

5784/2024 the Year of the Open-Door Pt. 4

Sunday Sermon – 10/22/2023

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Revelation 3:7-9 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": 8 "I know your works. See, (the door is there if you know what to look for) I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

5784/2024 is the Year of the Open Door. This is the Year that I believe will open up for us opportunities to increase and mature like never before!

Because the open door is there, expect to identify it, then encounter the extraordinary and the miraculous that is behind or coming through it.

We must pray that God will grant us the awareness to detect open door. Pray that you will be able to discern an open door from God as rather you should go through it or receive what is coming from it.

At the command of Jesus, we must follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. And if we let Him be our guide before God's open doors.

This year of the Open Door is all about increasing and maturing.

Don't allow the noise of the current conditions of the present world to cause you to lose faith and feel hopelessness.

Yes, things are probably going to get worse for the world, but if we continue to trust God, these days can be some of the best days in our lives.

Let's continue to look at the number 5784

1. The Hebrew Letter 5 is Hey. We have known for years that the number 5 is the number of grace and that is true.

But the Hebrew picture that corresponds with the number 5 is a picture of a man with his hands raised.



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This points to revelation and manifestation.

It shows that we seek him as our Heavenly Father. a small child that is lifting his arm up to his Father who provides what they need and even the desires of their heart.

The raising of our hands also shows that we are positioned with expectation to receive.

2. The Hebrew Letter Zayin (7)- Cutting Away the Old.



The number 7 in Hebrew is Zayin, pictured as a sword or plowshare.

It signifies cutting away and separation and is often associated with completeness, perfection, and wholeness.

John 15: 2 " Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

For us as believers, to experience God's goodness from the open door, it will require three major things that comes from pruning.

BROKENNESS

Brokenness is the 1st essential, because as we are broken, God challenges us to yield areas of our lives to Him.

You cannot increase and mature in Him unless you acknowledge you've fallen short in pleasing Him, repent, and yield to Him.

• CHANGE

Growth/maturity involves change, and some of us don't like change very much. But we cannot hold onto old ways, old ideas, or old concepts of God and expect to increase and mature. As you encounter the open door expect to encounter God in a whole new way.

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

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Change is needed because God is getting ready to change the landscape, (environment) of what you are used to, and maybe even how you identify with yourself and others.

GROWING PAINS

Not all changes result in Increase and growth, but all increase and growth is marked by change.

In this year of the open door, we probably will experience growing pains. But if we refuse the growing pains of maturing, we will be refusing the increase and growth as well.

Change is associated with adaptation, being able to adapt to the new or to the different.

1 Corinthians 13:8 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Growing Pains are associated with the pruning process. Submit to His pruning work with patience and trust. Though it may be difficult, it is necessary for promotion, increase, and maturity. God is cutting away hindrances so you can bear good fruit.

3. Hebrew Letter 8 Chet – New Perspective & Wisdom

In Hebrew, 8 is Chet, illustrated as a fence or enclosure.



The number 8 is often associated with new beginnings and renewal.

This is a year of new heavenly perspective, divine wisdom, knowledge, and understanding it is there for the asking.

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

Enclosing our way of thinking to wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God.

As you enter 5784, the number 8 marks a season of receiving vision and discernment from God's throne room. *These are two of the main things we should expect to receive coming through the open door.*

That's a snapshot meaning of the number 8.

If we look at the number 8 from its Numerical value of its placement in 5784, it's in the 10s position which gives it the value of 80.

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80 – which is Pey in Hebrew- which means it is the decade of the voice, words, decrees, mouth.

The Jewish Rabbi's picture Pey as 'Mouth'.

In Christendom, it pictures Pey as 'Prayer'. (Prayer sounds like Pey-er!).

A mouth is something we use to speak with, and the entire purpose of speaking is to communicate with another individual or thing.

Let's look at how 8 and 80 ties together in this year of the open door. We are going to need fresh revelation from God knowledge, understanding, and wisdom to be able to speak 'right now' words in the season of the open door.

Look for your words to have greater impact in the natural and spirit world.

Mark 11:22-24 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Speaking faith is going the vital to you taking advantage of the open door.