ESCUTCHEON – A PROMISE OF REWARDS

Ephesians 1:13

- I. Definition: A Shield, Crest, Helm, Wreath, Coat of Arms.
- II. Used by Medieval Knights to cover, protect and identify the wearer.
- III. The design was a symbol to an individual person or family.
- IV. The word *Escutcheon* was used in many different ways:
 - 1. In furniture, it was a covering that surrounded the keyhole or lock cylinder.
 - 2. In firearms, it was a piece of metal inlet into the wood on the wrist of a gunstock, between the tang and the stock comb, as decoration and/or engraved for identification.
 - 3. A plate on the stern of a ship, inscribed with the ship's name.
 - 4. A protective cover over circuit breakers in electrical distribution boards.
 - 5. Sometimes a decorative plate surrounding a faucet in a bathtub or shower.
 - 6. The word pillar (stulos $-\sigma \tau \hat{\upsilon} \lambda o \varsigma$) column was also used for identification. In Gal. 2:9, the word pillar was used for Authority; in I Tim. 3:15, Foundation of Truth; and in Rev. 3:12, a believer properly identified with God's Word and God's plan.
 - 7. When Ancient gods were honored, often a pillar or column would be inscribed with the name of the god.
 - 8. When Solomon ascended to the throne, he built the Temple. He had workers construct from brass two massive pillars for the porch, and inscribed thereon: *JACHIN* [Establish]; *BOAZ* [Strength] I Kings 7:18-21.
- V. The word Pillar is found in Rev. 10:1; Gal. 2:9 and I Tim. 3:15.

In Rev. 3:12 the pillar will have written on it: My God; City of My God (new Jerusalem) and a New Name. (My God – believers will be made GODLIKE) (City of My God – a vivid picture of the wonderful city – Bride adorned for her Husband) (New Name – Before Jesus was born in Bethlehem an angel appeared to Joseph and Mary – "you will bring forth a Son – you will call His NAME – JESUS... WHY? To save. Matt. 1:21 – Redemptive name – When the work is finished – THERE WILL BE A NEW NAME!!