

The “I wills” of the Lord Jesus Revelation (Rev 3:12a)



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Scripture Reading



Revelation 3:7-13

7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie – I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.

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Revelation 3:7-13 (Cont'd)

10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Exposit 3:12



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- œ “He who overcomes” as we’ve learned applies to all believers
 - œ “Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God” - 1Jn 5:5
- œ Also in v. 12, Jesus promises these specific things
 - œ “**I will** make him [believers] a pillar”
 - œ “**I will** write on him [believers]” the name of My God, city, new Jerusalem, etc.
- œ But I’d like to get into the specifics of these promises for our next study
- œ Instead I’d like to take a bit of an excursion

“I will”



- ❧ And instead for today's study I'd like for us to see all that our Lord has promised and warned He, speaking in the First Person (“I will”) do
 - ❧ For both believers and unbelievers
- ❧ Hence the title of our message, “The “I wills” of the Lord Jesus”
- ❧ So I've done just that, I looked up every reference when Jesus spoke in the 1st Person and said “I will” in the entire book of Revelation so I'd like to share a summary of them, review each of them, and determine which groups they apply to: believers and unbelievers

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In some cases, it applies to believers, in some cases, it applies to unbelievers, in some cases it's both, yet in some cases a subset of each group

GOAL of today's study is to see what Jesus will Personally do Himself to each of these groups. And what we'll see is there is still much for our Lord Jesus to do and will be very busy in the end times.

“I will grant”



- ☞ “grant” is didōmi means to give of one’s own accord or goodwill or to do
- ☞ Think of didōmi like “free will” - Yes our Lord has a free will too!
- ☞ didōmi was translated “grant” in our English version (NASB) only 2x:

1x to Ephesus

Rev 2:7b To him who overcomes, **I will grant (didōmi)** to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.’

1x to Laodicea:

Revelation 3:21b He who overcomes, **I will grant (didōmi)** to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

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- ❧ TRUTH: Our Lord Jesus will personally of His Own accord and His Own goodwill, of His Own Free Will, ALL believers permission to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God and all believers will be allowed to sit on *His throne in the new heaven and new earth!
 - ❧ *Whose throne, the Father or the Son? Stay tuned 😊

“I will give”



☞ “give” is also didōmi means to give of one’s own accord or goodwill

☞ As we just saw didōmi can also be translated grant

☞ didōmi was translated “give” 6x:

1x to Smyrna:

Revelation 2:10b Be faithful until death, and **I will give (didōmi)** you the crown of life.

2x to Pergamum

Revelation 2:17b To him who overcomes, to him **I will give (didōmi)** some of the hidden manna, and **I will give (didōmi)** him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’

“I will give”



☞ The other 3x was to Thyatira:

Revelation 2:23 (NASB) 23 And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and **I will give (didōmi)** to each one of you according to your deeds...

26 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE (didōmi)** AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and **I will give (didōmi)** him the morning star.

“I will give”



- œ In these 6 verses, Jesus will do something for believers and to unbelievers
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 - œ I will give (didōmi) [something else] according to your deeds (what exactly?)
 - œ John 5:28-29 (Jesus speaking) 28 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, 29 and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.
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Here's also what Jesus promises to do in these 6 verses...

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 - œ I WILL GIVE (didōmi) AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS
 - œ And last but not least: I will give (didōmi) the morning star
- œ TRUTH: These promises applies to every single believer!
- œ CONJECTURE: I thought some of the above truths might be limited to certain believers (i.e. hidden manna), I stand corrected all the above promises are qualified and apply “to him who overcomes”

“I will give”



- ❧ So of these 6 verses, we listed what Jesus will give to believers
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- ❧ TRUTH: Jesus will raise every single person who died in unbelief to a resurrection of judgment! When is that exactly? Well I've spoiled it several times now. When the 7th Trumpet is blown.
- ❧ Onto the next “I will” of the Lord Jesus...

“I will make”



- ✧ “make” is either polemeō which means to wage war or poieō which similar to didōmi means to do
- ✧ Sometimes Jesus is translated as saying “I will make (polemeō)” and other times is translated the same way in English but different “I will make (poieō)”
 - ✧ poieō and didōmi are similar and means to do something
- ✧ Let’s first look at polemeō which was only used 1x:

To Pergamum:

Revelation 2:16 Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and **I will make (polemeō)** war against them with the sword of My mouth.

TRUTH: Them in context are those who hold to the teaching of Balaam, Balak, characterized as eating things sacrificed to idols, sexually immoral, hold the teaching of Nicolaitans. Jesus will personally wage (polemeō) war against them

“I will make”



- ☞ Here is where it gets a little tricky
- ☞ “make” can be two Greek words polemeō (which means to wage war) or poieō (which is similar to didōmi and means to do something)
- ☞ So we’ll look at both separately
- ☞ Let’s look at when Jesus said “I will make (polemeō)” and this was used 1x:
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“I will make”



☞ Let's look at when Jesus said “I will make (poieō)” and this was used 2x:
To Philadelphia

Revelation 3:9 Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie – **I will make (poieō)** them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.

- ☞ “them” in context are the synagogue of Satan (Scribes and Pharisees)
- ☞ “your” in context are the Philadelphia believers

Revelation 3:12 He who overcomes, **I will make (poieō)** him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore;

- ☞ “him” in context are all believers (He who overcomes)

“I will make”



- ✧ In these 2 verses, Jesus will make (poieō) certain groups do something
- ✧ TRUTH: Jesus will make (poieō) the synagogue of Satan bow down at the Philadelphian believers feet.
 - ✧ I stand corrected again. I was inclined to apply this truth to ALL believers. But at closer look, this promise wasn't qualified by "him who overcomes". So to stay true our ROEs, I'll limit the scope of this promise to the Philadelphian believers as a reward for their faithfulness in the face of fierce opposition from Judaizers.
- ✧ TRUTH: However, Jesus will make (poieō) ALL believers a pillar in the temple of His Father. We'll look closely at what that means in our next study ☺
- ✧ On we go with more "I wills" of our Lord Jesus...

“I will throw”

I will “kill”



- ✧ “throw” is the Gr. vb. ballō which means to cast or toss
- ✧ “kill” is apokteinō which means to put to death
- ✧ ballō and apokteinō were only used 1x in the same letter and applies only for unbelievers:

To Thyatira:

Revelation 2:22 Behold, **I will throw (ballō)** her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 23 And **I will kill (apokteinō)** her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

- ✧ “her” and “her children” in context are Jezebel and the Jews who embraced her teachings by committing acts of immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols
- ✧ “pestilence” is thanatos and means to die, of natural causes or by plague

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TRUTH: Jesus will personally and literally throw (ballō) Jezebel and her children (the Jews who embraced her) on a bed of sickness and into great tribulation. Jesus will personally and literally kill (apokteinoō) her children with death (plague). When is that? We'll cross that path when we get there. But the good news is Jesus is not going to throw, nor cast nor toss faithful believers on a bed of sickness nor will believers be thrown into great tribulation nor will Jesus kill any of us!

☞ Here's a more popular one of Jesus's "I wills" that we've touched on quite a bit

“I will come”



- ✧ “come” is hēkō which means arrive, be present, be here
- ✧ As we know John in the very beginning of this letter exclaimed “BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.”
- ✧ Jesus affirms that and says Himself in the 1st Person “I will come (hēkō)” in this way:
2x to Sardis:
Revelation 3:3 So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, **I will come (hēkō)** like a thief, and you will not know at what hour **I will come (hēkō)** to you.
- ✧ And as we learned “I will come like a thief” is a reference to judgment and generally only applies to unbelievers. In context, those who are dead in Sardis will experience a rude awakening as by a thief and will be judged by the Lord Jesus

“I will come”



1x to Laodicea:

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come (heko)** in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

- ✧ This arrival is not in judgment, but to dine and comfort them
- ✧ MYSTERY: This is qualified and applies to “if anyone” (not he who overcomes, or he who believes), so I’m not inclined to apply this truth to all believers
- ✧ TO BE SAFE: To cover our bases, if you were on earth and Jesus were to arrive Personally come and knock on your door, and if your on the other end of that door – OPEN IT! The promise is if you open it, He will dine with you and comfort you
 - ✧ Isn’t this a spiritual truth? Well I suppose there’s truth to that too, but I want to be fair and don’t want to violate ROE #7 (Thou Shalt Not Overspiritualize Scripture)
 - ✧ Again if Jesus shows up at your door at an hour you didn’t expect, OPEN IT! 😊 How will you know it’s Him? Not to worry... His sheep hears and knows His voice! 😊

“I will not”



❧ “not” is self-explanatory

❧ Up to this point, we’ve been talking about what Jesus will do

❧ In this case, Jesus won’t do something and explicitly said this only 1x:

To Sardis:

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and **I will not erase** his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

❧ “erase” is exaleiphō which means wipe out, obliterate

❧ Since this promise is tied to the book of life, this of course applies to believers

❧ CONJECTURE on this verse...

CONJECTURE



Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and **I will not erase** his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

- ❧ In past studies, I made the comment that this verse has been used by some who believe this teaches you can lose your salvation
- ❧ And during our study of the letter to Sardis, I made the comment that just because it says one thing, it doesn't always mean the opposite is true
 - ❧ For example, double predestination is NOT true (God chooses to save; does not mean God chooses who will be condemned)
- ❧ There was nothing wrong with that comment, but now I can point to Scripture that this verse definitely was not teaching that someone's name could possibly have been written in the book of life, only to have it erased
- ❧ And to show this I'd like to cross reference Rev 13

CONJECTURE



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7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone **whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life** of the Lamb who has been slain.

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- ❧ In Rev 3:5, Jesus said He will not erase believers names from the book of like
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“I will not”



☞ Back to our key phrase “I will not”

☞ The only time Jesus said He won't do something explicitly mentioned was:
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☞ TRUTH: Jesus will not erase believers names from the book of life BECAUSE our names were already written in the book of life of the Lamb BEFORE the world began!

☞ Yes folks, predestination and God's election is true!

☞ The book of life of the Lamb is already written! No one will get erased! Like what Pilate said, “What I have written, I have written! God will save every one of His elected children recorded in that book before He created the world!

☞ And Yes, our wills somehow played a part in it, but that too is all part of God's grace!

“I will confess”



- ✧ “confess” is homologeō which means to acknowledge, agree, give consent
- ✧ The only time Jesus said He will acknowledge, agree or give consent to anyone is in the very same verse we touched on about book of life:

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- ✧ TRUTH: Not only are believers eternally saved, are written in the Lamb’s book of life that is irrevocable, but Jesus will personally acknowledge, agree or give consent of believers before His Father and before His angels! Our Lord Jesus will show His Father those Whom He redeemed and will do so by our name!

- ✧ And finally, to the last of the “I wills” of our Lord Jesus...

“I will write”



- ✧ “write” is graphō which means the same in English as in Greek
- ✧ graphō is something written on something
- ✧ It’s the same Greek word used to describe the writ of Holy Scripture
- ✧ Jesus commanded John to write (graphō) the things that he saw in this very book
- ✧ Jesus said He will write something, and it’s where? – you guessed it – the end of our letter to Philadelphia!
- ✧ Let’s now look at our last verse we left off...

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- ✧ Since this is qualified “He who overcomes” this applies to ALL believers
- ✧ TRUTH: Jesus will personally write (graphō) on believers the name of His God, the name of the city of His God, and the new Jerusalem, and our Lord Jesus’s new Name. What does that mean exactly? Well come back next week!
- ✧ So in summary, here’s a comprehensive list of what our Lord Jesus will personally do when He spoke in the 1st Person, here are the “I wills” of our Lord

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❧ And we'll pick up on this specific promise next week