

Philadelphia: Opportunity

Background:

Philadelphia: the youngest of the seven cities.

Greek: One who loves his brother

Situated on the borders of Mysia, Lydia and Phrygia. Not as a garrison, but an outpost/missionary state for Greek culture and language

300 years ago there was a door opened to spread culture. Now the door is open to spread the Gospel.

Edge of a great volcanic plain. Fertile. Lots of grape production.

Earthquake destroyed it (and Sardis) in AD 17.

Very frequent tremors. Town was always in some sort of disrepair. Many lived outside of town.

Philadelphia and Smyrna are the only two churches that are standing today.

Identification of the risen Christ:

The Critique:

The Praise:

The Opportunity

The Reward