



5784/2024 The Year of the Open Door Pt. 2

Sunday Sermon – 10/8/2023

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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, 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.

Revelation 3:15-21 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth...19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

We have entered into the Jewish year 5784/2024, which marks a new spiritual season full of prophetic significance.

5784/2024 I believe is the Year of the Open Door.

One of the things that we need to come to grips with is that our perception is our reality. If you can perceive that this is the year of the open door, then extraordinary, miraculous things, I believe, are going to happen in your life.

Theme Scripture will be **Revelation 3:7-12**

As we transition into 5784, let's position our ears to hear what the Spirit is saying for the days ahead.

This is why I believe the fast that we completed a couple of weeks ago was so important.

During those days of fasting, I believe God released a great capacity of what we need in the last days to be the successful people and ministry He has called us to be.

You do know you are called to be a success, don't you?

Despite the changing conditions of this world God wants us to be a wonder to this world to witness His goodness.

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

Prophetic Meaning of 5, 7, 8, 4



In Hebrew each number and corresponding Hebrew letter, carry special meaning and revelation from the heart of God.

We need to ask the Lord to illuminate their significance as we cross over into new spiritual territory as we stand before the open door.

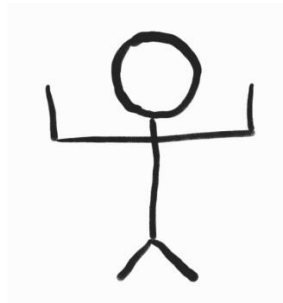
With an open heart and willing spirit, my desire is we receive the messages God desires to reveal through these numbers to us as individuals and as a ministry.

Let the Prophetic understanding equip us to partner with God's plans and purposes for the days ahead.

Let's 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.



This points to revelation and manifestation. This letter has symbolic significance and is associated with divine revelation and the presence of God.

The reason we raise our arms before the Lord is symbolic. It shows that we seek him as our Heavenly Father.

We're coming to him as a small child that is lifting his arm up to his Father who provides protection, provision and ultimately the love that only Father God can give.

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

As we enter the Jewish year 5784, we want to be positioned to receive fresh revelation and encounter the Lord in new ways.

The number 5 symbolizes revelation and a readiness for action.

God desires to reveal mysteries, give you fresh vision, and call you to a greater Kingdom purpose.



With arms lifted, it shows that we surrender fully to what He has in store in 5784.

Stay humble as He uses you to reveal His goodness in extraordinary ways. You are called to showcase the great I AM to the world. Get ready for divine assignment as God reveals Himself through you!

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 (Hebrews 4:12).

Hebrews 4:12-13 (ERV) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

As this year progresses, there will be a spirit of pruning and refining. God desires to cut off old mindsets, toxic relationships, sinful and some non-sinful habits that have held you back.

John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 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.

You are going to have to go through the process of having things cut away, because the door that God has set you before maybe too narrow for you to go through it hanging on to some old things. *Look at these two scriptures.*

Matthew 7:14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

The way to your next level of glorified living is through a passageway that your current lifestyle won't fit into.

The reason why few will find it is because they will be looking for a door that they can fit their old life into. Carrying weights, habits and sins to the door that just won't fit.

Hebrews 12:1-2 ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,



Weights are ways of life, habits, attitudes that is alright to have where you are, but won't fit through the open door. It won't fit because there is a Another manifestation of who Jesus is on the other side of the open door, but you're going to have to trim away some things to get through it in order to get to another level in Him.

Some here today have turned back from some open doors in the past because there were lifestyle changes that were mandatory before you could enter into the door. Some of those things that are required for you to lay down, "to enter into the open door", are going to require faith. Because you have relied on it so long, it's going to take faith for you to walk away from or do without it and to depend more on God to take its place.

You must transform your thinking that His way is a better option.

The only way to successfully accomplish this is - **“ looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...”**

He is through the door, Jehovah Nissi is through the door, Jehovah shalom is through the door, Jehovah Rapha is through the door, Jehovah Shabbat is through the door, Jehovah Jireh is through the door, is through the door, Etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

Pruning is one of the best signs that we are producing fruit for the Kingdom of God.