

## THE KEY OF DAVID

1. Jesus has the power and authority to “open or shut” (allow or disallow) people entrance into His Kingdom, and only He can give knowledge concerning the Kingdom Of God.
  - a. Jesus gives a “key” to those who have true faith in Him.
  - b. They use this key to OPEN and UNLOCK the understanding of scripture.
2. In Jesus’ day, there was an “attendant, assistant or officer” who was given the key to a vault or locker which contained the scriptures. He used the key to unlock and give them to the rabbi for him to read and give the interpretation. The two working together in this way, gave understanding to the people; see Luke 4:17,20; Luke 11:52.

### The Key Of David Is Associated With The Church Of Philadelphia

- A. Philadelphia is translated “brotherly love”; Revelation 3:7-12.
- B. Their love for Jesus is revealed by their works and obedience to Him; He has no words of rebuke or correction for them. He (Jesus Christ) is mentioned four times in Rev. 3:7.
  1. Jesus Christ directly leads the Church of Philadelphia in truth, while others are “casting truth to the ground”; Daniel 8:11-12; John 8:31-32.
  2. Jesus says that they have an open door that no man can shut; Job 12:14; Acts 14:27; 1 Corinthians 16:9.
  3. They have a “little strength”: were small in number and material resources. They have obeyed His word and have not denied His name (Jesus Christ alone rules them).
  4. Because they have kept the word of His patience, they shall be kept from the “hour of trial”, which shall come upon all the world; Rev. 3:10.
  5. This remnant of faithful saints will be given ruling, governmental authority as kings and priests unto God. Here is the “key” principle: those who have been personally ruled by Jesus Christ Himself, have the promise that they shall become rulers when He returns to establish His Kingdom, even as it was promised to David that his throne would be established forever; 1 Chronicles 17:14; Revelation 3:7.
  6. Those who say they are “Jews” but are not (the synagogue of Satan, apostates), shall fall at the feet of this church because they follow the Lord Jesus Christ, which makes them true spiritual Jews; Rev. 3:9; Rom. 2:28-29; Eph. 2:11-18; Deut. 30:6.

### The Key Of David Is Associated With Stewardship

- A. Jesus gives us guidelines concerning the stewardship of His house:
  1. Holiness and truthfulness are necessary qualities of stewards; Exod. 18:21-22; Rev. 3:7
  2. He wants us to be faithful stewards of the holy mysteries of God; 1 Cor. 2:7-14; 4:1-2:
    - a. The mystery of the Kingdom of God; Mark 4:11
    - b. The mystery of iniquity; 2 Thessalonians 2:7
    - c. The mystery of godliness; 1 Timothy 3:16
    - d. The mystery of the Church; Ephesians 3:1-6
    - e. The mystery of the Gospel; Romans 16:25-26
  3. Because Jesus has the “Key of David”, He opens and shuts doors that believers need to go through related to their task of the Great Commission.
  4. In ancient days, keys were worn on the shoulders of officials; Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.
  5. Authority will be transferred from unfaithful to faithful stewards; Isaiah 22:15-23:
    - a. Shebna was a palace administrator, a position which carried great kingdom influence.

- b. Shebna dishonored his office due to pride and self-indulgence. He was planning to build a grand sepulcher (a memorial) for himself and his family.
  - c. Like Judas, Shebna was unfaithful with the king's "treasury"; he abused and mishandled his stewardship regarding the precious things of God; John 12:6; 13:29.
  - d. Shebna was building his own work, seeking to make himself a name, and wanted to "carve out" a tribute to himself IN A ROCK; Isaiah 22:16.
  - e. Shebna was driven from his station or "office". He was thrust out and replaced by Hilkiah, who was clothed with Shebna's "robe", strengthened with his "girdle" (priestly vestment), and the "government" was committed into his hand.
6. The handling of both material goods and spiritual riches has a direct relation to rewards in our future life. Responsible oversight of the Lord's gifts and resources are recorded in God's books; 1 Peter 4:10; Revelation 20:12.
- B. Parables that Jesus told illustrate faithful and unfaithful stewards/servants:
1. Matthew 24:45-51; Luke 12:42 – Parable of the Faithful and the Evil Servant:
    - a. Different servants are presently ruling in some capacity in God's "house".
    - b. The reward of the faithful servant (steward) is promotion to service in a higher sphere
    - c. Unfaithful servants are "cut asunder"; Matthew 24:51.
  2. Luke 16:10 – Parable of the Dishonest Steward:
    - a. This unjust steward was not willfully dishonest, but he wasted his master's goods.
    - b. His master had placed confidence in him, and had delegated to him the legal right to handle his property and business affairs.
    - c. As a result of his wasteful practices, he was threatened with the loss of his stewardship. He had come to the "end of his game", but Jesus said he conducted himself wisely and skillfully, in that he laid up a future store of treasure for himself (in the worldly sense); Luke 16:8.
  3. Luke 19:12-26 – Parable of the Ten Pounds:
    - a. The "nobleman" delivered a pound (a responsibility) to each of his 10 servants telling them to increase it by trading. They were to "occupy" until the time of his return.
    - b. The man who received the highest reward is a type of the 100-fold Christian, who was active and faithful to the full limit of his ability; Matt. 13:23; Luke 19:17.
    - c. Rewards are received in proportion to the degree of men's faithful service and sacrifice. Talents which are used grow in value and service in the Kingdom of God.

The Key Of David Is Associated With A Crown:

1. Jesus, the "Son of David", fulfilled the Davidic covenant. He is the King of kings who wears many crowns; 1 Kings 2:45; Revelation 19:12.
2. A crown is an emblem of authority and power.
3. A crown is symbolic of a reward.
4. The Church of Philadelphia is told to "hold fast" to what they have, and let no man take your "crown"; Rev. 3:11. Crowns mentioned in scripture are related to rewards:
  - a. Crown of Rejoicing – for those who win others to Christ; 1 Thessalonians 2:19.
  - b. Crown of Righteousness – for those who look for and love Christ's return; 2 Tim. 4:8
  - c. Crown of Glory – for those who faithfully teach and preach God's word; 1 Peter 5:4.
  - d. Incorruptible Crown – for those who run a good race in the Christian life; 1 Cor. 9:25
  - e. Crown of Life – for those who suffer for the name of Christ, who lay their lives down for Him; Revelation 2:10.

### The Key Of David Is Associated With The Revelation Of The Temple:

David had the “key” (the pattern, the understanding by revelation) of the “Temple” plans, which he gave to his son, Solomon, who built it; 1 Chronicles 28:11-13.

A. The Old Testament Temple was a literal building.

1. It was a reflection of that which exists in the heavenly realm.
2. It was a shadow or type of that which would be fulfilled under the New Covenant.

B. The New Testament Temple (Church) is a spiritual building, revealed through:

1. Jesus the Head of the Church, is the living Temple of God; John 2:19; Rev. 21:22.
2. The Individual Believer, who is called the temple of the Holy Spirit; 1 Cor. 3:16-17.
3. The Corporate Body of Believers are a temple, consisting of many “living stones”; Eph. 2:20-22; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Peter 2:5.

C. The overcomer in the Church of Philadelphia will be made a PILLAR in the (end-time) Temple of his God; Revelation 3:12. The PILLAR CONCEPT is revealed in both the Old and New Testaments:

1. A pillar is symbolic of an important or influential person; Galatians 2:9.
2. A pillar is a symbol of strength; it is immovable and unshakeable. It does not collapse under pressure (the city of Philadelphia experienced frequent earthquakes).
3. A pillar is “set up”; it is established as a permanent fixture; 1 Kings 7:21-22.
4. Names and images were inscribed upon pillars in ancient days. Three names will be written on the overcomer: the name of God, the name of the City of God (the New Jerusalem), and a new name; Revelation 3:12; 22:4.-7.
5. The Davidic Covenant was fulfilled in Jesus Christ; Isaiah 9:6-7. Two distinct elements concerning the Messiah, were revealed in Solomon’s Temple by the two “pillars of brass” that were erected; 1 Kings 7:21-22; 2 Chronicles 3:15-17. The Messiah would be a descendant of David from both the male and female side:
  - a. “David’s seed” (Solomon); Ps. 89:3-4, 28-29; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; (Joseph was a male descendant of Solomon, who was the son of David); Matthew 1:6-16.
  - b. “David’s womb” (Mary: a female descendant of David); Psalm 132:11; Is. 7:13-14; Luke 3:23-31.
  - c. Genetically speaking, Jesus the Messiah is the Son of God (by the Holy Spirit), and the Son of David through the womb of Mary. Legally, Jesus was heir to the throne of David and Solomon because Mary was “espoused” to Joseph when she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit.
6. The two pillars that stood at the entrance of the temple were “named”:
  - a. One pillar was named “JACHIN” and it means “Yah Will Establish”; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14. This points to king Solomon.
  - b. The other pillar was named “BOAZ” and it means “By His Strength”; 1 Chronicles 17:7-8. This points to king David.
  - c. Each of the pillars had “capitals”, a bowl structure like a “lily” (symbol of purity, resurrection) on top. They were decorated with “chains” (indicates royalty) and hundreds of “pomegranate” images (seed of kings).
7. The overcomers are “pillars”, the King’s descendants, who will be established within God’s government. They shall rule and reign through the power and authority entrusted to them by the Lord Jesus Christ; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Revelation 3:9,12.

PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S KINGDOM - Part 5 By Terri Hill

The KEYS of the Kingdom are given to every believer. Every member of the Church has been given "keys" to successful living in God's Kingdom because of what Jesus has done for us; Matthew 16:19; Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 9:1; 20:1; Isaiah 22:22. We go THROUGH JESUS to find the abundant life. He is the DOOR for the sheep; the DOOR to the Father; the DOOR to eternal life; John 10:1-10; 14:6.

KEY - Webster's definition:

- is an instrument for moving the bolt of a lock, and thus locking or unlocking something; something regarding that which is like a key in opening or closing a way, revealing or concealing; specifically a place so located as to give access to or control of a region. Your "keys" open the door by faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. The "key of knowledge" is the revealed will of God, opening up the way to His abundance.

The religious system is charged with "shutting up the Kingdom of heaven against men"; Matt. 23:13-33. The Pharisees (doctors of the law) are described as those who "take away the key of knowledge", the spiritual light of God's revealed Word; Luke 11:52. They substitute dead traditions and rituals for revelation knowledge. Matthew 16:18 records "Upon this rock (the principle of revelation knowledge by the Spirit) I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it". The religious spirit is a "gate of hell". It does not liberate; on the contrary, it ties up heavy loads and lays them on men's shoulders; Matt. 23:4.

A GATE is a seat of power. It can be occupied by godly or wicked influences. Here are some facts about "gates":

1. A gate is a place of access; Neh. 7:3; Rev. 21:21,25.
2. A gate is where decisions are made; Ruth 4:1-10.
3. A gate is a place of public assembly; Est. 2:19-21.
4. A gate is a place of convergence; Neh. 8:1.
5. A gate is a place of strategic significance; Est. 4:1-2; 5:1.
6. A gate is a place of observation; 2 Sam. 18:26.
7. A gate is a place for particular activities; Neh. 2:13-14.
8. A gate is a field of influence; Gen. 19:1.
9. A gate is a place where transactions and proclamations are made; 1 Kings 22:10.
10. A gate is a place of worship; Ps. 100:4; 1 Chron. 9:33.

The Church has been given the keys which unlock spiritual gates, and the treasures of heaven; (see Rev. 3:7-8; Is. 22:20-25). The key of "David" (BELOVED one) speaks of the fact that Love (the Person of Jesus) has taken complete dominion; there is "an open door". He has the "keys of hell and death" Rev. 1:18.

KEYS give access to GATES, to entrances and to God's promises. Keys represent God's delegated authority to the Church. God wants us to know what those "keys" are and how to use them. These are some of the keys, the ways that His enemies are made His footstool; Heb. 10:12-13.

1. Understanding my inheritance in Christ as God's son is a key; I am a joint heir with Christ; Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29.
2. Having the mind of Christ is a key, which comes by renewing my mind; Rom. 12:2.
3. Being continually filled with the Spirit is a key; Eph. 5:18; Acts 1:8.
4. The "fear of the Lord" in my life is a key; Prov.9:10. Definition: "a reverential awe of God, a wholesome dread of not wanting to ever displease my Heavenly Father".
5. Prayer and fasting is a key, which includes "Binding and Loosing". This releases prisoners and captives; Matthew 16:17-19; 18:18-19; Eph. 6:18.  
bind - Greek word means to restrain, hold, tie down  
loose - Greek word means to loosen, break up, dissolve
6. Worship in spirit and in truth is a key; Ps.149; John 4:23-24.
7. Obedience to the revealed will of God is a key; Gen. 22:15-18; Heb. 11:8.

## **JESUS IS AT THE DOOR. IS YOUR DOOR OPEN OR CLOSED?**

### A DOOR Is Symbolic Of:

1. **JESUS**; John 10:7
  - a. He is the only Way to the Father, the only Entrance into Heaven; John 14:6.
  - b. His sheep go TO Him and THROUGH Him; John 10:9; Ephesians 2:18.
2. **THE HEART OF A PERSON**; Proverbs 4:23
  - a. Only you can open the door of your heart from the inside; Hebrews 4:7.
  - b. The conditions of the heart are described in the Parable of the Sower; Matthew 13:1-23
3. **AN OPENING** Into The Heavenly / Spiritual Realm; Revelation 4:1
  - a. Once you open the door to Jesus, your vision and perception will change; Acts 10:9-28.
  - b. Jesus opens the supernatural, spiritual realm to His servants ; Ezekiel 8:3.
4. **AN OPPORTUNITY**; 2 Corinthians 2:12
  - a. When your heart is open to Jesus, He will guide and direct you. He will give you a “door of opportunity” for service in His Kingdom; Colossians 4:3.
  - b. Jesus gives you opportunities to receive eternal, spiritual rewards; Revelation 22:12.

### Jesus told the Church of **Laodicea** – Revelation 3:14-22:

- a. Your present spiritual condition makes Me want to spit you out. You don’t realize that you are wretched, miserable, spiritually poor, blind and naked; Revelation 3:16-17.
- b. You must earnestly repent; **Your DOOR IS CLOSED to Me. I am on the outside** of your life (or church). I love you, but I will not force My way in.
- c. **IF you hear My voice and OPEN THE DOOR**, I will come into your life and have a living relationship with you; Revelation 3:20.
- d. If you “buy gold” (pay a price for true riches) tried in the fire, and overcome (are victorious) in all these things, I will have fellowship with you, and you will sit with Me in My throne; Revelation 3:18;21.

### Jesus told the Church of **Philadelphia** – Revelation 3:7-13:

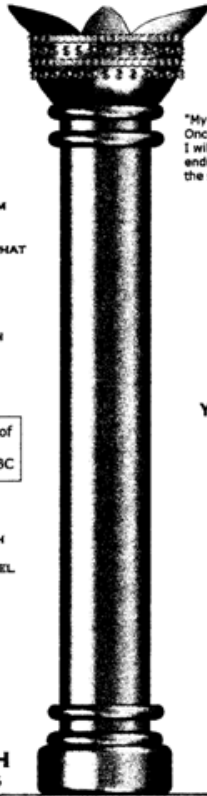
- a. You only have a little “natural” strength, but I see your obedience to Me and to My Word. You have endured patiently; keep the faith and don’t let anyone take your crown.
- b. **Your DOOR IS OPENED to Me**, therefore, I have given you **AN OPEN DOOR** (for Evangelism, Heaven) that no man can shut; Rev. 3:8.
- c. Some will humble themselves before you, realizing that I love you. And I **WILL KEEP YOU** from “The Hour Of Trial” that is coming on the Earth (compare to Rev. 2:21-22).
- d. You will be made a “pillar” (immovably firm), and I will write upon you My new name (a citizen in the City of God, the heavenly Jerusalem); Hebrews 12:22.

**SOON THE DOOR WILL SHUT – (To shut in forever God’s Elect; to shut out the Lost)**

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# MYSTERY OF THE PILLARS

1 Kings 7:15-22  
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## SOLOMON

Psalm 89:34-36  
"My covenant I will not break...  
Once I have sworn by My holiness;  
I will not lie to David: His SEED shall  
endure forever, And his throne as  
the sun before Me."

REHOBOAM  
ABIJAH  
ASA  
JEHOHAPHAT  
JORAM  
UZZIAH  
JOTHAM  
AHAZ  
HEZEKIAH  
MANASSEH  
AMON  
JOSIAH

Destruction of  
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JECHONIAH  
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ZERUBBABEL  
ABIUD  
ELIAKIM  
AZOR  
ZADOK  
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ELEAZAR  
MATTHAM  
JACOB

**JOSEPH**  
Matt. 1:6-16

## JACHIN

Yah Will Establish

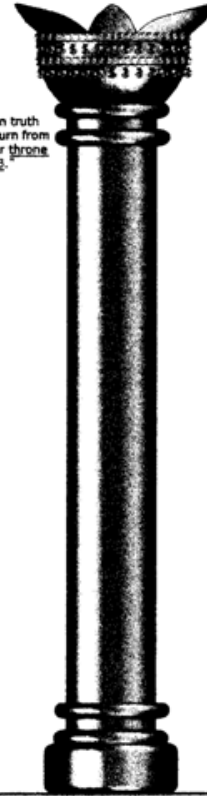
1 Chron. 17:11-14



## BOAZ

By His Strength

1 Chron. 17:7-8



## DAVID

Psalm 132:11  
The LORD has sworn in truth  
to David; He will not turn from  
it: "I will set upon your throne  
the fruit of your WOMB."

NATHAN  
MATTATHAH  
MENAN  
MELEA  
ELIAKIM  
JONAN  
JOSEPH  
JUDAH  
SIMEON  
LEVI  
MATTHAT  
JORIM  
ELIEZER  
JOGE  
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COBAM  
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MELCHI  
NERI  
SHEALTIEL  
ZERUBBABEL  
RHEGA  
JONNAG  
JUDAH  
JOSEPH  
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MATTATHIAH  
MAATH  
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NAHUM  
AMOS  
MATTATHIAH  
JOSEPH  
JANNA  
MELCHI  
LEVI  
MATTHAT  
HELI

**MARY**  
Luke 3:23-31

Legal Heir

**JESUS CHRIST** 1 Cor. 3:11

Genetic Heir