



THE FIRST MENTION of the **key of the House of David** is in Isaiah 22:20-22, “And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call **my servant Eliakim** the son of Hilkiah: 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 CHARACTERISTICS of a **servant of God**:

- **Reliable and dependable** like Eliezer, the eldest servant of Abraham’s household who managed all of Abraham’s business **humbly, honestly, and faithfully**, so too, Eliakim served King Hezekiah and became a father to the people of Jerusalem—a **respected leader, a wise decision maker with unwavering loyalty**.
- **Prays and talks to God, trusting in Him**, so Eliakim humbled himself wearing sackcloth went to Isaiah presenting an honest and true account of events, trusting in God’s prophet and was prepared to do whatever God asked. He understood the role of God’s prophets and trusted in the saving grace of the Almighty God.
- **Earnest—nothing stands in the way of getting the job done**. Like Eliezer, Abraham’s trusted head servant who would not eat until the job that he was commissioned was complete (Genesis 24:33), so Eliakim would not rest until the matter was resolved. He was later given the keys to the house of David—the power and authority to open and close—total supervision of the palace.
- **Does not seek self glory, self recognition, self attention**, so God fixed him in a strong place and many relied on him. “I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will be a seat of honor for the house of his father. All the glory of his family will hang on him: its offspring and offshoots—all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to all the jars” (Isaiah 22:23). **Eliakim was so reliable and dependable that even the insignificant, not just the influential, could entrust themselves to him**. He placed all matters that he was responsible for above himself, always serving he became great in the eyes of God.

Yet, despite the strength of Eliakim, over time the spiritual corruption of the house of Judah would prevail and the authority of the descendants of Eliakim weakened, until it was broken. “In that day, the peg will give way; it will be sheared off and will fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut down” (Isaiah 22:25). God sent King Nebuchadnezzar

and his army to destroy Jerusalem. Isaiah warned that eventually even this peg would give way and fall from the weight of spiritual corruption. The nation would be sent off into exile for 70 years in Babylon. <http://jaymack.net/isaiah-commentary/Eo-Eliakim-The-Faithful-Steward.asp>

- **Knows God**, the creator God is a **living God—only He is worthy of worship and glory. He is not made from wood or stone by the hands of a man to be carried and placed because he cannot move of himself.** Eliakim along with Shebna and Joash went to King Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him of the blasphemous words of the field commander of the Assyrian army.

“Do not listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, ‘The LORD will deliver us.’ Has the god of any nation ever delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? **Have they rescued Samaria from my hand?** Who of all the gods of these countries has been able to save his land from me? How then can the LORD deliver Jerusalem from my hand?” (Isaiah 18:32-35).

No gods of any country could rescue the rebellious house of Israel because they turned away from the only God who can rescue—the Almighty God. It was their God, the God of Israel that raised up the king of Assyria who through his mighty army overpowered them and brought them into captivity. Hezekiah, king of the house of Judah called out to the Almighty God, the Creator and He listened.

The God of Israel, the Creator, the Almighty God replied to Hezekiah, “I have heard your prayer concerning the king of Assyria. This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him... ‘I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you rage against me and your insolence has reached my ears. I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will make you return by the way you came’... **That night the angel of the LORD went and put to death 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp...** So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.” (II Kings 19:20-28, 35).

The God of Israel delivered Jerusalem from the mad Assyrian king that day. This God and only this God can save mankind. He is the Creator, the Almighty God and there is NO other.

THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID IS SYMBOLIC FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ELIAKIM WHICH WAS A TYPE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JESUS CHRIST but unlike Eliakim, Christ’s strength will not weaken, but will remain forever strong and his reign will fill the earth. Upon His shoulders will rest the government of God of which there will be no end.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no

end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH is given an open door by the holder of the key to the house of David. Jesus Christ is the holder of the key to the house of David. “He placed his right hand on me and said, ‘Do not be afraid. I am the first and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later” (Revelation 1:17-19).

THESE PEOPLE KEEP THE WORD OF GOD AND WILL NOT DENY CHRIST’S NAME, SO CHRIST WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR THEM TO THE INNER SANCTUARY OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD: “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name...”

THESE PEOPLE PATIENTLY ENDURE RIDICULE, HOSTILITY, REJECTION, AND PERSECUTION. THEY ARE PROMISED PROTECTION DURING THE GREAT TRIBULATION: “Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth...”

THESE PEOPLE ARE GOD’S LEADERS, THE SAINTS WHO WILL ALWAYS BE CLOSEST TO THE CREATOR GOD: “Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it...”

THESE PEOPLE ARE THE END-TIME MEMBERS OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST. WRITTEN ON THEM WILL BE THE NAME OF GOD, THEIR NAME—THE NEW JERUSALEM, AND CHRIST’S NEW NAME. “I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name” (Revelation 3:10-12).

THE NEW JERUSALEM descends to earth out of heaven from God, as if, after an anointing. She is radiant, dressed like a Bride; she is glorious. “I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God... the old order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:2-4).

The old order of things is passing and a new order has begun. The Creator God is supreme, head of Christ. Jesus Christ reigns second in authority over heaven and earth and his bride—the New Jerusalem, is his body, co-ruling with him. These three forms the NEW royal union of ONE body.

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