



# **“Have an Ear to Hold Fast”**

Revelation 3:12-13

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**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:** [Rev 3:7-13 NASB95]

## **INTRODUCTION**

**Jesus knows your works that you...**

**"8 "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. ...  
10 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." [Rev 3:8, 10 ESV]**

- 1) ...have kept His word.**
- 2) ...have not denied His name.**
- 3) ...have kept my word about patient endurance. v10**

**1. The Philadelphian church is given \_\_\_\_\_ promises true to all overcomers.**

**"4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith." [1Jo 5:4 ESV]**

**Christ promises...**

**1) Your persecutors will be \_\_\_\_\_ before you on judgment day.**

**9 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.**

**2) The church will be \_\_\_\_\_ from the tribulation.**

**10 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.**

**3) He will \_\_\_\_\_ quickly.**

**10 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.**

**4) Another promise to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the churches.**

**1. A promise to the church at \_\_\_\_\_.**

**"7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'" [Rev 2:7 NASB95]**

**2. A promise to the church at \_\_\_\_\_.**

**"11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.'" [Rev 2:11 NASB95]**

**3. A promise to the church at \_\_\_\_\_.**

**"17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give [some] of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'" [Rev 2:17 NASB95]**

**4. A promise to the church at \_\_\_\_\_.**

**"26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received [authority] from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star. 29 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'" [Rev 2:26-29 NASB95]**

5. **A promise to the church at \_\_\_\_\_.**

🕯️ "5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. 6 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'" [Rev 3:5-6 NASB95]

6. **A promise to the church at \_\_\_\_\_.**

🕯️ "12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; 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 out of heaven from My God, and My new name. 13 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'" [Rev 3:12-13 NASB95]

7. **Promises are to those who have an \_\_\_\_\_.**

1) **John and the Apostles had an \_\_\_\_\_.**

🕯️ "25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace [be] with you." 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed [are] they who did not see, and [yet] believed." [Jhn 20:25-29 NASB95]

2) **Overcomers hear the authority of God's word and believe Him.**

🕯️ "13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." [1Jo 5:13-15 KJV]

➤ **1st generation Israel were cowards and unbelieving and did not \_\_\_\_\_ the land.**

➤ **2nd generation Israel under Joshua believed and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ land.**

## 2. **Hold fast to what you have!**

**"11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.'" [Rev 3:11]**

**The church is to hold fast...**

1. **...to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.**

2. **... to the keeping of His word, not denying His name, and persevering in \_\_\_\_\_ warfare.**

3. **...so that no one may take away their \_\_\_\_\_ that God gives to the one who overcomes.**

**The overcomer's will be \_\_\_\_\_ in three ways.**

**12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; 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 out of heaven from My God, and My new name.**

**He who overcomes...**

1. **...will receive permanent \_\_\_\_\_ in God's temple.**

**12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore;**

1. **The residence is with Jesus heavenly Father — our \_\_\_\_\_ Father.**

🕯️ "9 But ye [are] **a chosen generation, a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] **now the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;" [1Pe 2:9-11 KJV]

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2. A \_\_\_\_\_ means a future reputable position in Christ's administration.

👤 "30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me--for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.'" [1Sa 2:30]

3. Your position in God's eternal administration will \_\_\_\_\_ be taken from you.

▶ III. Temple pillars and earthquakes in Philadelphia

2. ...will receive God's name and \_\_\_\_\_ in the new city called New Jerusalem.

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 out of heaven from My God

Overcomers receive an \_\_\_\_\_ that is designated to him by the Son of God.

👤 "14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name," [Eph 3:14-15 NASB95]

1. ...a \_\_\_\_\_ name that associates you with our father's \_\_\_\_\_.

👤 "4 "Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a **possession** among our father's brothers." [Num 27:4 NASB95]

2. ...a \_\_\_\_\_ in a heavenly city.

and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven

👤 "20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;" [Phl 3:20 NASB95]

1) The heavenly city is first \_\_\_\_\_ as the New Jerusalem here but...

👤 "9 By faith he [Abraham] lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign [land,] dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." [Heb 11:9-10 NASB95]

2) Jesus said He would rapture the church and take them to the Father's heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.

👤 "1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, [there] you may be also." [Jhn 14:1-3 NASB95]

3) This heavenly city is a real city and is going to come **down** out of heaven to earth.

4) The \_\_\_\_\_ bodily resurrected Lord is going to bring bodily resurrected people with Him.

3. ...will receive Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ name.

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 out of heaven from My God

1) We can only \_\_\_\_\_ what His new name will be but it will be revealed.

2) His new name will be a facet of His glorious name that is above all names.

👤 "9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." [Phl 2:9-11 NASB95]