

5784/2024 the Year of the Open-Door Pt. 5

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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.

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

We will not allow the noise of the current conditions of the present world to cause us to lose faith and get in hopelessness, anxiety, or fear.

Let's continue to look at the number 5784

1. The Hebrew Letter 5 is Hey. The Hebrew picture that corresponds with the number 5 is a picture of a man with his hands raised.



This points to revelation and manifestation.

It shows one seeking our Heavenly Father as a small child lifting arms for love, protection, and provision.

Psalm 91 says He who dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord he is my refuge and my fortress my God in him my trust.

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.

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

It signifies cutting away and separation. The pruning process is recorded in- 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.

It is often associated with what one needs to separate from, for completeness, perfection, and wholeness.

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 so He can make them complete.

Psalms 51:17 (ERV) The sacrifice that God wants is a humble spirit. God, you will not turn away someone who comes with a humble heart and is willing to obey you.

Here in this verse David realize that his own sin, lust, pride, and abuse of power had led him to heartbreak, of losing his son and more importantly his close fellowship with God.

The spirit of his will was broken, and his heart had become remorseful and penitent, realizing that making a decision outside of yielding to God, was disastrous.

• 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.

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

Growing Pains is associated with the pruning process. Submit to His pruning work with patience and trust.

Going through growing pains may be difficult, but it is necessary for promotion, increase, and maturity.

Cutting away the unnecessary can make us feel vulnerable, lonely, and incomplete at times. But know it is essential for us to be more productive for the kingdom of God.

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In the times of Abraham, circumcision was commanded by God by the cutting away from the male anatomy to get rid of flesh that was deemed unnecessary.

This was painful for the males but after the pain was gone there was visible evidence that they were in covenant with God. If we are truly in covenant with Him, there should be some evidence!

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can adapt to the changes from the pruning process and be more mature as we increase.

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.

The fence symbolizes enclosing our way of thinking to wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God.

We can recognize other information, but we need to make sure that that info stays on the other side of the gateway that leads to our heart, so that it will not affect our motive and speech.

As you enter 5784, the number 8 marks a season of receiving vision and discernment from God's throne room.

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.

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

A mouth is something we use 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 to be able to speak a right now word, in this 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 to be vital in taking advantage of the open door.

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In order for us to take advantage of the open door, it's going to be as important what we don't say, as it is what we do say.

Romans 10:6 But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven' (to bring Christ down to earth). 7 And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead' (to bring Christ back to life again)."

Is going to be as vital what you say in your heart, on the inside of you, as it is what you let come out of your mouth.

There are certain things that you cannot speak within yourself, as well as you cannot allow to come out of your mouth.

Matthew 12:34-35 ... For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things...

Notice it says "out of the abundance of the heart" the heart gets abundance through meditation.

Psalms 1:2-3 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

4. The Hebrew Letter Dalet (4) – Journey Through the Open Door In Hebrew, 4 is Dalet – pictured as a tent door.



Of all the prophetic numbers aligned with 5784, I feel led to focus intently on the number 4.

This Hebrew year, represented by 5784, holds tremendous significance for the number 4 and its corresponding letter Dalet. The open door of this season can have radical transformation, if we are up for it.

There will be a spiritual battle for the doors of promise to be opened. 1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Notice that the door was open, but Paul had to get to it. Notice that Paul knew when he got to the open door, there would be many adversaries, and many oppositions that would oppose him from taking advantage of the opportunity God had placed before him.