

## **The Gate He Will Enter**

Prophetic Pictures of Christ's Return

Part 3 of the Gate and Door Series

By Ellen Fox

### **When Christ Returns... What Gate Will He Enter?**

In Scripture, gates represent more than entry points—they signify transition, authority, and divine timing. As we await the return of Christ, let's explore three powerful gates connected to His coming:

#### **1. The Eastern Gate — Jerusalem**

"And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east... And the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east." — Ezekiel 43:2, 4 (ESV)

Ezekiel prophesied that the Eastern Gate—also known as the Golden Gate—would be the point of the Lord's return. This gate faces the Mount of Olives, and many believe it is the very path Messiah will use again.

- Jesus entered Jerusalem through this very gate during His triumphal entry (Luke 19:37–38).
- Prophecy foretells He will again stand on the Mount of Olives at His return (Zechariah 14:4) and enter through the sealed Eastern Gate in glory.

Even today, the gate remains sealed—waiting for the Prince of Peace.

#### **2. The Heavenly Gates — The Glory of His Return**

"Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!" — Psalm 24:8 (ESV)

Psalm 24 paints a prophetic picture—gates flinging open to receive the King of Glory. This has often been seen as a reflection of Christ's ascension, but it also anticipates His second coming, when:

"Every knee will bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." — Philippians 2:10–11

Heaven and Earth alike will recognize His majesty.

#### **3. The Gate of the Heart — The One That Matters Today**

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." — Revelation 3:20 (ESV)

## LINE BY LINE COLLECTIVE

While we wait for His return, there is one gate that Christ seeks to enter right now: the gate of your heart.

He stands at the door—not only as Savior, but as King.  
Will you let Him in?

### The King of Glory Is Coming

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.” — Revelation 19:11 (ESV)

- He came once in humility, riding a donkey (Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:5).
- He will come again in power, riding a white horse (Revelation 19:11).
- He entered an earthly city.
- He will return to reign over a heavenly one.

### Final Reflection

Until then, the question remains:

- Are the gates of your heart open to Him?