

# The Philadelphia Church

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## Introduction

Unfortunately in today's time basically all the Christian Churches think that they are the Philadelphia Church. They think that each of the seven Churches mentioned in Yeshua's (Jesus) letters in Revelation were a specific Church that existed at a specific time in history, a period from Yeshua's time up to today and now they think only the Philadelphia Church exists. There is absolutely nothing in the Bible to justify or support this way of thinking.

Ask yourself what do you think was God's main intent of giving us the Book of Revelations ? It is addressing what is happening in and around the end time, the times of sorrow, the Tribulation, the wrath of God, the Millennium, the second resurrection, the Great White Throne Judgment and the New Heavens and Earth. It is given mainly for those living in the end time, to recognize what is happening and to change and walk forward properly before it is too late and the wrath of God comes upon the whole world. Also it is to tell God's people how to walk forward through the Tribulation. In other words, repent, change and walk forward following God's commands. The main intent of the Book of Revelations is to warn people who are approaching the Tribulation. If you understand this, then looking at the letters to the various Churches that Yeshua is addressing, these must be currently 7 existing Christian Churches that are approaching and will pass through the Tribulation. They are encouraged by Yeshua to change before it is too late.

If you look around in the world, one can identify seven distinct categories of Christian Churches. These are; the Roman Catholic, the (Greek) Orthodox, the Mormon, the Seventh Day Adventist, the Jehovah Witness, all the various Protestants and last the Messianic Christians also known as complete Bible followers. In today's time only one of these seven is the Philadelphia Church.

## The Philadelphia Church

Examining the Bible description of this Church we find it described with a number of specific characteristics. So let us look at the scriptures and summarize these characteristics. We start with Yeshua's letter to this Church.

**Rev 3:7** 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;

Rev 3:8 **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.**

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Rev 3:10 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.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast,** that no man take thy crown.

Rev 3:12 **Him that overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Rev 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

First this congregation has works that Yeshua approves of, that means they must go forward in a manner that does the will of God.

Second it has little strength. It is not easily found or recognized because for the most part it consists of a few individuals scattered and spread out everywhere throughout the world, it is not one large structured organization.

Third it hears and obeys Yeshua's words and examples both following and doing what He has told us and shown us. These are quick to praise Yeshua and tell the world that they follow him and that His name is Yeshua Hamashiach. Following Yeshua means one grows in the heart and mind in the manner that pleases God and walks in the way that God demands.

Some in this Church say they are Jews but are not, these are those Gentiles that say they are Ephraimites of the northern tribe of Israel, thinking they are from the ten lost tribes. They buy into British Israelism. These are called the synagogue of Satan by Yeshua, these are also known as Two House messianic.

The main and original ones in the Philadelphia Congregation that go forward properly are those that have kept the word of Yeshua's patience or stated another way they endure without complaining going forward doing and following Yeshua no matter what the world does and no matter how they are treated.

These are ones that have overcome the world by accepting, obeying and following Yeshua.

These are those walking on the narrow path in obedience to the Father and the Son, they are following God's word to the very best of their ability in today's time. They follow Yeshua, the Torah, the food laws and the Holy Days of God and continually work towards growing and maturing as God's children. The doctrine they follow is only that of the complete Bible, not a number of items selected and written down as a guide in the way the other Churches do and use to go forward.

These are the only ones that are living that will be spared from having to go through the Tribulation, which is the temptation that comes upon the whole world. How they are spared is in another study, it is not by a resurrection. There is no secret resurrection, the only resurrection occurs at the end of the Tribulation with Yeshua's second coming. Scripture tells us there is no resurrection ahead of the Tribulation, it only occurs at the end of the Tribulation.

This set apart group is the only Congregation, that is now days called a Church, that is not given correction from Yeshua. Five of the other six Churches are given instructions for correcting themselves on how they are to walk forward, how they are to repent and change before it is too late. The sixth Church also is comprised of those that call themselves Jews and are addressed as the synagogue of Satan, the Church is told to hold fast as they will be persecuted for 10 days. They will be going through the Tribulation, the same as the other 5 Churches.

## Defining the Saints

Those in the Philadelphia Congregation are in fact defined by Yeshua as the Saints. Provided both their heart is right with God and they walk forward joyfully in obedience to both the Father and the Son, they are set apart. This Congregation follows as best they can to the original Congregations as set up by Paul and their default is always to follow and obey Yeshua. They are not like most all others around them who say they follow and obey Yeshua when in fact they do not. Those in the other six Christian Churches pick and chose what they follow from Yeshua.

To understand who the Saints are one needs to do an in depth study of the Bible. First start with the original Congregations that Paul set up, he calls them the Saints in his letters to them. In other words they were following in the manner that followed and obeyed Yeshua and were growing in the manner that was taught to them. Context is everything when it comes to studying and learning from God's word. This early Congregation only had the Old Testament and guidance from Paul and the Holy Spirit. They did not have the New Testament. They studied the Torah and the Prophets and the rest of the Old Testament.

A major key to understanding this Congregation is given to us by Paul in the following scriptures.

**Act 21:18** And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

**Act 21:19** And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among **the Gentiles by his ministry**.

**Act 21:20** And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and **they are all zealous of the law**:

In order to understand what these scriptures are telling us, one needs to know the Hebrew word for **Law**. It is **Torah** and it means the **first five Books of the Bible**. The meaning is much

deeper than just Law. In a condensed definition Torah means – ***Instruction Designed to Teach us the Truth of God.*** The Torah points the way we are to walk, it covers all the laws, statutes, judgments, and ordinances. Yeshua tells us the Torah is in effect up to the time the heavens and the Earth pass away, Mat 5:18 . Yeshua came and told us to follow the laws in our heart by their intent, not by a legalistic manner. In these scriptures above we find first the Gentiles in the Congregations were zealous for study and learning the Torah and were following the Torah, walking and living in the Torah. These early congregations were also experiencing some degree of persecution as they were walking forward in a manner very different from the world around them. They also were persecuted to some degree by some of the Jews with respect mainly to circumcision.

The next major scripture defining the Saints comes from the following.

[Rev 14:12](#) Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

This scripture addresses three specific attributes that the Saints have. The first is patience or endurance, the second is they keep the commandments which is the Torah and the third is the faith of Yeshua which is hearing and obeying and following Yeshua. These fit with what Paul taught in the early Congregations. These few do not walk the way of the world, they follow God's directives and instructions as best they can and do not compromise. Their doctrine comes only from following God's words to us which is the complete Bible. Today there are extremely few Christians that walk forward in this manner. Those that do are generally shunned by the Christian Churches around them. Those in these other Christian Churches say they follow and obey Yeshua, but they do not, they pick and chose and follow the doctrine given to them from their Church body and their pastor. Following Yeshua is emulating His actions, walking forward the same way He walked. As an example following Yeshua will be keeping the Holy Days of God, not the traditions of man such as Easter and Christmas and other traditions. These in the Philadelphia Congregation follow God's calendar of days, months and years. The first day of the New Year is Nisan 1, not January 1. They keep the weekly and annual Sabbaths of God as well as many other directives. They are a very small and scattered group of individuals throughout the entire world. Compared to those of today's Churches they have very little strength.

## The Resurrection of the Saints

The first group of Saints were resurrected at the time of Yeshua's resurrection. They came out of the graves and walked around in Jerusalem. This occurred on the day of First Fruits of the spring harvest, a Holy Day of God occurring during the Passover Holy Days.

[Mat 27:52](#) And the graves were opened; and many bodies of **the saints** which slept arose,  
[Mat 27:53](#) And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and

appeared unto many.

What we understand from these passages are that the Saints are the First Fruits. There are two Holy Days dedicated to the First Fruits, the first is the spring harvest which is in Pesach (Passover) and the second is the summer harvest which is Shavuot (Pentecost). These are small harvests, not like the major harvest that occurs in the fall which is Sukkot (Tabernacles). These three harvests are God's appointed times where His people are to come before Him.

Going further we find that when Yeshua comes back to earth at His second coming, He gathers the remainder of His saints which rise up to join Him in the clouds. At that time Yeshua has now gathered all His Saints and comes back down to earth, all His Saints coming with Him.

**Zec 14:4** And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

**Zec 14:5** And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and all the saints with thee.*

This second group of Saints are those that died from the time after Yeshua's resurrection up to the time of His second coming. The first group of Saints would have been those from Adam's time up to Yeshua's crucifixion and resurrection. So the first resurrection takes place in two parts occurring on the Holy Days of the spring and summer harvests of First Fruits. The first resurrection is only of the Saints. This includes those that are dead rising first, then followed by those that are alive at Yeshua's second coming. As we are told, all the Saints come back to earth with Yeshua as He places His feet on the Mount of Olives.

Note that the temptation of the Tribulation rewards those of God's people who go through the Tribulation not taking the mark of the beast and enduring to the end, whether alive or dead by the end of the Tribulation. These then are given Saint status and are resurrected at Yeshua's second coming in the clouds. Also those alive in the Philadelphia Congregation are also resurrected at this time, following those that were dead.

The Saints become administrators under Yeshua during the Millennium here on earth. They know the Torah and were walking in it as their training and obedience to God. Understand that the Torah is enforced throughout the entire world during the Millennium. All men must now obey the Torah, it is no longer optional in being able to go your own way. The Millennium is God's Kingdom established and enforced over the entire earth.

**Mat 6:10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is in heaven.*

## Summary

The Philadelphia Congregation is very small compared to those in the mainstream Christian Churches of today's time. The Philadelphia Congregation is in fact the Saints or the First Fruits. There is time remaining, at the moment, for others to wake up and leave their preconceived ideas behind and become members of the Philadelphia Congregation correctly following God's directives to us. Alternately if they do not join with the Philadelphia Congregation they will be going forward through the Tribulation. If they go forward through the Tribulation properly these others can earn the reward of becoming one of the Saints.

**Praise Adonai and Yeshua Hamashiach !**

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