

The Isaiah 22:22 Prophetic Act That Breaks Down Barriers

Jesus gave us the keys to the kingdom, and whatever we bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19). As spiritual warriors, many of us have become experts at binding and loosing.

But there's another key that believers can use to open doors that no one can shut and shut doors that no one can open. The Word of God reveals this prophetic key in both the Old and New Testaments. It's the key of David.

Some call it the "Isaiah 22:22 key" but you could also call it the Revelation 3:7 key because the prophetic Scripture is mentioned in both books. Isaiah 22:22 reads, "The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder. Then he shall open, and no one shall shut. And he shall shut, and no one shall open."

Of course, the "He" in this verse is Jesus. Jesus has the key and can open and shut as He wills. When Jesus opens the door, no man can shut it and when Jesus shuts the door, no man can open it. Our job as prophetic people is to discern His will and kingdom purpose so we can exercise our authority in His name to open what He wants opened and shut what He wants shut.

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Again, the key is discerning His will. Jesus has not called us to be reckless with the key of David, nor will the Isaiah 22:22 key work if we try to turn it in a direction opposite His will. But when we hear from the Lord, we can turn that key with confidence and decree and declare that doors will open or close. It's a powerful prophetic act that breaks down barriers.

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Here's a good example of how this works in action: In February, Ken Malone of Forerunner Ministries ministered at Awakening House of Prayer in the Fort Lauderdale area. When he walked into our little prayer room, he told me it was not big enough to accommodate what God wanted to do in the ministry. Of course I agreed, but we didn't have any other open doors at the time.

What I didn't know was that he brought his big silver Isaiah 22:22 key and was led to unlock new property for the ministry in a prophetic act. At the end of the service, the man of God brought out that key by the unction of the Holy Spirit and decreed and declared property to open up for the ministry. The authority on his words and the anointing in the room was strong.

The next week I approached the building owner about moving us into a larger spot they had in mind for us when we outgrew our current square footage. That's when I discovered something unexpected—not only was the spot unavailable but the owners were planning to relocate us into an even smaller area. My jaw dropped.

Within three weeks, they had downsized us. But also within three weeks, God opened the door to a second facility 10 minutes (rather than 45 minutes) from my home; a larger facility that was more suited to our training center. There's much more to the prophetic swirl, like the 1948 Tyler Street address (1948 was the year Israel was reborn); the fact that the owners are Jewish and their last name is Morningstar (Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star, according to Revelation 22:16) and the building was a gold color just like our logo. I could go on and on with the prophetic breadcrumbs.

A Governing Key of Authority

The Isaiah 22:22 key also carries a governmental authority. Through our intercession and Spirit-inspired prophetic acts, we can impact our society. God wants to bring an awakening to your city, to your state and to your nation. In April, I went to Florida's state capitol building in Tallahassee with Malone and a large group of people to pray over our state along those lines.

Malone brought his big silver Isaiah 22:22 key and many of us gripped it in our hand as we decreed and declared God's will over the state. We opened the door for righteousness and closed the door to racism. We opened the door to godly government and closed the door to corruption—and more. We believe we were in God's will and we're believing God for transforming revival in the Forerunner State.

"Some of you may be instructed of the Lord, as I have been, to use your Isaiah 22:22 key within the sphere of government, and particularly within Washington, D.C.," says Dutch Sheets, author of *Intercessory Prayer*. "Some of you are called to pray for your state capital, your city or even another nation. Others of you may be assigned to use your kingdom keys in the financial realm, for educational institutions or for the entertainment sector. As you seek the Lord, He will reveal these and other assignments to you." Amen.

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