

"MORE EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES"

REVELATION 3:10-13

I. A PROMISE THAT IS IMPLICIT WITHIN AN ADMONITION: THE RECEPTION OF A CROWN(S) (3:11)

- A. The "*Stephanos*" In The Ancient World Was A Laurel Wreath Awarded To The Victors In Certain Games

- B. The New Testament Speaks Of Either Five Different Kinds of Crowns, Or A Single Crown Described In Five Ways
 - 1. Incorruptible Crown (I Corinthians 9:25)
 - 2. Crown Of Rejoicing (I Thessalonians 2:19)
 - 3. Crown Of Righteousness (II Timothy 4:8)
 - 4. Crown Of Life (James 1:12)
 - 5. Crown Of Glory (I Peter 5:4)

- C. The Reasons For Believing In Literal Crown(s) Given To The Lord's People
 - 1. There Are Conditions To Receiving Them
 - 2. Someone Else Can Rob You Of Your Crown(s)
 - 3. You Will Ultimately Lay Them Before The Lord's Feet

II. PROMISES TO THE OVERCOMER (3:12)

- A. A Distinctive And Fixed Eminency Among The People Of God: A *Pillar In The Temple Of My God* (3:12a)

- B. A Triplet Of New Names Personally Inscribed By Christ Himself (3:12b)
 - 1. *The Name Of My God*
 - 2. *The Name Of The City Of My God*
 - 3. *My New Name*

PROMISES

Ephesus	1. To eat of the tree of life, Rev. 2:7
Smyrna	2. A crown of life, Rev. 2:10
Smyrna	3. To be unhurt by the 2nd death, Rev. 2:11
Pergamos	4. To eat of the hidden manna, Rev.2:17
Pergamos	5. Given a white stone with a new name, Rev. 2:17
Thyratira	6. Authority or rule over the nations, Rev. 2:26
Thyratira	7. Given the morning star, Rev. 2:28
Sardis	8. Be clothed in white, Rev. 3:5
Sardis	9. Name will not be blotted out of Book of Life Rev. 3:5
Sardis	10. Name will be confessed before the Father and the angels, Rev. 3:5
Philadelphia	11. Will have an open door, Rev. 3:8
Philadelphia	12. Enemies will pay homage acknowledging His love, Rev.3:9
Philadelphia	13. Preservation from the period of universal trial, Rev. 3: 10

Promises to all churches: #'s 1,2,3,6, 8, 9, 10, 13.

Promises specific to a particular church: #'s 11 and 12.

Promises that are cryptic (Not certain of meaning): #'s 4, 5, and 6.