absolute control and victory over] death and of Hades (the realm of the dead).

<sup>19</sup> So write the things which you have seen [in the vision], and the things which are [now happening], and the things which will take place after these things.

<sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels (divine messengers) of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 1:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

(Show picture of Menorah) Left to right.

Isaiah 11:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

*7 attributes of the Holy Spirit represented in the Menorah.*

*1. Wisdom.*

*2. Council.*

*3. Knowledge.*

*4. Father God.*

*5. Fear of the Lord.*

*6. Might.*

*7. Revelation.*

*The Loveless Church.*

Revelation 2:1-3 (NKJV)

**2** “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,

‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

<sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

<sup>3</sup> and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.

Revelation 2:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.