

# "KEPT FROM THE HOUR"

## REVELATION 3:10

### I. CHRIST POSSESSES THE KEY OF DAVID WHICH RECOGNIZES HIS AUTHORITY TO OPEN AND SHUT THINGS (3:7)

- A. There Are More Allusions To The O.T In The Revelation Than In Any Other N.T. Book
- B. The *Key Of David* Is Only Referred To In Isaiah 22:22 During The Days Of Hezekiah

### II. CHRIST MAKES HIS PRELIMINARY PROMISES EVEN IN THE FACE OF THE STIFFEST OPPOSITION (3:8-10)

- A. The Promise Of Inclusion Through God's Open Door (3:8)
- B. The Promise Of Vindication In The Sight Of Their Enemies (3:9)
  - 1. By Constraint: Every Knee Shall Bow And Every Tongue Will Confess The Lordship Of Christ (Philippians 2:10-11)
  - 2. By Conversion: Christ Will Open A Fountain Of Cleansing For The House Of David (Zechariah 13:1)
- C. The Promise Of Protection From A Time Of Global Trial (3:10)
  - 1. Fast Facts About *The Hour Of Temptation*
    - a. It Is A Definite Period Of Time
    - b. It Is A Time Of Testing
    - c. It Will Be Experienced By The Entire Inhabited, Unbelieving Earth
  - 2. *The Hour Of Temptation* Is The Very Period Of Time Described In Revelation 6-19
  - 3. The Key To The Interpretation Is In The Word *From* ("ek")
    - a. A Preposition Represents Anywhere A Mouse Can Go

- b. The Issue Is Whether (“ek”) Means “Through” Or “In” Or “Out of”
  - i. The Holy Spirit Could Have Superintended Other Words That Very Clearly Mean “Through” Or “In”
  - ii. The Protection Comes By Removal “From” Or “Out Of” The Earth prior To *The Hour Of Temptation*
  - iii. The Contextual Sequence Supports A Pre Tribulational Rapture (3:11) *Behold I Come Quickly*