



5784/2024 the Year of the Open-Door Pt. 6

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

With the understanding of this, we must keep in mind that we are in this world but not of this world.

Because we are not of this world, all the negativity, turmoil, confusion, and violence that's in this present world today doesn't have to affect us in an adverse way. *We do have a choice!*

This is why prophecy is so important. Because when you understand prophecy, you will look at the world and understand that God had predicted just how this world was going to be before it ever got this way. And because He already knew it, if you read further, you understand that we win in the end, in spite of.

We must get the picture that we are God's ambassadors.

If we choose, we can be taken care of by the resources of His kingdom and not having to depend on the resources of this world.

We must see God as the source of our resources.

No matter the need or desire the king of the natural and supernatural worlds (Jesus Christ), wants to be the supplier of them. We need not look any further!!!

We are sent here by Father God on assignment, to train to reign and to be His active agent by witnessing His goodness, His Kingdom, (His way of living) which is the answer to the world's problems.

The less we depend on the world, the more we can be used by God to be an answer to the world's problem.

Because we are His ambassadors, we don't have to follow the seasonal conditions of the world in how we set our expectations. We can keep our expectations in line with His Kingdom.

Let's continue to look at the number 5784



The # 84

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

In this year of the open door means we are going to receive fresh revelation to speak a right now word, in this season of the open door.

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

In this season what we don't say is going to be as important as what we do say. ***(Romans 10:6) But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, ...***

Be conscious of what you say in your heart, on the inside of you, it is just as important as what you say with your mouth.

There are certain things that you cannot meditate on within yourself it will determine what comes out of your mouth. **Matthew 12:34...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

Notice it says “out of the abundance of the heart” the heart gets abundance primarily through meditation.

4. The Hebrew Letter Dalet (4) – Journey Through the Open Door

In Hebrew, 4 is Dalet – pictured as a tent door.



The corresponding letter to the number 4 is Dalet the “Open Door”.

If we receive the year as the season of the open door, our lives can have radical transformation if we respond correctly to this season.

Jesus said to the believers in the church of Philadelphia, He set them before an open door.

What do these door/doors mean in the bible? Doors in biblical symbolism are used to identify portals, openings, admittance points that allows what is in one realm or level to access what is in another realm or level.

Doors/access points can give access from the natural realm to what's in the heavenly realm.

John 1:50-51 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



The word “**Opened**” (anoigo) is in the perfect tense describing past completed action with continuing effect.

When the bible says the Jesus open the door it means that the door will stay open for the duration of the season.

Example: the door of salvation open at the resurrection of Jesus Christ (this is the age of Grace) will remain open until the second coming of Jesus Christ. And during the thousand-year reign will begin the age of establishing the kingdom from Heaven.

In other words, the heavens have been opened and are standing open for all humanity to receive salvation.

The door, which is standing open, so that many may enter by grace through faith for salvation in the Son of Man!

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

Just as Jesus is the open door for salvation by grace through faith, the doors He is opening in this season, are doors by grace, and we take advantage of them by utilizing our faith.

In this season they will mostly represent opportunities, promotion, increase, and maturity.

Sharing the gospel is the greatest door of opportunity.

The doors that Jesus has opened in this season will require us taking advantage of them by faith.

The enemy will try to oppose us from taking advantage of the open door.

There will be a spiritual battle for the doors promised to be opened by Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 16: 8-9 But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost. 9 I will stay here, because a good opportunity for a great and growing work has been given to me now** (the NKJV says “*For a great and effective door has opened*”).

...And there are many people working against it.