

## Revved Up Session 5

We pick up our study at verse 12. Verse 12 contains so much information we can't miss a single word. It is packed with promises that are specific to the Church At Philadelphia and given to none of the other churches.

### Revelation 3:12

***“The victor: I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God, and he will never go out again. 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.”***

Those are victorious are those who have *kept my command to endure*. By *endure* we refer back to what God said in verse 8...*have kept My word, and have not denied My name*.

Revelation 3:8 *I know your works. Because you have limited strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name, look, I have placed before you an open door that no one is able to close.*

Remember, there is nothing special about Philadelphia, they have *limited strength*. But what they have done well is love God's Word. Nothing added to it, nothing taken away. It has been maintained, loved, and distributed by this church, more than at any time in the history of the world. Millions on millions of accurately translated Bibles have gone out into the world in thousands of languages. More Bibles exist right now in more languages than at any other time. More radio, television, and internet sermons and teachings exist now than at any other time. More books about the Bible, teaching the Bible, have been printed and distributed than all other books combined.

And it is those who have *endured* and *kept My word* who have been *kept from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world*.

So in verse 12 where it says *The victor*: it is not hard for us to define who he is and why he is victorious. The victor has *kept my Word*. And because of that he has *not denied my name*.

**“The \_\_\_\_\_: I will make him a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sanctuary of My God, and he will never go out again.**

What is the significance of being made a *pillar in the sanctuary of My God*? It is a specific reference to the original temple of Solomon.

1 Kings 7:15–21 “15 He cast two hollow bronze pillars: each 27 feet high and 18 feet in circumference. 16 He also made two capitals of cast bronze to set on top of the pillars; 7 1/2 feet was the height of the first capital, and 7 1/2 feet was also the height of the second capital. 17 The capitals on top of the pillars had gratings of latticework,

wreaths made of chainwork—seven for the first capital and seven for the second. 18 He made the pillars with two encircling rows of pomegranates on the one grating to cover the capital on top; he did the same for the second capital. 19 And the capitals on top of the pillars in the portico were shaped like lilies, six feet high. 20 The capitals on the two pillars were also immediately above the rounded surface next to the grating, and 200 pomegranates were in rows encircling each capital. 21 He set up the pillars at the portico of the sanctuary: he set up the right pillar and named it Jachin; then he set up the left pillar and named it Boaz.” Illustrations 1-2

The pillars are named Jachin and Boaz.

- 1) Jachin – means “He (God) will establish”. Symbolizes those who come to God in the Old Testament through faith in the promise.
- 2) Boaz – means “He (God) establishes in strength”. Boaz married a gentile woman. (Ruth – the Moabitess) Symbolizes those who come to God during the time of the Gentiles, under the terms of the New Covenant.

We have come in under the pillar of Boaz.

Galatians 3:29 *And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, according to the promise.*

Ephesians 3:6 *The \_\_\_\_\_ are co-heirs, members of the same body, and partners of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*

Philippians 2:12–13 “12 So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.”

In between Jachin and Boaz is a place of judgment. It is the place all must pass through to reach the Holy of Holies. As *pillars of the sanctuary of my God*, We are the silent witness to God’s Judgment for those who will not repent and also we testify of His redemption for all who will repent.

We are still exploring the symbolism of the two main pillars in Solomon’s Temple. On the top of each pillar were *capitals*. Each capital was covered in pomegranates.

1 Kings 15:18 *He made the pillars with two encircling rows of pomegranates on the one grating to cover the capital on top; he did the same for the second capital.*

Why Pomegranates?

- 1) They will grow even in barren desert climates.
- 2) They provide both food and water for survival.
- 3) Each is full of hundreds of seeds.

Jewish tradition teaches that the pomegranate is a symbol of righteousness because it is said to have 613 seeds, which corresponds with the 613 mitzvot, or commandments, of the Torah. For this reason and others, it is customary to eat pomegranates on [Rosh Hashanah](#). Moreover, the pomegranate represents fruitfulness, knowledge, learning, and wisdom.

**Luke 8:11** ““This is the meaning of the parable: The \_\_\_\_\_ is the word of God.”

God put Pomegranites on top of the columns to symbolize the incredible fruitfulness of His Word going out, first through the Nation of Israel (Pillar of Jachin), and then through Gentile believers. (Pillar of Boaz) It also symbolizes the Old and the New Testaments. Those who believe His Word, must reverence and believe both Covenants. These pillars with pomegranates are testimony of God’s incredible mercy and Him giving opportunity after opportunity. They will testify to the world that has denied Him, that it was possible to come to Him and to be victorious over the world, through Him.

Psalms 65:4 *“How happy is the one You choose and bring near to live in Your courts! We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple.”*

**Rev. 3:12** 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.”

**1) The name of My God** – Revelation 19:11–16 *“11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. 12 His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on His head. He had a name written that no one knows except Himself. 13 He wore a robe stained with blood, and His name is the Word of God. 14 The armies that were in heaven followed Him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. 15 A sharp sword came from His mouth, so that He might strike the nations with it. He will shepherd them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. 16 And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”*

**2) the name of the city of My God—the new Jerusalem...** Revelation 21:1–2 *“1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed. 2 I also saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.”*

**3) I will write on him... My new name** - Revelation 19:11–12 *“11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. 12 His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on His head. He had a name written that no one knows except Himself.”*

But let’s dwell on His New Name. Evidently, at the exact moment Jesus is revealed to the inhabitants of the earth to stop the Battle of Armageddon, His *new name...that no one knows except Himself*, is revealed. And as His *new name* is revealed, all those from

the church at Philadelphia have the *new name* written on them, as well. No other church is made this promise. The church at Pergamum had received a rock.

Revelation 2:17 *““Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name is inscribed that no one knows except the one who receives it.”*

It says they were given a *white stone, and on the stone a new name is inscribed...* Now notice, it doesn't specifically say that it is Jesus' new name. It may refer to the individual believer having been given a new name. It might be a reference to Jesus' New Name revealed in 19:12. But it is not clear.

What is clear is that when Jesus' New Name is revealed in Rev. 19:12, the New Name has been written on the Church at Philadelphia. Why? Because that is what He promised them in Rev. 3:12.

### **Revelation 3:13**

**““Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.”**

The verses below are the saddest verses in the entire Bible. Even as the plagues, bowls, and wrath of God prophesied in intricate detail for thousands of year, unfold upon humanity, they *did not repent...*

Trumpets - Revelation 9:20 ¶ *The rest of the people, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands to stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which are not able to see, hear, or walk.*

Revelation 9:21 *And they did not repent of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.*

Bowls - Revelation 16:9 *and people were burned by the intense heat. So they blasphemed the name of God, who had the power over these plagues, and they did not repent and give Him glory.*

Revelation 16:11 *and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, yet they did not repent of their actions.*

*God has given free will to individuals, but has an iron will for the nations.*