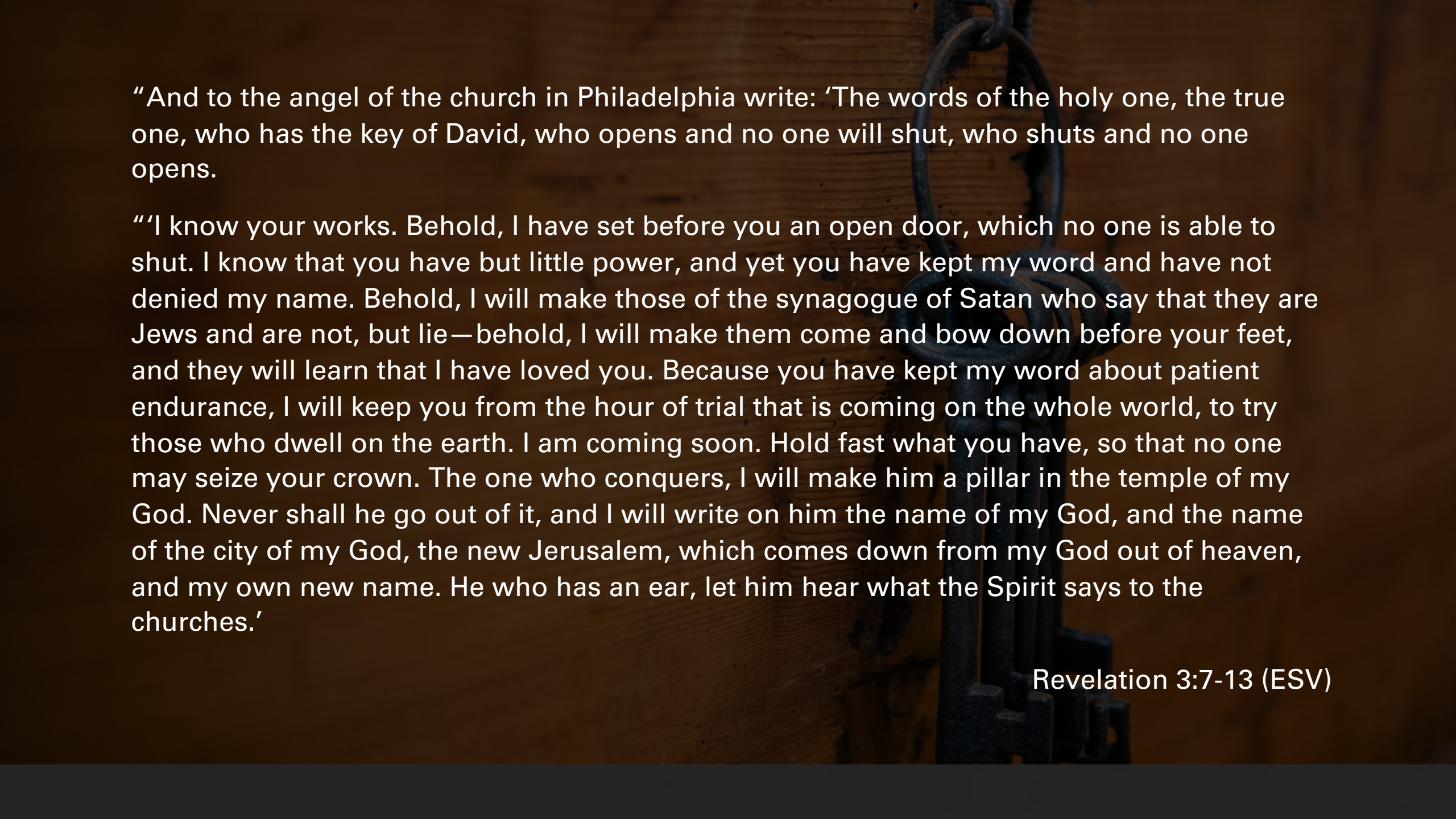




The Letter to the Church at Philadelphia

THE KEYS TO CERTAINTY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

A large, ornate metal key hangs from a ring on a wooden door. The key is dark and has a complex, decorative head. The background is a dark, textured wood.

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

“‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV)



1. Know Who Holds the Keys

- The One Who is Holy & True (vs. 7)



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- The One who Opens & Shuts (vs. 8b)



2. Know What the Keys Unlock

➤ Proof (vs. 9)



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- Proof (vs. 9)
- Protection (vs. 10)



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- Proof (vs. 9)
- Protection (vs. 10)
- Presence (vs. 11)



3. Know What the Keys Lock

➤ Your Victory (vs.. 12a)



3. Know What the Keys Lock

- Your Victory (vs.. 12a)
- Your Security (vs. 12b)



3. Know What the Keys Lock

- Your Victory (vs.. 12a)
- Your Security (vs. 12b)
- Your Inheritance (vs. 12c)



HOLD FAST!!!

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:17–20 (ESV)