

The Year of the Revelation

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I. How Jesus Describes Himself

A. "Holy" and "True" - Qualities of a Judge

"Holy" - Set apart - Characteristic of God alone.

"True" - Original, Authentic, Genuine

B. Has the Keys of David - "who opens and no one will shut,"

Eliakim (Isaiah 22:15-25) - Faithful steward who was given the keys.

"and who shuts and no one opens." Genesis 7:16 - God closes the door of the ark.

* No Word of Correction *

II. Word of Commendation -

"I know your deeds." - Common Theme

"I have placed before you an open door which no one can shut."

Why?

- (1) The most unneeded characteristic for spiritual success: "our power" -
"You have little power!"

* Sometimes our greatest attribute is our most vulnerable place - rely on personal strength.

- (2) "have kept my Word" - Obedience

- (3) "have not denied My name" - Faithful Testimony

III. Promises -

A. "I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you."

When? Where? Why? When we stand with Jesus at His return. (Revelation 20)

B. "I will keep you from the hour of testing" - That hour (Tribulation)

Why I Believe in the Rapture

C. "I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God and he will not go out from it any more."

Pillar - the pillars of honor that were created for the hero.

In God's Temple - God makes us pillars in the Temple and the names written on are God's, City of God, Jesus' new name

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* All this is done in the kingdom is for the glory o God. The glory, honor, and recognition is for the honored person [God.]

Our benefit is that there is no doubt whose we are! Written all over us!