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## The Key of David

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## The Key of David.

The Bible speaks of a key of David that has power to open and shut, this study looks at what this key symbolises.

- Isaiah 22:22: And I will place on his (Eliakim son of Hilkiah) shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.
- **Revelation 3:7:** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

The master of a family has the key that opens and shuts all the doors of his house, likewise, David had the key to his royal palace, and Christ, the Son of David has the key to his own royal palace, the spiritual city of David, the New Jerusalem. The key in all cases signifies, supreme authority and power. Whoever has the key to the house, not only has the authority and control over that house, but also has unlimited access to it.

The expression, "the key of the house of David," carries the idea that in the same way that God called David to be the king of Israel and reside in a Royal Palace, so that he had the sovereign power and authority over his kingdom, likewise in the same way God called Jesus to be the King over his Kingdom, so that he has sovereign power and authority over it. Even today when a person does something magnificent to enhance a city or its reputation the mayor will often give them the key to the city, signifying that they have total access and freedom to go anywhere in the city.

Jesus is the key, he has the supreme and sovereign administration of the key of David in his own hands to open or shut all doors, but it would not be wrong to also say that the Gospel of salvation and grace is also the key to God's Kingdom. This is because just as there would be no salvation without Jesus, without the Gospel there would be no understanding of God's salvation or knowledge of his grace in Christ, which means when the focus is salvation, Jesus and the Gospel cannot be separated.

With these things in mind, it may be best to picture Jesus as the head of the key and the Gospel the stem of the key that unlocks the door, and Jesus being the head of the key the one who opens the door. After calling his apostles Jesus gave them the stem of the key (the Gospel), which has the power to save all who would come to the head of the key (the Lord Jesus Christ). Jesus can also be, seen as the head of the key in that though he entrusted the Gospel to the apostles they had no power to change or add to any part of it.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.