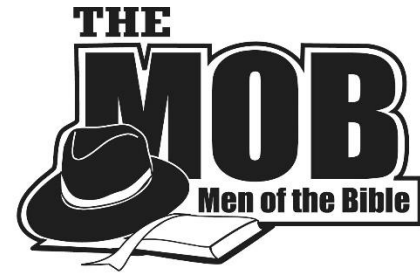


WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

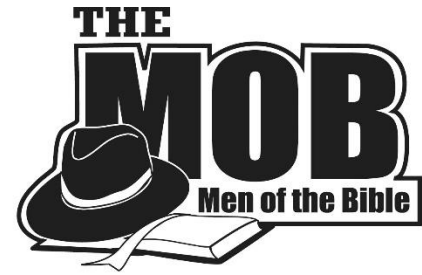


- ***WACMM 2021 Regional Men's Conference,***
Sat, Oct 23, 2021, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, at
Capital Baptist Church, Annandale, VA

- ***Christian Embassy DC Fellowship Dinner,***
Fri, Oct 29, 2021, 6:30 pm at Falls Church
Marriott Fairview Park

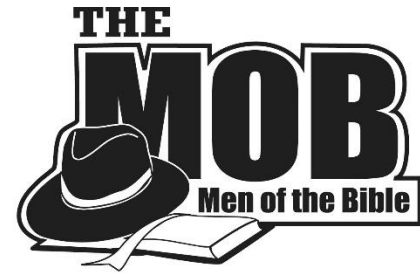


Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song: My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

Memory Verse



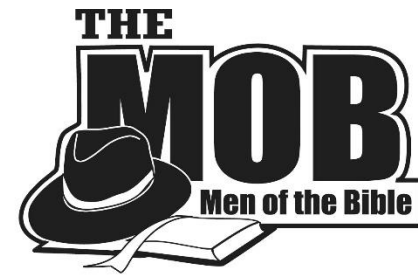
1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV)

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV)

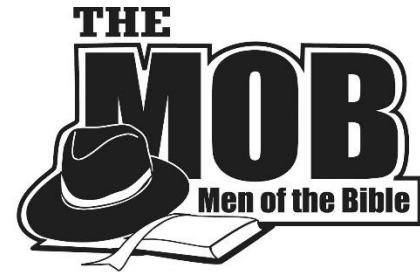
Revelation



Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 as of August 31, 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting No.</u>	<u>The Revelation of Jesus Christ – Readings & Topics</u>	<u>Host Sm Grp</u>
Sep 7	1	Welcome , MOB 2021 – 2022 Overview, Bible Study Basics, Revelation 1 – 22 Overview & Prologue, Small Group Assignments & Introductions Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Edition, pages (pp.) 1 - 20, 372 - 377 MacArthur, John. Because the Time is Near. Chicago, Moody Publishers, 2007, pp. 7-23	IBC
Sep 14	2	Revelation 1:4-8 Greeting to the Seven Churches Constable's Notes, pp. 20 - 26, MacArthur, pp. 24-29	F
Sep 21	3	Revelation 1:9-20 Vision of the Son of Man Constable's Notes, pp. 26 - 39, MacArthur, pp. 31-41	A
Sep 28	4	Revelation 2:1-7 To the Church in Ephesus Constable's Notes, pp. 39 - 48, MacArthur, pp. 45-53	B
Oct 5	5	Revelation 2:8-17 To the Church in Smyrna, To the Church in Pergamum Constable's Notes, pp. 48 - 59, MacArthur, pp. 55-70	C
Oct 12	6	Revelation 2:18 – 3:6 To the Church in Thyatira, To the Church in Sardis Constable's Notes, pp. 59 - 71, MacArthur, pp. 71-86	D
Oct 19	7	Revelation 3:7-13 To the Church in Philadelphia Constable's Notes, pp. 71 - 79, MacArthur, pp. 87-96	E
Oct 26	8	Revelation 3:14-22 To the Church in Laodicea Colossians 2:1-5, Constable's Notes, pp. 79 - 93, MacArthur, pp. 96-103	F

Our Study of Revelation



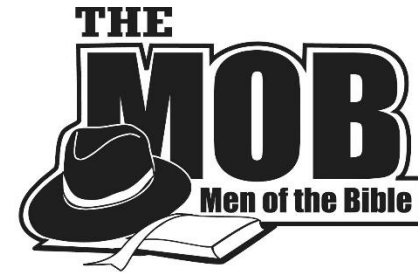
Last Meeting:

- [Revelation 2:18-3:6](#) To the Churches in Thyatira & Sardis
- Memory Verse: [Revelation 2:25-26](#)
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 59-71](#)

This Meeting:

- [Revelation 3:7-13](#) To the Church in Philadelphia
- Memory Verse: [1 Corinthians 15:57-58](#)
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 71-79](#)

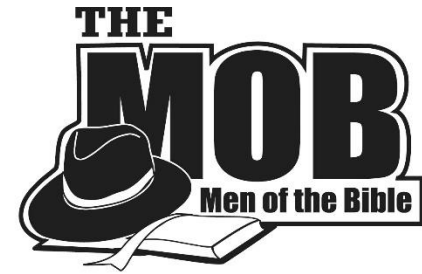
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Focus	“Things which you have seen”	“Things which are”	“Things which will take place after these things”				
Reference	1:1-20	2:1 – 3:22	4:1 – 5:14	6:1 – 19:10	19:11-21	20:1-15	21:1 – 22:21
Division	The Lord Jesus Christ	Seven Churches	The Judge	Tribulation	Second Coming	Millennium	Eternal State
Topic	Vision of Christ		Vision of Consummation				
	Theophany	Talks	Tribulations		Trumpets (7)	Together	
Location	Written on the Isle of Patmos						
Time	c. AD 95 - 96						

Revelation 1:11

The Seven Churches

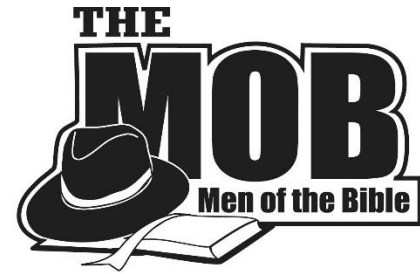


“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

- **Ephesus** **The Loveless**
- **Smyrna** **The Loyal (Persecuted)**
- **Pergamum** **The Lax (Compromising)**
- **Thyatira** **The Liberal (Corrupt)**
- **Sardis** **The Lifeless (Dead)**
- **Philadelphia** **The Laboring (Faithful)**
- **Laodicea** **The Lukewarm**



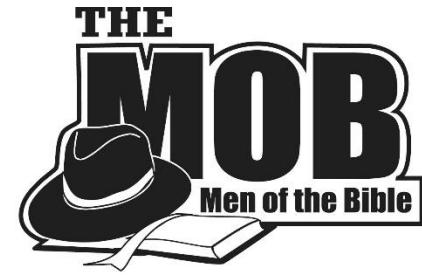
Philadelphia Overview



- Constable tells us that Philadelphia was founded by a Pergamum king and named after his nickname
- Philadelphia means brotherly love and that word appears multiple times in the NT ([Rm 12:10](#); [1 Thes 4:9](#); [Heb 13:1](#); [1 Pet 1:22](#); [1 Pet 3:8](#); [2 Pet 1:7](#))
- It lay on a trade route and the vicinity produced wine
- We don't know who founded the church and it apparently lasted for many centuries
- Today it is known as Alasehir and if you look it up on Google maps you will see the "Philadelphia Sieseian Church" almost in the middle of the town

Revelation 3:7

The Church of Philadelphia

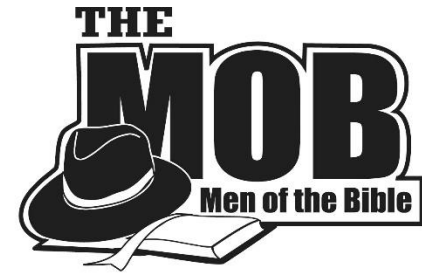


7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

- “holy one” and “true one” is God ([Rev 6:10](#); [Hos 11:9](#))
- “key of David” refers to [Isa 22:15-25](#) where Eliakim, a faithful servant (example of the Messiah?) who is given the key and similar wording as we see here about opening and shutting (Jesse’s sermon)
- We have already been told that Jesus has the “keys” to death and Hades ([Rev 1:18](#))

Revelation 3:8

The Church of Philadelphia

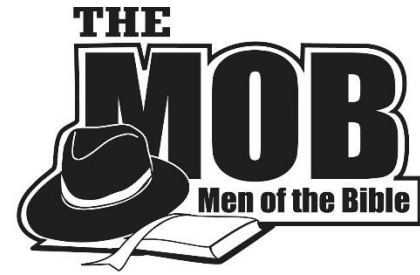


⁸ ““I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

- Jesus always knows!
- The open door again- opportunity ([Acts 14:27](#); [1 Cor 16:9](#); [2 Cor 2:12](#); [Col 4:3](#))
- Weakness (small in size?) in the world is not the issue
- Keeping His word and NEVER denying Him is always the issue

Revelation 3:9

The Church of Philadelphia

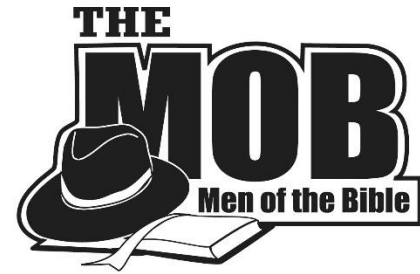


⁹ Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.

- Second time we have heard about the synagogue of Satan ([Rev 2:9](#))
- Those unbelieving Jews will bow at their feet in the future ([Isa 45:23](#))
- Then the Jews and everyone will know that Jesus loves those in the church

Revelation 3:10-11

The Church of Philadelphia

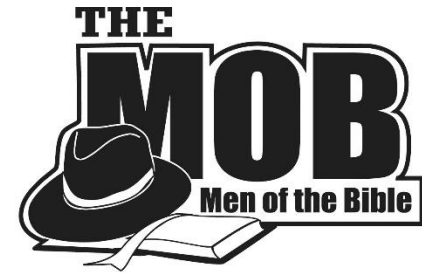


¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon.

- Most Futurist view v.10 as explicitly saying the church will not go through the tribulation, Ch 6-19, ([1 Thes 1:10](#))[Constable]
- Christ's return is "imminent" ([Rev 22:7, 12, 20](#))

Revelation 3:12-13

The Church of Philadelphia

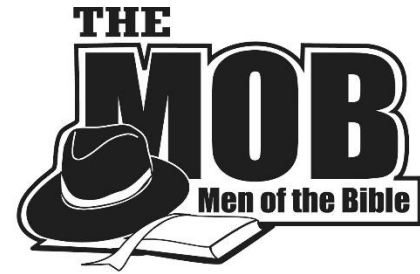


¹² The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

- Every church has a “conquer” statement that refers to their future glory with Christ
- Here the believers are promised a place with God and they will bear his name ([Rev 2:17](#))
- PAY ATTENTION!

A GOOD CHURCH

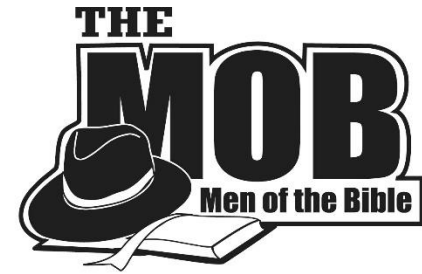
Obedient People



Romans 8:12-17

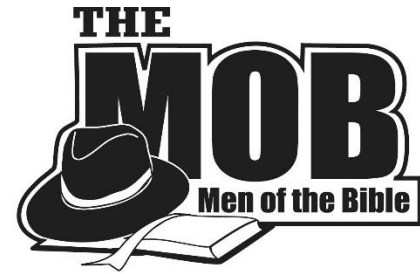
¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Questions 1 of 3



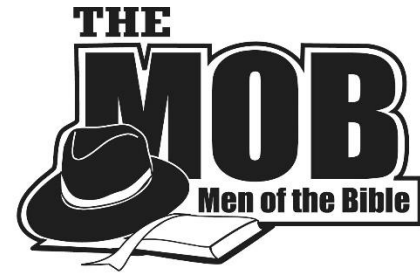
1. How did the Lord identify Himself to the angel of the church of Philadelphia? Why do you think He did it in this way?
2. How would you describe the Lord's "commendation" of the church of Philadelphia?
3. What are the implications of Christ putting an "open door" before the church of Philadelphia? In what ways is there an open door for the church today?
4. What event(s) do you think might lead the Jews (of the synagogue of Satan) to ultimately acknowledge that Christians are the true followers of God?
5. What does it mean that the Christians in the church of Philadelphia would be "kept from the hour of testing"? How does that apply to the church of Jesus Christ today?

Questions 2 of 3



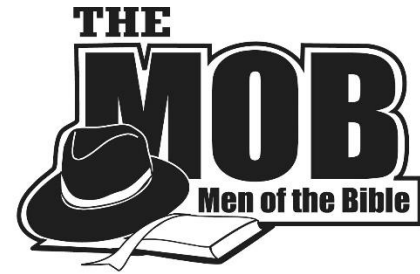
6. What is your understanding of the plight of believers who, “do not keep the word of Christ’s perseverance,” in regard to the coming “Rapture” of the church? What is the Biblical basis for your position?
7. Why do you think Revelation 3:10 just might be one of the most debated verses in the Bible about the rapture and its timing?
8. Where else in the Bible would you turn to support your view of a “pretribulation rapture” of the church?
9. Who are the “overcomers” the Lord referred to in verse 12? What is your understanding of the promise the Lord made to them?
10. What did the Lord say would happen to the church if they didn’t respond to the exhortation?

Questions 3 of 3



11. What are the implications of having the “name of God” and the name of the “city of God” written on us when we see Christ?
12. What important lesson(s) will you take away from this study?

Next Meeting



Review:

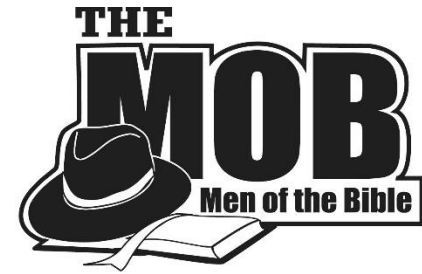
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Study:

- [Revelation 3:14-22](#) To the Church of Laodicea
- Memory Verse: [Revelation 3:20](#)
- [*Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 79-93*](#)
- Refreshment Host: Small Group F

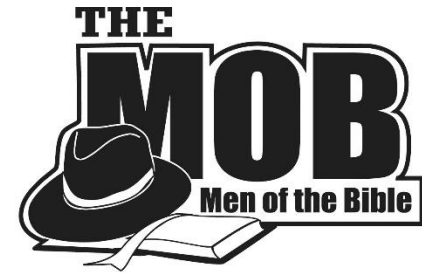


Closing



- Questions
- Benediction

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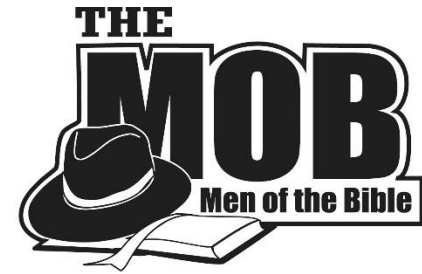
“The Bible is always the best commentary on the Bible.”

Additional References (if needed and as time permits):

- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation \(Full Commentary - FREE pdf download\)](#)
- [Precept Austin \(Pastor Tom's favorite Bible study reference site\)](#)
- [Hebrew Interlinear \(look up the meaning of the original Hebrew words\)](#)
- Others references available at www.ibcmob.net/resources and online

What We Teach

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Future

We believe that Jesus Christ will physically return in the air to take the church out of the world to be with Him forever ([John 14:2-3](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#)). Scripture tells us to be ready always for His coming ([1 Thessalonians 5:4-6](#); [Revelation 22:20](#)). At that moment, the dead in Christ and living believers will be given their eternal bodies ([1 Corinthians 15:51-53](#)). Jesus Christ will then bring a seven-year period of wrath upon the earth known as the tribulation ([1 Thessalonians 5:2-3](#); [Revelation 6-18](#)). At the end of this period of judgment, He will return bodily ([Acts 1:9-11](#); [Zechariah 14:4-8](#)) with the church to set up a kingdom to rule in righteousness the entire earth for a thousand years ([Revelation 19:1-20:6](#); [Matthew 13:41-43](#)).

The kingdom will end in rebellion against Christ and His people ([Revelation 20:7-9](#)), but the rebellion will fail in the face of Christ's victory over Satan and all who oppose Him ([Revelation 20:9-10](#)). The unbelieving dead of all time will then be raised and given eternal bodies to face God in final judgment ([Revelation 20:11](#)), after which they will be thrown into the lake of fire to eternal torment ([Revelation 20:15](#)). Believers will enter a new heaven and new earth ([Revelation 21:1-22:6](#)) prepared for them to enjoy perfect, everlasting fellowship with God.