## "Message Received" Letters to the Seven Churches

**Revelation 3** 

## Heeding the Message

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- What can I do to persist in obedience (spiritual endurance)?

#### Sardis



https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2020/04/new-lecture-series-introduces-research-ancient-sardis

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\_of\_Sardis\_(547\_BC)



#### 3:2 "... and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die..."

# Identify your weakness and strengthen it

#### 3:2 "... remember what you have received and heard; and keep it..."

# Implement the basics

## Heeding the Message to Sardis, the Sleeping Church

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## Philadelphia



https://bibleprophecyresources.com/portfolio/the-church-in-philadelphia/

3:11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown'

# Hold Fast

#### Heeding the Message to Philadelphia, the Church which kept God's Word

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#### Laodicea



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laodicea\_on\_the\_Lycus#/media/File:TR\_Pamukkale\_Laodicea\_asv2020-02\_img11.jpg

#### Mineral Hot Springs at Heirapolis Feeding Laodicea



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#### Heeding the Message to Laodicea, the Lukewarm Blind Church

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## Backup Slides





http://thebiblicalworld.blogspot.com/2012/06/being-jewish-in-sardis-and-lukewarm-in.html



