

THE 12 GATES OF NEHEMIAH

A. A GATE gives access to the City; it is a seat of power, authority and influence; 1 Chronicles 9:22-23.

B. We enter God's "City" through these Gates; Matthew 5:14; Hebrews 11:10; 12:22

C. These Gates reflect the restoration of Kingdom Principles in the lives of God's people

D. The Restoration of the 12 Gates reveals the rebuilding of an original structure: God's Divine Order and Government; Gen. 35:22; 1 Kings 4:7; Matt. 10:1; Rev. 12:1; 21:12-21

GOD'S MINISTRY IS BRINGING RESTORATION TO THE GATES OF HIS CITY:

1. The SHEEP Gate - The principle of CONVERSION, REPENTANCE, ATONEMENT, NEW BIRTH. Nehemiah.3:1-2; John 3:3

a. Sheep enter through the "Door" and become part of God's flock; John 10:7-16

b. Jesus seeks after sheep who wander and go astray; Isaiah 53:6

2. The FISH Gate - The principle of EVANGELISM, OUTREACH, SOUL-WINNING. Nehemiah 3:3-5; Matthew 13:47-49; Mark 16:15; Luke 5:6-9

a. The "abundance of the sea" shall be converted unto thee; Isaiah 60:5

b. "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"; Matt. 4:19

3. The OLD Gate - The principle of the RESTORATION OF FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS. Nehemiah 3:6-12; Ecclesiastes 1:9

a. This is the uncovering of scriptural truth and a return to apostolic teaching and practices; Isaiah 28:10; Hebrews 6:1-2

b. "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set"; Proverbs 22:28

4. The VALLEY Gate - The principle of HUMILITY, ABASEMENT, BROKENNESS. Nehemiah 3:13; Proverbs 15:33; Joel 3:14; Luke 3:5

a. This includes suffering and it reveals the secret of promotion; Rom. 8:18; 1 Peter 5:5-6

b. "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones"; Isaiah 57:15

5. The DUNG Gate - The principle of SEPARATION and CIRCUMCISION. Nehemiah 3:14; Ps. 113:7-8

a. It is separation from that which is worthless or unclean; Philippians 3:8

b. The waste and the refuse must be removed from "Jerusalem"; God's people must confess and forsake that which is unclean; Isaiah 52:11

6. The FOUNTAIN Gate - The principle of CLEANSING and PURIFICATION. Nehemiah 3:15-25; Jeremiah 2:13; James 3:11-12

a. This points to the Laver in the Tabernacle of Moses. "A fountain has been opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness"; Zechariah 13:1

b. The Fountain Gate was near the pool of Siloam; John 9:7-11."For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light"; Psalm 36:9

7. The WATER Gate - The principle of GOD'S WORD and TRUMPETS (A CLEAR WORD). Nehemiah 3:26-27; John 15:3; 1 Corinthians 14:8

a. The voice of the Messiah is like the sound of a trumpet and like the sound of "many waters"; Revelation 1:15; 4:1

b. Jesus offers "living water" to those who are thirsty; John 4:10-11

8. The HORSE Gate - The principle of OVERCOMING and SPIRITUAL WARFARE. Nehemiah 3:28-29; Jeremiah 31:40; James 3:3

a. Horses are known for speed and strength; the Warhorse is "he that overcomes", a type of the conquering saints; Revelation chapters 2 and 3

b. The armies of heaven follow Jesus upon white horses; Revelation 19:14

9. The EAST Gate - The principle of NEWNESS OF LIFE, GLORY and POWER.

Nehemiah 3:29-30; Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 2:2

a. God's glory returns from the "east", from the dawning of a "new day" (not from the "west", a previous movement or method); the "sun" sets in the west but it rises in the east; Psalm 24:7-10

b. His glory comes into the house (His temple, the church) by "the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east"; Ezekiel 43:1-4

10. The MIPHKAD Gate - The principle of JUDGMENT and REWARD

Nehemiah 3:31-32; Matthew 6:4, 6, 18; Hebrews 11:6

a. The word "miphkad" means "assignment; appointment; a designated spot; commander". It was a gate of registry, the principle of judgment in the gate (throne).

b. This gate is also called the "gate of review"; it speaks to us of running the race, the victor's crown, and the "open reward"; Matthew 6:4,6,18

11. The EPHRAIM Gate - The principle of FRUITFULNESS and DOUBLE PORTION.

Nehemiah 8:16; Job 42:10; John 15:16

a. "Ephraim" means "doubly fruitful, productive"; it points to spiritual reproduction, a partaking of His divine nature which produces great fruitfulness; Galatians 5:22-23

b. This gate points to the birthright blessing, the inheritance of the first born son, the double portion; 2 Kings 2:9

12. The PRISON Gate - The principle of FULL COMMITMENT and REST a PRISONER of the Lord, a LOVE-SLAVE

Nehemiah 12:39; Genesis. 40:2-3; Ps. 69:33; Ephesians 4:1; Revelation 12:11

a. This principle points to one who has entered His rest, has become a "prisoner" of the Lord, one who is "bound" to Him and His purposes; Ephesians 4:1; Psalm 69:33

b. This reflects the one who has fully surrendered to the Lord, has been placed under His custody, as a "love-slave" unto death; Deuteronomy 15:17

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