



# THE REVELATION

**Hold On**  
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Whoever has ears, let them hear  
what the Spirit says to the  
churches.


- REVELATION 3:13



# REVELATION 3:7-13


<sup>7</sup> “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.



<sup>8</sup> I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.


<sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.



<sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.





<sup>12</sup> The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

<sup>13</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.





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# **PRAISE: Faithful**

I know your deeds... you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

- REVELATION 3:8






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I live in a high and holy place, but  
also with the one who is contrite and  
lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of  
the lowly and to revive the heart of  
the contrite.

- ISAIAH 57:15





The LORD is close to the broken-  
hearted and saves those who are  
crushed in spirit.


- PSALM 34:18



The better healing would be to teach stroke patients, to teach ourselves, that interdependence is nothing to be ashamed of. It's our birthright, and the source of some of our deepest strength.


- IAN CORBIN, *Harvard Medical School*





We live in a world full of people struggling to be, or at least to appear, strong in order not to be weak; and we follow a gospel which says that when I am weak, then I am strong. And this gospel is the only thing that brings healing.

- N.T. WRIGHT  
*For All God's Worth*



“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10





# PROSPECT: Fruitful


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- REVELATION 3:7-8




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I will place on his shoulder **the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.** I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat of honour for the house of his father. All the glory of his family will hang on him: its offspring and offshoots—all its lesser vessels...

- ISAIAH 22:21-24

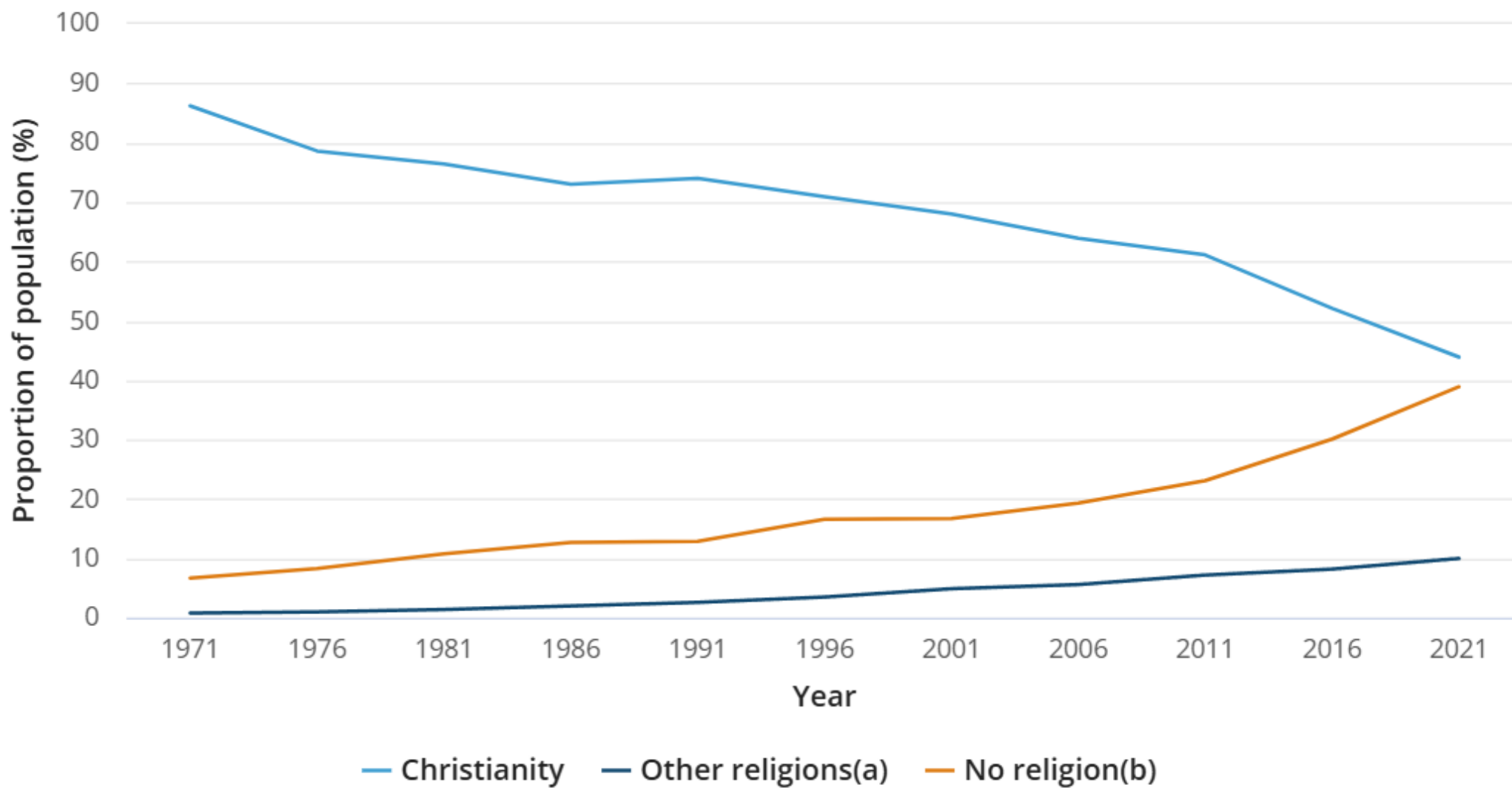


And pray for us, too, that God may  
open a door for our message, so that  
we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.

- COLOSSIANS 4:3




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When one door closes, another opens, but we often look so long and regretfully at the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.

- ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL






# PROMISE: Firm Foundation

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

- REVELATION 3:11-12



The key to continual and deeper  
spiritual renewal and revival is  
the continual re-discovery of the  
gospel.

- TIM KELLER











