REVELATION 3 (A.V.)

1) "AND UNTO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN SARDIS WRITE; THESE THINGS SAITH HE TAHT HATH THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD, AND THE SEVEN STARS."

This is referring to Yahshua, who has the complete wisdom of YAHWEH. Seven stars; these are the seven angels or messengers that bring these messages down to man. Verse 1 CONTINUES:

"I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU HAST A NAME THAT THOU LIVEST, AND ART DEAD."

(For those who haven't dad this study, YAHWEH is speaking to the seven congregations, meaning ALL of YAHWEH'S congregations. Specifically, this started with the Heavenly Class, but it also has the same bearing on Israel today. There are and will be congregations and individuals claiming to be of a congregation, "They have a name that thou livest", shows that they are truly part of YAHWEH'S organization or a member of HIS organization, this would give you a name that you are "alive", being used by YAHWEH, but in reality, are "dead". This is speaking of those who take on the name of Israel, but the heart isn't there, just to see what they can get, possibly like the association and friendliness and good-heartedness of the Lord's people. There have been and will be those trying to get what they can for themselves and YAHWEH warns us that there have been and will be individuals and sometimes entire congregations like this. There'll be congregations that will be led astray by someone false who takes over, maybe a good speaker with bad intentions, who'll gradually lead the whole congregation off. But those who are sincere will have to wake up and leave. But the devil will work as long as he's alive, and will be the last to go down, he'll be here at least long enough to see the end of his organization. So al long as the devil and his organization are here, we have something to be concerned with.

2) "BE WATCHFUL, AND STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN, THAT ARE READY TO DIE: FOR I HAVE NOT FOUND THY WORKS PERFECT BEFORE GOD."

To be truly "alive" is to be active, to be craving and desire to do things, to be motivated in the accomplishment of certain goals and ambitions. Those alive in YAHWEH'S organization, has as their goal the accomplishment of YAHWEH'S purpose. These do all they can to further this goal, to reach it—they are "alive". They study, make contact, make themselves visible by standing in the streets, want to correct their own lives and see that they're doing something wrong and stop doing it. And anything that'll magnify and honor YAHWEH they'll do. A "dead" person is one who does nothing. This is referring to the members in the congregation who are just sitting there, coming to the meetings sometimes, doing nothing. Well, we like to at least see them around, BUT, to be fully alive, means you become a part of YAHWEH'S work force, trying to further the interests of our King and His mission is to vindicate YAHWEH'S name and bring about HIS purpose upon
the earth where all man will be ruled under righteous administration. This'll be accomplished by restoration of HIS people Israel—HIS original plan. True members of the congregation will have the zeal to see that this is done, it'll be in their prayers and in their conduct.

3) "REMEMBER THEREFORE HOW THOU HAST RECEIVED AND HEARD, AND HOLD FAST, AND REPENT. IF THEREFORE THOU SHALT NOT WATCH, I WILL COME ON THEE AS A THIEF, AND THOU SHALT NOT KNOW WHAT HOUR I WILL COME UPON THEE."

In other words, think back, how did you get this information? What did you know before? What were you before? Where were you headed? Think of the blessings you've received, how you've been brought out of darkness into HIS marvelous light ( ), and show appreciation to YAHWEH by thanking HIM and trying to offer the same blessing to others to see that the whole earth will honor YAHWEH. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief..." This means the result of His second presence; His judgements will overtake them. Because YAHWEH'S prophecies are being fulfilled and judgements are being passed, this shows those of the Lord's people who slack off will be in danger of having HIS judgement overtake them. Those who don't straighten out will be caught naked, having succumbed to the will of the devil.

4) "THOU HAST A FEW NAMES EVEN IN SARDIS WHICH HAVE NOT DEFILED THEIR GARMENTS; AND THEY SHALL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE; FOR THEY ARE WORTHY."

Or they deserve it, this shows that it wasn't the entire congregation who was slacking off, but there were some who were worthy. This pictures a congregation that is really sick.

5) "HE THAT OVERCOMETH, THE SAME SHALL BE CLOTHED IN WHITE RAIMENT AND I WILL NOT BLOT OUT HIS NAME OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, BUT I WILL CONFESS HIS NAME BEFORE MY FATHER, AND BEFORE HIS ANGELS."

"He that overcometh" How long must they endure? Until the end, with the 144,000 HE says "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev 2:10). With Israel, we must remain faithful to the end of the system, HE says "He who endures till the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt 24: ). Our trial is short but very severe. Israel must be gathered, gain the understanding, make a move to start the kingdom, to build and plant. They must face the abomination of desolation, and at that time be completely cut off from the world. So Israel will truly be tried. "But I will confess his name before My Father and before HIS angels" Yahwhuja has been given the authority as judge, He will tell YAHWEH if this person has made it, He has attained the loftiest position that any creature could ever attain to.

6) "HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES."

All the time HE'S telling you that if you have ears—PAY ATTENTION.
7) "AND TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA WRITE; THESE THINGS SAITH HE THAT IS HOLY, HE THAT IS TRUE, HE THAT HATH THE KEY OF DAVID, HE THAT OPENETH, AND NO MAN SHUTTETH; AND SHUTTETH, AND NO MAN OPENETH."

This is about Yahshua, "He that is holy", He is pure, undefiled, and wholly devoted to righteousness. "He that is true" Yahshua has proved Himself to be true. "He that hath the key of David" David was the typical King of YAHWEH'S people, Yahshua is the fulfillment of David, He's been given this key; "He that openeth....no man openeth" this means He has the power to open up the blessings and life to those of His choosing, and shutting these off to everyone else. No one can attain these blessings without Him because He has the key. Yahshua is the mediator.

8) "I KNOW THY WORKS: BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AND OPEN DOOR, AND NO MAN CAN SHUT IT: FOR THOU HAST A LITTLE STRENGTH, AND HAST KEPT MY WORD, AND HAST NOT DENIED MY NAME."

Yahshua has set before this congregation an open door, which no one could shut, or prevent it. This means no matter how much someone fights against YAHWEH'S people no one will deprive you of HIS kingdom. They don't have the power, no matter what laws they throw at you. YAHWEH doesn't consider any of these man-made laws and neither should Israel consider them. "And hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" This means they've remained in the truth and never gone back and compromised with the enemy, they've maintained YAHWEH'S name at all times.

9) "BEHOLD, I WILL MAKE THEM OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS AND ARE NOT, BUT DO LIE; BEHOLD, I WILL MAKE THEM TO COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THY FEET, AND TO KNOW THAT I HAVE LOVED THEE."

The Jews were at one time the Lord's people, they were the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the true Jews would inhabit the New Jerusalem, they'd be spiritual Jews, true Jews know YAHWEH'S purpose, they accept the Messiah that HE sent to Israel, these prove to be true Jews. Here HE speaks of those who claim to be Jews and are not. These are of the synagogue of satan. This means all those who claim to be YAHWEH'S servants, but are not(christians, etc). These belong to the synagogue of satan. "behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee." This means YAHWEH will give the position, authority and blessings to those who are true Jews. Those who oppose them will be forced to see who the true Lord's people are. Or even if they later come into the truth, they will certainly recognize their authority. If they do not they will see who the Lord's people are anyway and they'll see themselves being cast alive into the lake of fire, meaning they'll know that they haven't been blessed.

10) "BECAUSE THOU HAST KEPT THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE, I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD, TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH."
Now the severe trials that are coming upon the earth and the people that don't know what they're doing are going to send their support to what they think will be the most successful. This will produce horrible repercussions, there'll be a union of 3 natural enemies and the members of this world will become involved in supporting this union believing that they'll be able to save the world by doing it. This prepares them, or exposes them to the tragedies of the argument that takes place when they disagree. This points them out as members of a portion of the visible organization which now is at conflict with itself. This will point to them that joined them. It is the russians who joined the usa it was the 'americans' who joined the 'russians'. It will be the catholics who joined the russians and the u.s.a.. Everyone of them that is part of this organization will be marked as the real enemy of the other. But Israel will have their hands clean. So the terrible temptation or the terrible trial that comes upon the earth will not affect HIS people because the argument is not theirs. And YAHWEH will keep HIS people free from this, what a blessed time to be neutral, because who is going to stop one of these bombs from hitting you or affecting you, if they were directed against you. But they will not be directed against us, because we have not taken any sides, and YAHWEH has the vision to give to HIS people on the conduct that they must follow and the course they must take to prepare for their safety in the future. Remember, don't have any parts of it because anyone who does is earmarked. With any kind of association now you actually can begin to see that you'd be in greater trouble later on, so keep yourself clean of anything in this world.

11) "BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN."

Now this is a definite effort on the part of the Heavenly Class, and it must be a definite effort on the part of Israel to hold on to this because it's not going to be a course where you're just going to be carried on the wings of a plane or taken for a ride and the course made very easy. Israel must remember their mission and where thy are in the midst of the devil's organization each and every waking moment and realize that it is a battle, and that you must remain faithful. And those who forget will be swept away with the tide, and YAHWEH will have others to replace them. Now the only ones who'll be swept away naturally are those who don't hold these truths precious, who don't have the proper appreciation. Naturally these are not Israel, but Israel will be allowed to live through this so that they can see what could happen to them if they follow this course, they will see others go down and in looking and seeing and experiencing this, they could actually see what would happen to them (which will never happen to them) because Israel is intelligent enough to learn their lesson from others. So YAHWEH blesses Israel with the instructions that could not be received by anyone but HIS beloved people. They see people die following a course which could be them, if they followed this course. So they see and learn the lesson to the limit by actually living to see the end result of the wicked as though it could happen to them if they followed this course. And they will hate this course forever.
It will be the most repulsive thought to have anyone rise up and dare to go his own way in opposition to YAHWEH. This is the most stupid, selfish and animalistic course that any creature could take. And Israel will be firmly convince, not only from YAHWEH'S instructions, but by seeing the end results of the wicked.

12) "HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I MAKE A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD, AND HE SHALL GO NO MORE OUT: AND I WILL WRITE UPON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD, AND THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD, WHICH IS NEW JERUSALEM, WHICH COMETH DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM MY GOD;"

Now making him a pillar—a pillar is a very important structure that is used to support the building, indicating that these will be very important in YAHWEH’S organization. "Going no more out" means we will no longer be alienated from YAHWEH, we'll always be in HIS organization. We will never be lost, we'll never have to go through this again, this lack of understanding this trouble, this trouble to make it. We'll never have to do this again. Once you've made it, YAHWEH will take care of you. Once you've made HIS test there will be blessings forever more, and Israel will never forget. "and I will write upon him the name of my GOD and the name of the city of my GOD" indicating that he does belong to YAHWEH and HIS organization. "the city which is the New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my GOD" meaning that the word of YAHWEH comes down form Jerusalem; not that Jerusalem literally comes down, but the effects of Jerusalem will come down on the earth. Isaiah says: "The law shall go forth form Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." In other words the direction will come for Jerusalem. "and I will write upon him my new name." Now these are the ones who overcome, these Isaiah brings out(Is 42:1) will "become YAHWEH'S delight" where once Zion and HIS people were called forsaken, abandoned; now HE says "You are MY delight". There is such a difference there, it's l i k e  a child who is without parents, without guardians, abandoned, lost crying pleading for his parents. And all of a sudden you have the child finally find his parents and the child is and tenderly loved and taken care of, being the delight of the parent and having the child delight also in the parent. Meaning that there will always be a loving face to face with YAHWEH and those who overcame.


"And unto the angel,...faithful and true witness." This is Yahshua who proved himself "the beginning of the creation of GOD." The first of YAHWEH'S creation, in fact the only begotten of the FATHER. I used this verse when I spoke on "Dialogue" because it brings out that Yashua had a creation and was not part of trinity. He was the beginning of YAHWEH'S creations.
15) "I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU ART NEITHER COLD NOR HOT; 
I WOULD THOU WERT COLD OR HOT."

So HE says; "you are neither cold or hot". Well a person that is cold
is indifferent all together. One who is hot, has been activated and
motivated into activity because he's been affected by the message. HE
says "I wish that you were either hot or cold", In other words, I wish
you were something. I wish that the message did something to you. We
find that those who are affected have a reason, at least they show
they're alive. Now Paul was a great opposer--you might say he was
cold. He opposed the message at first, but he opposed it for a
reason. He thought he was right. So at least he recated. But there
is a class of people who, when you bring out the justice and love and
mercy of the Plan of the ALMIGHTY YAHWEH, and when you explain the
corruption of this system which they themselves know of, and that
YAHWEH'S indignation and wrath will be poured upon this wicked system
because it is altogether corrupt and unjust. And when they hear this
message is has absolutely no affect on them, they could care less.
What they do care if it's righteous or unrighteous. They're going to
live thier lives to the best of their ability and they don't give a
damn for anyone else. These are the type of people, they actually are
not even motivated by the attributes of YAHWEH at all, and these are
disgusting to YAHWEH. But YAHWEH'S people if anything should be
affected by the justice and injustice, by love and selfishness, by
wickedness and stupidity, because this was the way they were created
and they should naturally respond. But these others do not respond,
as though they were not YAHWEH'S creatures at all. These act as
animals. So HE says:

16) "SO THEN BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER COLD
NOT HOT, I WILL SPEW THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH."

In other words, HE will vomit them, just like something lukewarm makes
you sick. This is how they affect YAHWEH; they make HIM vomit. So
these are the people who you talk to and they just don't give a darn,
they don't care, it doesn't affect them. So HE says:

17) "BECAUSE THOU SAYEST, I AM RICH AND INCREASED WITH
GOODS, AND HAVE NEED OF NOTHING; AND KNOWEST NOT THAT
THOU ART WRETCHED, AND MISERABLE, AND POOR, AND BLIND,
AND NAKED;"

Those who are self-satisfied, regardless of whether its their
religion, or their financial status, or whether even if its members of
the congregation, they're satisfied with everything as it is; they're
not trying to see if they can do more, to see if there's more to be
done(because there's alot to be done) They're just self-satisfied and
think they have it made. These are sitting quietly and comfortably in
what they now possess. Now it's one thing to be confident in YAHWEH
and to trust HIM, but it's another thing to remain inactive as though
there was nothing else to do, as though everything was taken care of.
You should be confident and trust in the power of the ALMIGHTY GOD
because we are also co-workers and we know that this will be
accomplished by the activity and the desires of Israel.
And it is Israel who glorifies HIM and Israel is not going to honor HIM by just standing still, and allowing YAHWEH to vindicate HIS own name. YAHWEH'S name will be vindicated far greater by the activity of those who believe in HIM and support HIM, knowing that HE can't do it HIMSELF. HE could have wiped out the devil and his entire organization anytime HE chose, but would all of creation accepted it? Would HIS name truly be honored by HIS creatures? Would HE prove that there are creatures who truly love HIM, and choose to serve HIM above all other gods? So it is the activity of Israel that honors HIM. And those who are fully awake realize that they are blessed by YAHWEH, but they also realize that there is much to do. Now those who trust in anything else, whether it be wealth or anything that they may possess, and feel secure in it, these are the ones HE refers to as "wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked." Meaning that they actually have nothing! What can any material wealth do for you to bring about YAHWEH'S blessing? You're not buying HIM off--impossible! And if you don't have the truth, you're truly blind and naked, you have nothing. But if you have the truth, you have everything, because it is the truth that will bring about the true blessings. HE says:

18) "I COUNSEL THEE TO BUY OF ME GOLD TRIED IN THE FIRE, THAT THOU MAYEST BE RICH; AND WHITE RIAMENT, THAT THOU MAYEST BE CLOTHED, AND THAT THE SHAME OF THY NAKEDNESS DO NOT APPEAR;
AND ANOINT THINE EYES WITH EYESALVE, THAT THOU MAYEST SEE."

Now gold tried in the fire, this is that which is precious, that has been tried. In other words something that will endure in the hour of trial; the truth that will bring about the true blessings. Gold in the time of trouble, will truly fail you. The scriptures say that they'll be "throwing gold in the streets". It won't avail them anything. Many people think that they can buy anything they want, but when the "day of temptation" comes, when the day of trials come and they see that the very members who supported them are now opposing them and the sides are equally divided, and they know they're going to be annihilated, well money isn't going to do a thing. YAHWEH'S people will be safely tucked away in the mountains, neutral, and we'll actually be the by-standers. We will be watching from the arena while the gladiators annihilate one another. Israel will actually be the audience. Israel will see the entire destruction of the devil's organization. This was pictured in the time of Jehoshaphat, when the king and his people watched as ammon, moab and mt. seir annihilated one another. ammon and moab turned on mt. seir just as russia and u.s.a. turn on the vatican and Israel will then watch russia and u.s.a turn on one another. And after the whole thing is over, Israel moves in and takes all the booty, everything that they have. "And white raiment" this is purity, holiness "that thou mayest be clothed" clothed with righteousness "and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear". Now the nakedness is that which is to be ashamed of and indicates ones conduct in opposition to that which is just and right--In other words a course that's contrary to righteousness; and being proven to everyone that you are not one of YAHWEH'S members, that you're not a righteous person, that you've followed the course of the devil and that you're one of those who meet with YAHWEH'S wrath,
and not meeting with HIS approval, "and annoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see". Now HE describes these people as though they were literally blind and unable to see meaning that they can't understand and that they should put salve on their eyes so they're able to see. In other words, they're not seeing what they should see, it's not getting through to them. HE records this as an added effort to make it clearer as though they should do this until they understand.

19) "AS MANY AS I LOVE, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN: BE ZEALOUS THEREFORE, AND REPENT."
Now if you are suffering, don't take it that YAHWEH is against you. HE brings out very plainly "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten" So HE'S plainly saying that Israel will not get by unpunished. So if you didn't need any punishment you'd be perfect and you know that's not true. So if you are not perfect and you require correction, then corrective measures must be taken, and that which corrects most efficiently is real pain; primarily heart felt pain where you are left sometimes in a dilemma where you must turn every member, every fiber of your body, to make the proper choice; to make this choice under pressure. But when you do this, you will severely prove that you're trying to do what is right. Because if you make the right choice under pressure, then you will certainly do it without pressure later on. So this is the type of trial that YAHWEH gives you. So don't take it that YAHWEH is against you because things aren't going too well, or you fear that others are going against, because you are one that YAHWEH accepts and loves highly.

20) "BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME."
This means that the opportunity is here all around you, as though it's at the door knocking. That there is truth in the earth for everyone. It's nearby if they would only look and really try to see. This is why we should try to hear HIS voice; to try to discern between a righteous message and a message that has proved to be a corrupt and imperfect one. Try to distinguish the difference. Now when HE says "I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with ME" It means that HE will you to HIS people, that you will feel these blessings of the association, primarily that will have the truth and understanding as though HE were right at home with you having supper and talking to you.

21) "TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME, AND AM SET DOWN WITH MY FATHER IN HIS THRONE."
Alright now "to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me", In other words he will share My authority that I have even as I have overcame and sat down with My FATHER in HIS throne. Showing that He was given the authority that HIS FATHER had--YAHWEH has given Him all wisdom, all authority, all power in the universe. And Yahshua in turn,
gives it over to His Bride; the 144,000 and also to Earthly Israel, which is a part of His overall temple, His ruling organization. So Israel shares a portion of this authority that He has given.

22) "HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES."

Now primarily this was the congregations of the Heavenly Class, but these were made up of people, and we find that even Earthly Israel has the same emotions, the same course of obedience and disobedience that was found in the congregations of the Heavenly Class. So we see the same effort would be found in those that make up the earthly members.

And the admonition that is given to these congregations is suitable for all—so Earthly Israel must retain these admonitions and remember them. So they applied then, they apply now. And they will apply in the near future. So keep your eyes always directed to YAHWEH and you must say in your heart "how can I best serve HIM? What can I do that will truly vindicate HIS name, and truly show that I am a servant of YAHWEH and not a farce and a hypocrite? How can I best conduct myself?" (The true Israel of YAHWEH will not just at anything) they will not just say "Well, I'll take my stand, but I'll compromise here and I'll compromise there so it's easier for me". They will not do this because these are the things that many religionists have done. There's been many religionists who didn't go to army, but they were conscientious objectors, and they did something else; they did have a service which furthered the war effort. But we should have no parts of it. They were examined, they accepted an examination; they've compromised in one thing after another. But Israel from the outset will have nothing to do with or no parts of the u.s., no compromise. They'll see a difference between Israel and all the other religions. The devil would have everyone confused and make everyone believe that anyone who takes on the name of Yahshua is a 'Christian' and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ and therefore is truly YAHWEH'S servant. But there's definitely a difference and Israel is going to be real—real in their understanding, real in their convictions, and conduct.

QUESTIONS

Q-1: (Verse 2) Explain who this is referring to.
A: This is speaking of people who have found the truth, and have slacked off, but they are still in—but what HE tells them to do is 'be careful' and strengthen youself because you're still in, but by continuing to follow this course, your zeal which is ready to die, meaning that they're ready to fall out altogether. You'll find these things in people which have been through various stages.

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