

Checkin' Out My Walk
#23 - Philadelphia - Key Of David

Rev. 1:18 - I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.
I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Rev. 3:7b He who has the key of David. He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens." He possesses ALL the keys.

The Key of David is found in Revelation and Isaiah. A key indicates control or authority.

The background: Isaiah 22:15-25

1. Days of King Hezekiah: Assyria had invaded Judah but the Jewish leaders were trusting Egypt, not God, to deliver the nation.

2. One of the treacherous leaders was Shebna, chief-of-staff in charge of the palace.

3. He used his office, not for the good of the people, but for his own private gain.

4. Shebna used his authority to build himself a monumental tomb and acquire chariots.

5. God judged Shebna by removing him from office, disgracing him and deporting him.

Eventually he was thrown "like a ball" into a far country where he died.

He could not have an expensive funeral and be buried in his elaborate tomb.

6. God chose Eliakim (God will raise up), called him, "my servant," to replace Shebna.

He was made the steward or treasurer over Hezekiah's household. Eliakim carried a heavy key on a loop slung over his shoulder which indicated his power to grant or deny others an audience with the king. He alone provided access to the presence of the king.

7. He held the key of the king's storehouse from which he dispensed all resources.

8. Eliakim (God raising up) is a picture of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah and King, ascribing to Him dominion and making Him a glorious throne in His Father's house.

Isa. 22:22-24 The key of the house of David, I will lay on his shoulder;

So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.

²³ I will fasten him *as* a nail in a secure place,

And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.

²⁴ They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers.

There are many different vessels in the Lord's house, with many different sizes and purposes. They all must hang on the same peg! All are equally wrecked if they drop from the peg. The safety isn't in the size or the quality of the vessel, but in its attachment to the peg.

Possessing the Key of David would give one control of David's domain, i.e., Jerusalem, the City of David, and the kingdom of Israel. The fact that, in Revelation 3:7, Jesus holds this key shows that He is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant, the ruler of the New Jerusalem, and the King of the Millennial Kingdom.

This authority was promised to the Messiah in both the Old and New Testaments.

Prophetic Promises Denotes Eternal Longevity:

Isa. 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of *His* government and peace There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1:32-33 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

What is the Davidic covenant? It is bedrock to understanding future events.

The Covenant is eternal, unconditional, and will be fulfilled in the future when Jesus returns to earth and reigns on the throne of David in Jerusalem.

It refers to God's promises to David through Nathan the prophet. It is stated in II Sam. 7, summarized in I Chronicles 17:11-14 and II Chronicles 6:16 and confirmed in Psalm 89.

a. This is an unconditional covenant made between God and David.

God does not place ANY CONDITIONS OF OBEDIENCE upon its fulfillment.

b. The surety of the promises made rests SOLELY on God's faithfulness.

Its fulfillment DOES NOT depend at all on David or Israel's obedience.

c. God promises David and Israel: The Messiah (Jesus Christ) would come from the lineage of David and the tribe of Judah.

d. He would establish a kingdom that would endure forever.

e. God reaffirms the promise of the land He made in the first two covenants with Israel (Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants).

II Samuel 7:10, "I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore."

f. God then promises: David's son will succeed him as king of Israel and this son (Solomon) would build the temple.

II Samuel 7:12-13a, "I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name."

g. The Promise Continues And Expands:

II Sam. 7:13b "I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

II Sam. 7:16 "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

Note: There will be no end of His rule! What began as a promise that David's son Solomon

build the temple turns into something different—the promise of an everlasting kingdom.

Dual Prophecy A revelation from God where He speaks of 1 or 2 completely different people or 2 completely different events of different times at the same time.

Note: The Word of God promises: *His throne, house, and kingdom will be everlasting.*
The Davidic Covenant demands a literal fulfillment.

h. The covenant is summarized by the words:

- "House" Promising a dynasty in the lineage of David
- "Kingdom" Referring to a people who are governed by a king
- "Throne" Emphasizing the authority of the king's rule
- "Forever" Eternal and unconditional nature of this promise to David and Israel

Note: This is significant because it shows the Messiah will come from the lineage of David and He will establish a kingdom from which He will reign.

i. Another Son of David would rule forever and build a lasting House.

This is a reference to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, called the Son of David in:

Matthew 21:9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'

David's Everlasting Throne

II Sam. 7:13 "And I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever"

Note: This promise is the foundation of the certainty of the coming Messiah who will one day sit on David's throne. This has been the Jewish hope through the centuries.

Note: Some Christians argue for a "conditional" covenant and a "spiritualized" fulfillment of the covenant.

1. They believe the throne on which Christ is now seated at the right hand of the Father becomes the "throne" of the Davidic covenant.

Note: This throne in heaven cannot be David's throne. His throne will be on the earth.

Jer. 23:5-6 "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise up unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is the name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**"

Unconditional covenant is based on 2 Samuel 7:13, 15-16. *Thy house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee; thy throne shall be established forever."*

David's son, Jesus Christ, must return to the earth bodily and literally, in order to reign over David's covenantal kingdom. The belief that Messiah Jesus is seated on the Father's throne reigning over a spiritual kingdom, the church, does not fulfill the promises of the covenant.

David's Everlasting House

One of the ways the coming Messiah will be identified will be through the posterity of David's royal line. Matthew, as a Levi and Jewish writer, lays out in detail the Messiah aspect of Jesus' genealogy in the beginning of his book. Matt. 1:1 " *The book of the generation of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*" He presents Him as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Matthew traces the legal line from Abraham (as any Jew would) through David, through Solomon (the royal line) to Joseph, the legal father of Jesus.

After David's death, his son, Solomon, became king. Solomon became disobedient unto God and nearly every king after him fell into great apostasy. Then God carried the kingdom away into captivity in Babylon. Because this covenant is unconditional, David's lineage cannot be lost. We must keep the certainty of this promise before us.

The Davidic Royal Line

A significant royal descendant of King David, King Jeconiah (Jehoiachin), is recorded in Jesus' lineage in Matthew 1:11.

The Problem: God announced very early that His plan for redemption involved the Messiah being brought forth from the tribe of Judah and from the line of David.

The future of the Davidic royal line is threatened under King Jeconiah!

When the Kingdom of Judah was about to enter captivity in Babylon, God delivered a very ominous condemnation, a BLOOD CURSE on Jeconiah, through the prophet Jeremiah.

Jer. 22:30 " *Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah*"

If Jesus is a descendant of Jeconiah, then how can He be the Messiah, since the curse bars any of Jeconiah's descendants from assuming David's throne? This verse deals a potentially fatal blow to the promise of David's house and throne being established forever. The Messiah had to come from the royal line, yet now there was a "blood curse" on that very line of descent! (Can you visualize a celebration in the councils of Satan that day?)

Because of the sin of King Jeconiah and his people, God cursed the Davidic royal line and none of Jeconiah's lineage could sit on the throne. Jeconiah was the final king in the Davidic line before Judah went into captivity in Babylon. In Matthew's account of Jesus' lineage, after he mentions Jeconiah, the Davidic line continues to Mary's husband Joseph.

The Davidic Legal Line:

Luke, as a physician, focuses on the *humanity* of Jesus and presents Him as the *Son of Man*. Luke traces the blood line from Adam (the first Man) through to David -- and his genealogy from Abraham through David is identical to Matthew's. But after David, Luke departs from the path taken by Matthew and traces the family tree through another son of David

(the second surviving son of Bathsheba & brother to King Solomon), Nathan, down through Heli, the father of Mary, the mother of Jesus; father-in-law of Joseph.

Note: Mary's line bypasses King Solomon, the cursed royal line, and goes through Nathan, who never became a king, yet is a descendant of David. Because of this Jesus was born of the legal line of David's descendants, through Mary, but not the royal line.

Peculiar Exception Noted in The Torah - Zelophehad - Numbers 27

Note the exception to the law which permitted inheritance through the *daughter* if no sons were available and she married within her tribe. The 5 daughters of Zelophehad had petitioned Moses for a special exception, which was granted when they entered the land under Joshua.

C.I. Scofield first noted the claims of Christ rely upon this peculiar exception granted to the family of Zelophehad in the Torah. This exception anticipates the lineage of Jesus Christ. Heli, Mary's father, apparently had no sons, and Mary married within the tribe of Judah. Luke 3:23 tells us Joseph was the son of Heli (legal - adopted).

Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, of the house and lineage of David and carrying legal and royal title to the line, but without the blood curse of Jeconiah.

Virgin Birth

God created a solution through the miracle of the virgin birth. Although Joseph was one of Jeconiah's offspring (through Solomon), Mary was not. She was a descendant of Nathan, one of David's other sons (Luke 3:31).

God's promise to David was fulfilled because Mary was the biological parent of Jesus.

The virgin birth also addressed the curse God had pronounced upon Jeconiah. Kingship was an inherited right. By Joseph, Jesus inherited a legal claim to the throne of David.

He was exempt from the curse of Jeconiah because Joseph was not his genetic father.

So the miracle of the virgin birth accomplished God's will in two ways. First, it granted Jesus a legal claim to the throne of David. And second, it maintained the integrity of the curse God had pronounced upon Jeconiah. Indeed, Jesus was not one of Jeconiah's offspring.

Jesus' Right to the Davidic Throne

The two genealogies of our Lord which together establish his absolute right to the throne of David. These events, orchestrated in the plan of God, allowed Jesus to become the royal, as well as legal, un-cursed Messiah promised to Israel.

Jesus, the rightful King sitting at the right hand of the Father, is waiting now, in God's timing, to return to earth and reestablish the Davidic Kingdom.

The Angelic Announcement to Mary

Mary was told she would give birth to Messiah Jesus, the Son of David.

These words were delivered to Gabriel by God, to be announced to Mary.

Luke 1:31-33 "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

This is a great confirmation in God's plan for the Davidic covenant. The message of Gabriel centers on the four key words of the original Davidic covenant: the throne, the house, the kingdom, and forever > all of which are here and promise a fulfillment through Jesus. This important angelic announcement to Mary gives added emphasis showing Jesus' right to being the heir to David's throne, house and kingdom.

The Everlasting Kingdom

II Sam. 7:16 "And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever."

The long awaited restored Israel with King Messiah reigning in Jerusalem is yearning for fulfillment. When Jesus comes to establish His rightful throne in Jerusalem, the land will be cleansed, and the caldron of evil that has had such a grip in the region for millennia will be destroyed.

Isa. 60:18 "Violence shall no longer be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise."

Israel will no longer be despised and forsaken, but will be the head of the nations.

Isa. 62:4 "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.

Psalm 2 gives us an understanding of God's plan for the ages and the everlasting kingdom.

Psalm 2 > It is quoted or alluded to more than 18 times in the NT.

- Messianic Psalm - Quoted in the New Testament as referring to Jesus
- Royal Psalm - Refers to coronation of a Jewish king along with the rebellion of some vassal nations who hoped to gain their freedom
- An Overview Of God's Plan > Full of Hope > The King Is Coming
- Ps. 2 > Written by David, but there is no superscription. To determine the authorship, look to Acts 4:25 who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:
'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? (quote from Ps. 2)
 - It answers 4 questions:
 - What's wrong with the world?
 - How does God respond?
 - Whom does He send?
 - What should we do?
- We will note 4 different voices speaking in this short Psalm.

Questions: Do you wonder if God is truly in control? When will He do something about the violence, immorality and injustice in the world?

Key Thought: Ps. 46:1-3 God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though its waters roar *and* be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

Voice 1: Conspiracy - The Voice of The Nations - The Nations Are Raging

Ps. 2:1-3 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth set themselves (get ready for war), and the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,

³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

Nothing has changed since this was written 3,000 years ago. Ever since Genesis 3 we've been chafing at God's rule over this world and doing everything we can to live as if we're in charge. Men are perpetually involved in civil wars, wars between nations, devising vain things like the Tower of Babel, the United Nations, and building monuments to their own egos. Leaders of the world rebel against God, shake their fist at Him, take counsel against God and Jesus Christ.

The whole world is united in rebellion against God who has promised to bless the world through Israel. God's purposes for Israel and Israel's king were global. Problem > Not everyone is excited about this plan. Psalm 2 pictures a gathering of the world's most powerful leaders. They're taking their stand (v.2) which means they're preparing for battle. Wanting nothing to do with God or Israel, they are in open rebellion against God and His people.

From the Tower Of Babel to the crucifixion of Christ to the Battle of Armageddon, the Bible records humanity's foolish and futile rebellion against the will of the Creator. The picture is that of a stubborn and raging animal trying to break the cords that bind the yoke to its body. The attempt is futile (vain) because the only TRUE FREEDOM comes from submitting to God and doing His will.

Consider: The nations defy the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

They agree: Luke 19:14 We will not have this *man* to reign over us.'

Voice 2 - The Voice Of God The Father - God Is Laughing - Mockery

Ps. 2:4-6 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.

⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

Consider: To God, the greatest rulers are but grass to be cut down and the strongest nations are only drops in the bucket. (Isa. 40:6-8; 12-17) God continues to speak to the nations in His

grace and calls them to trust His Son, but the day will come when God will speak to them in His wrath and send terrible judgment to the world. (Rev. 6-19)

Three Reasons God Is Laughing Or Mocking

1. God scoffs at them; has them in derision.

Each one of these opponents shall be frustrated and crushed.

A famous example of an opponent of Christianity was the Roman Emperor Diocletian (245-313 A.D.). He was such a determined enemy of Christians that he persecuted the church mercilessly, and fancied that he had defeated Christianity. He struck a medal with this inscription: "The name of Christianity being extinguished."

Diocletian also set up two monuments on the frontier of his empire with these inscriptions: *Diocletian Jovian Maximian Herculeus Caesares Augusti for having extended the Roman Empire in the east and the west and for having extinguished the name of Christians who brought the Republic to ruin*

Diocletian Jovian Maximian Herculeus Caesares Augusti for having everywhere abolished the superstition of Christ for having extended the worship of the gods

Truth: Diocletian is dead and gone, a footnote on the pages of history. The fame and glory of Jesus Christ is spread over all the earth. *The LORD shall hold them in derision.*

Example of Israel: One of Satan's greatest accomplishments was to orchestrate the world to come to the battlefield of World War I which wiped out an entire generation of Europeans. They sat in the trenches for years. There was more death of trench diseases than death by bullets or explosions. Satan thought he had one of his greatest victories--the carnage, the killing. Out of World War I came the Balfour Declaration. When the Germans lost the war, their ally, the Ottoman Turks, also lost and their empire was divided up. Part of that division was Palestine. The British said, "We will make it a homeland for the Jewish people." World War I prepared the land for the people, but the people did not come back in large numbers. By 1900 there were only 40,000. After the Balfour Declaration, only a trickle came back. They had become acclimated to the culture of Europe.

Note: Even when Herzl kept saying, there's a holocaust on the horizon and the people are going to turn against us, the Jewish people were in disbelief until it occurred.

Satan achieved a 2nd great victory with World War II and the Holocaust.

What did God do? He used World War II and the Holocaust to prepare the people for the land. The Jews said, "never again, never again, never again. We will have our own nation, our own state, our own land, our own government." They began to flood back to Israel: 800,000 by the end of World War II - > 6 Million today.

Satan must be very frustrated. No matter what he throws at God, He just throws it back with His sovereign purposes being accomplished.

Psalm 76:10 "the wrath of man shall praise you."

2. God sits in the Heavens and laughs because He has appointed a day of terrible judgment when He will pour out His wrath upon those who have rejected the grace, mercy and love of God. He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury.

God is very clear--- A Day Of Judgment Is Coming.

Acts 17:30-31 These times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Nahum 1:2-3 God *is* jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and *is* furious.

The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;

The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit *the wicked*.

(He will not leave the guilty unpunished.)

Isaiah 2:10-12 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,

The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that

day. The Lord of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty..."

Remember: His fundamental purpose is to bring people to repentance, so they might be saved.

Even in the midst of the Great Tribulation, many people will accept Yeshua as their Messiah.

What a glorious God we have!