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“Unveiling the Revelation in the Book of Revelation”

Chapter 3, The Key of David

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“And the 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 no man openeth.” {Revelation 3:7}

Before we move into our study of the Key of David, let's first notice the attributes of this church and pray that the same characteristics would be found in us today. The church of Philadelphia (means brotherly love) had in their midst the following:

>>An open door that no man could shut.

***There were three dimensions of this open door:

A. An open door into the secret place of the Most High. {[Psalms 91:1](#), [II Corinthians 3:18](#)}

B. An open door to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ {[II Corinthians 2:12](#)}

C. An open door to fulfill the specific assignment that God has placed on the life of the believer. {[I Corinthians 16:9](#)}

>>The witness from King Jesus that they had kept His word, and had not denied His name.

>>The witness from King Jesus that He would make the imposters to come and worship Him before their feet, and to know how much He loved the church.

>>The witness from King Jesus that they had kept the word of His patience.

>>The witness from King Jesus that He would keep them (guard, protect, cover, and watch over) from the hour of temptation that would come upon the entire world.

>>The witness from King Jesus to the overcomer the promise of ruling and reigning with Him in the New Jerusalem.

By now you should see that this church represented the glorious church that the Apostle Paul referenced in Ephesus 5:27:

“That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

This church also represents the characteristics and attributes that Jesus declared in Matthew 16:18-19:

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever shalt thou loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

There was no compromise in the church of Philadelphia.

Being hearers of the Word, but not being doers of the Word was not found in the church of Philadelphia.

The church of Philadelphia had an intimate, refreshing relationship with King Jesus that He would make known to one and all.

HOW DOES THE KEY OF DAVID RELATE TO THE TRUE CHURCH OF KING JESUS?

In order to understand the revelation behind the Key of David, let's look at Isaiah 22:20-22.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim {his name means 'God raises' or 'God sets up'} the son of Hilkiah: {his name means 'my portion is Yahweh'}. And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open."

The Key was an emblem of the authority of Government, and in the declaration of King Jesus it established God ordained authority. The governmental authority that is being revealed in these scriptures gives the true church of Jesus Christ access to:

****The armor of the Most High God**

****The governmental power to rule over nations**

****The governmental power to control the gates in the realm of the spirit and the natural realm as well**

****The governmental power to release the glory of God throughout the land**

****The governmental power to release the transfer of wealth from the wicked into the hands of the true church of Jesus Christ.**

****The governmental power to usher others into the Kingdom of God**

What actually stood out about David that connects his name with this key?

“And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. And when He had removed him, He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. Of this man’s seed hath God according to His promise raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus. {[Acts 13:21-23](#)}

What is the purpose of transformation that makes us become 'a man or woman after God’s own heart'?

The Servant Test: Years of outwardly no visibility, significance, or recognition.

The Outcast Test: Rejection, misunderstanding, feeling like a failure.

The Warrior Test: Attacks, persecution, facing opposition from all areas.

The Worshipper Test: The sacrifice of praise, staying thankful and grateful.

The King Test: Handling responsibility and accountability; being humble in the midst of recognition and honor.