

“The Key of David”
Philadelphia – Pt 2
(Rev 3:7a)



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Last Week



- ❧ Did introduction
- ❧ Covered part of Rev 3:7
- ❧ Because Jesus made the claim “has the key of David” we were led to Isaiah’s prophecy and read all of Isaiah 22
- ❧ There were 3 things I wanted to touch on from Isa 22 with end times implications
 - ❧ Housetops (parallel to Judah’s captivity)
 - ❧ Bow (parallel to 1st Seal of Revelation)
 - ❧ “the key of the house of David” → which we will be covering today

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.

Scripture Reading



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 3:7



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:

- ✧ Jesus is speaking and calls Himself as One “who is holy, who is true”
 - ✧ Set apart by His Father and proclaims His will
- ✧ “ “has the key of David” [more on this]



“has the key of David”



- ✧ “key” is kleis which speaks of authority
- ✧ “has the key” is in the present tense
 - ✧ By 95/96AD, Jesus possessed this key
- ✧ Not just any key, but “the key of David”
- ✧ Let’s now re-look at Isa 22 for more insight behind this statement

Isaiah's Prophecy



Isaiah 22:20-23

20 "Then it will come about in that day,

That I will summon My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,

21 And I will clothe him with your tunic

And tie your sash securely about him.

I will entrust him with your authority,

And he will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder,

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Who is the subject?
Whose shoulder?

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And he will become a throne of glory to his father's house. → also mentioned in Is 6

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“his shoulders”



Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on **His shoulders**;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,

On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

“his shoulder”



☞ NOTE” “his shoulder” is associated with burden

Psalms 81:1-7

1 Sing for joy to God our strength;

Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song, strike the timbrel,

The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,

At the full moon, on our feast day.

4 For it is a statute for Israel,

An ordinance of the God of Jacob.

“his shoulder”



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Psalms 81:1-7

5 He established it for a testimony in Joseph
When he went throughout the land of Egypt.

I heard a language that I did not know:

6 “I relieved **his shoulder of the burden**,

His hands were freed from the basket.

7 “You called in trouble and I rescued you;

I answered you in the hiding place of thunder;

I proved you at the waters of Meribah.

Selah.

“his shoulder”



∞ TRUTH: “the key of the house of David on his shoulder” are prophecies of Messiah, including, bearing the burden of the throne of David on His shoulders and rescuing the people of Israel

∞ There’s another figure mentioned in Isa 22 prophecy...

Isaiah's Prophecy



☞ And that is a man named Eliakim:

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Isaiah's Prophecy



- ❧ Who is Eliakim the son of Hilkiah?
- ❧ And why was Eliakim mentioned in this prophecy which is clearly also concerning Messiah?
- ❧ The short answer is, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah replaced a man named Shebna who was in charge over the royal palace under king Hezekiah (king of Judah), this was prophesied in the verses prior...

Isaiah's Prophecy



Isaiah 22:15-16

15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts,

“Come, go to this **steward**,

To **Shebna**, who is **in charge of the royal household** [Hezekiah],

16 ‘What right do you have here,

And whom do you have here,

That you have hewn a tomb for yourself here,

You who hew a tomb on the height,

You who carve a resting place for yourself in the rock?

Isaiah's Prophecy



Isaiah 22:17-20

17 'Behold, the LORD [Yahweh] is about to hurl you headlong, O man [Shebna].

And He is about to grasp you firmly

18 And roll you tightly like a ball,

To be cast into a vast country;

There you will die

And there your splendid chariots will be,

You shame of your master's house [Hezekiah king of Judah].'

19 "I will depose you from your office [in charge of Hezekiah's household],

And I will pull you down from your station.

20 "Then it will come about in that day,

That I will summon My servant **Eliakim** the son of Hilkiyah,

Isaiah's Prophecy



✧ TRUTH: God the Father established Eliakim the son of Hilkiah to be over the royal household during the days of Hezekiah king of Judah!

✧ In this same prophecy, the Father established the Son too:

Isaiah 22:21-23

And he [Messiah] will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 "Then I [Yahweh] will set the key of the house of David on his [Messiah's] shoulder,

When he [Messiah] opens no one will shut,

When he [Messiah] shuts no one will open.

23 "I will drive him [Messiah] like a peg in a firm place,

And he [Messiah] will become a throne of glory to his father's [Yahweh's] house.

Isaiah's Prophecy



- ❧ Part of Isa 22 prophecy was the removal of Shebna as steward over the royal household and replaced by Yahweh Himself
- ❧ Meaning God the Father established Eliakim the son of Hilkiah to be over the royal household during the days of Hezekiah king of Judah!
- ❧ Now let's look at the prophecy concerning Messiah...

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And he [Messiah] will become a throne of glory to his father's [Yahweh's] house.

❧ Who made Messiah a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem/house of Judah?

❧ Who set the key of the house of David on Messiah's shoulder?

❧ Who granted Messiah authority to open/shut?

❧ Who made Messiah to become a throne of glory to His Father?

Isaiah's Prophecy



- ✧ God the Father!
- ✧ So the reason why Eliakim and Messiah were both mentioned in prophecy, was God the Father established them both to their respective offices!

CASE IN POINT:

- ✧ God the Father established Eliakim to be in charge over the royal palace!
- ✧ God the Father established Jesus to be in charge over His house!
 - ✧ God the Father's house = Jerusalem and house of Judah = house of David
- ✧ I'd like to talk a little more about Messiah's role as "father" ...

“a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah”



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❧ Messiah is described as becoming a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the house of Judah

❧ I'd like to again cross reference Isaiah 9...

Isaiah's Prophecy



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“Eternal Father”



- ✧ From what we've learned all of Jesus's titles were given or granted to Him by His Father, that would include the title of “Eternal Father”
- ✧ This is not to be confused as God the Father who is the Father of all whom Christ is subjected to:
1 Corinthians 15:27 For HE [CHRIST] HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He [God the Father] is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him [Christ].
- ✧ Also, Isaiah's prophecy says Messiah “will become a father” vs. God the Father who is and has always been the Father over all creation
- ✧ That said, Messiah's title of “father” or “Eternal Father” is to be understood as being established by His Father over His people Israel

CONJECTURE



☞ In Isaiah's prophecy concerning Eliakim it says

Isaiah 22:20-21

20 "Then it will come about in that day,

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And [I will] tie your sash securely about him.

☞ OBSERVATION: God the Father tied the sash on Eliakim

CONJECTURE



✧ In John's vision of the glorified Son of Man, John wrote there:

Revelation 1:12-13

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; 13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a **son of man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and **girded across His chest with a golden sash**.

✧ If God the Father tied a sash around Eliakim

✧ Who do you think tied the golden sash around our Lord's chest?

CONJECTURE



- ❧ A couple of other things to note concerning Eliakim:
 - ❧ “Eliakim” means God raises up, or resurrection.
 - ❧ Eliakim also served as one of Hezekiah’s messengers
- ❧ Thus, the mention of Eliakim in Messianic prophecy could be an allusion to a future messenger, being resurrected, prior to the coming of Messiah!
- ❧ The two witnesses (described as 2 olive trees and 2 lampstands) in Rev 11 are 2 prophets proclaiming God’s message, both will be killed, and both resurrected before Jesus returns
- ❧ The two witnesses will be given authority to shut the heavens!
 - ❧ “shut and no one will open”
- ❧ Eliakim is in play to be one of the 2 witnesses in Rev 11!

Isaiah's Prophecy



☞ This finally takes us to the crux of Isaiah's prophecy and will tie that into our key verse Rev 3:7... let's look at Isaiah's prophecy one last time

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Isaiah's Prophecy vs. Ltr to Philly



Isaiah 22:	Rev 3:
22 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open.	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:

- ✧ Isaiah 22 was BEFORE Jesus's exaltation (Phi 2)
 - ✧ The Father speaking "I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder" (future prophecy)
- ✧ Revelation 3 was AFTER Jesus's exaltation (Phi 2)
 - ✧ Jesus now "has the key of David" (past tense; fulfilled prophecy)

Heart of Rev 3:7a



Ok so when Jesus says He has the key of David, here's what it means

- ✧ When Jesus addresses the angel over the church in Philadelphia, and addresses Himself as “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”, Jesus is declaring that He is the Holy One, the Way the Truth the Life and was given the key of David promised to His holy people through the holy prophets and is the One who was given all authority in heaven and on earth, including the throne of David promised by His Father!
- ✧ And because Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth, there is nothing that the angels who joined the angelic rebellion nor any man or world power, Satan nor Antichrist nor his false prophet can do to thwart which was spoken of and prophesied by Almighty God!

Heart of Rev 3:7a



✧ In other words, the key of David is the Davidic kingdom which the Father promised to King David that He will always have a son sitting on his throne, and the Father has made His choice, it is decreed, it is irrevocable, and the Father has given those keys of authority of the kingdom of David to the glorified Son of Man, the Son of God, the very Lord Jesus Christ speaking in this vision to the church in Philadelphia!

Heart of Rev 3:7a



- ❧ Now why did I go through all that when I could have gave us the right answer and move on to the next verses?
- ❧ There are several reasons, but a couple of them are
 - ❧ We're trying to exercise good discipline in the handling of Scripture
 - ❧ We're trying to demonstrate the veracity of Scripture
- ❧ It's one thing to say the Scripture is the Word of God and it points to Jesus
- ❧ It's another thing to demonstrate through Scripture that the Word of God not only points to Jesus, but all prophecies too will be fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ!
- ❧ And this would include the Davidic kingdom promised by God the Father through the Davidic covenant!

Heart of Rev 3:7a



- ✧ The very Son of God, the One who is Holy, True, and has the key of David, evaluated the church in Philadelphia, and to their credit, as we shall see, Jesus did not have anything negative to say (no mention of sin, compromise, etc.)
- ✧ We'll look more closely at that evaluation and commendations, but before that, in addition to having the key of David, Jesus also made another profound declaration...

“opens and no one will shut, and
who shuts and no one opens”



- ☞ The glorified Son of man declares He “has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens”
- ☞ What will Jesus open and no one will shut?
- ☞ And what will Jesus shut and no one opens?