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We love him, because he first loved us - 1 John 4:19

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Keys are for locking and unlocking doors, gates, and all manner of entrances and exits. Without a key there are many places that you cannot or would not be able to enter, experience, dwell in, see, know, understand, and partake of. A key speaks of authority over a domain. A key holds the dominance over a place, spot, room, house, thing, or people. It is not possible to enter a building without someone having been given or having obtained the authority to unlock the door. The same authority to unlock can also lock and prevent entrance. The use of 'keys' is a vital part to the completion of your journey and to the establishment of the Kingdom of God within you!

1. THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

Binding and loosening are the accompanying power given with the keys of God's Kingdom. But take note, before binding in the spiritual realm there must be a binding in the natural earthly realm. Bind on earth, then bind in heaven. Loose on earth, then loosen in heaven. We attempt to do this in reverse. We desire and wish for things to be accomplished in the Spirit realm before God without accomplishing this first in the earthly realm. "Why isn't God moving?", we say. Whereas God says, "I am waiting for you to move before I move." As we draw nigh to God, He draws nigh to us (James 4:8). What God does in heavenly realms depends on the activities and choices of man on earth. Take charge and authority of things in your own life on earth and heaven will join you! Bind and loosen according to God's purpose and watch the hand of God in action.

In traditional Jewish culture, binding and loosening were commonly used words that meant to forbid by an indisputable authority and to permit by an indisputable

authority. God has given us indisputable authority in the Spirit as to what we permit into our lives and what we forbid into our lives. The Kingdom of God can never be obtained by permitting and forbidding the wrong things into our personal world. Bind spirits of fear, bondage, doubt, unbelief; and loosen the power of God and His divine Word and Spirit. What you bind and loosen in your life will also take place in the realms of the Spirit in heavenly places.

Within the verses quoted above, Jesus did not mention a 'key', but rather 'keys', *multiple* keys, keys to various openings and doors. In what context did Jesus speak these words? Jesus was responding to Peter's revelation about who Jesus was. The Father revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus told Peter that the Church would be built upon this revelation and that as Peter and others were used by God in accomplishing the work of building His Kingdom, He promised to provide 'keys' of power and authority. The keys that would be given would lead to "Kingdom of God experiences". These keys would open doors, doors of various kinds, and lock other doors, all for the purpose of the Kingdom of God being established.

What are the 'Keys to the Kingdom' about? Only God's Word can give us an adequate answer to that question?

*So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards. 24 In **four quarters** were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them. 26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the **opening (maf-tey-akh=a key)** thereof every morning pertained to them. 28 And certain of them had the charge of the **ministering vessels**, that they should bring them in and out by tale. 29 Some of them also were appointed to **oversee the vessels**, and all the **instruments** of the sanctuary, and the **fine flour**, and the **wine**, and the **oil**, and the **frankincense**, and the **spices**. 30 And some of the sons of the priests **made the ointment of the spices**. (1 Chronicles 9:23-30) (highlights by the author)*

In verse 27 we see the word 'opening'. This is the Hebrew word *maf-tey-akh*, which means *key*. There were specific Levites chosen from among the Levitical clan who were given keys to the *four quarters* of the Temple House. Interestingly enough,

the Hebrew word for 'quarters' is 'roo-akh' which is the exact same word used for the Spirit of God, God's breath, and the inspiration of God!

Another place in the Word of God where we see the words *four* and *quarter* – (in Hebrew *ar-bah roo-akh*) used in conjunction is found in Ezekiel:

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the LORD God; Come from the four winds (ar-bah roo-akh), O breath (roo-akh), and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. (Ezekiel 37:9)

The four winds (the *four quarters*) are the combined breath of the Spirit of God that can and does move in all four directions. It takes all four winds of the inspiring breath of His Spirit to cause the dead bones in Ezekiel's valley to live. God's will and purpose is set. Nothing can or will change what God has spoken. What God has spoken is more solid than the hardest rock because what He speaks is eternal. However, to accomplish His will and purpose, God moves in four ways, or directions; east, south, west, and north – the direction from which the four winds blow.

We get so stuck in forms and patterns thinking that we have found "the it", the answer, the how, etc. By doing so, we "lock-out" the move of the breath of God's Spirit from whichever *quarter* He wishes to come from and move to. The 'Keys of the Kingdom' unlock that anointing from all directions in service and ministry unto God. These keys unlock the four winds of the Word and Spirit of God to bring life to the dead bones of the army of God, the remnant church, the bridal people, and the Manifested Sons of God.

These keys are not 'the Key of David'. These are keys, plural, of Levitical service and ministry that fulfill the callings of service unto the Lord in the ***four quarters***, as it were, of God's House – His Heavenly Kingdom. These *four quarters* opened entrances into chambers and treasuries of the House of the LORD. These keys of the Kingdom opened and closed the doors to Kingdom experiences in service to the King. These keys (unlocking and locking power) unlocked and locked the doors of the ministry to the vessels, instruments, wine, oil, frankincense and spices used in the Temple. The doors are entrances of service unto the LORD; service in His Temple House – service TO HIM! These keys unlocked the doors that make it possible for the Kingdom to function, flourish, grow, and mature. However, they

did not unlock the door into the “one place” that was beyond the courts and chambers; the door into the Throne-Room. There is no indication that these keys locked or unlocked that door.

In the scripture reference below, we have a heavenly example given to us of this truth and principle of Kingdom service in the four quarters.

*Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of **four living creatures**. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. **6** And every one had **four faces**, and every one had four wings.*

Vs.10. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

*Vs.20 Whithersoever the **spirit was to go**, they went, thither was **their spirit to go**; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. (Ezekiel 1:5-6.10.20)*

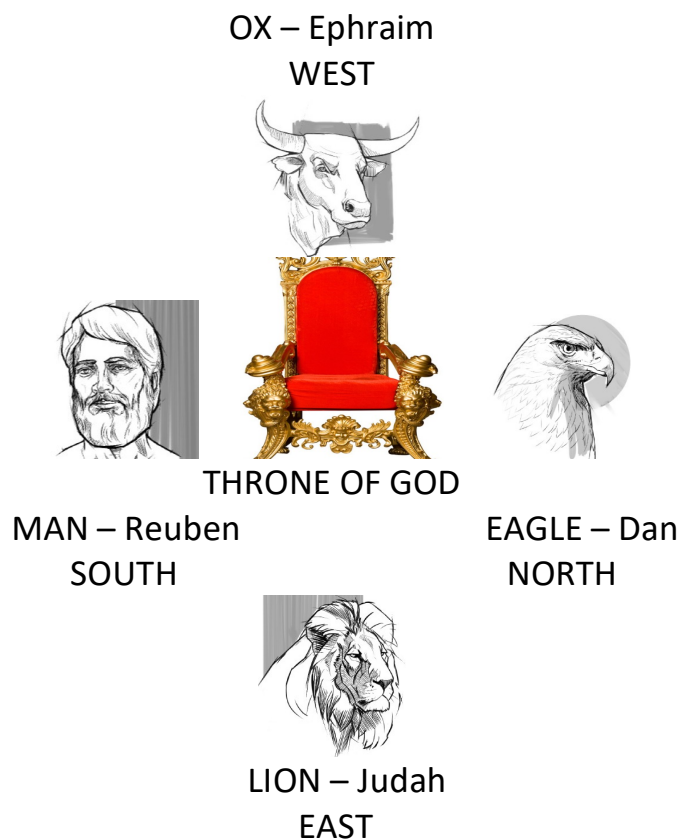
The four living creatures, cherubs, that surrounded the Throne of God, each had four faces depicting the four characteristics of the Word and breath, or Spirit (roo-akh) of God. Each one of the four faces on each creature faced in the same direction. The face of the man, for example, upon each creature faced toward the south. The face of the ox on each creature turned toward the west. The face of the eagle was toward the north, and the face of the lion faced toward the east. As the Spirit (roo-akh) moved in one of the four directions, all of the living creatures moved in that direction with unity of purpose and obedience to the breath of God. They all moved with the same face as they faced the same way whilst they were guided by the same Spirit in one of the four directions of the breath of God.

God set up His “Church” in the wilderness (Acts 7:38) by dividing them into four camps, with each camp carrying and displaying an insignia, a flag, or a standard. This is recorded in Numbers chapter two. Even though Numbers does not describe the actual diagram or image of each insignia, God’s Word gives significant evidence of the standard that each camp displayed. All we have to do is to look in the heavenly realms in order to see God’s will and purpose as it was displayed among His people.

...and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. (Revelation 4:6-7)

The four camps that surrounding the sanctuary were:

- The camp **Judah** (on the east side) – **THE LION** (Genesis 49:9 Judah is a lion)
- The camp of **Reuben** (on the south side) – **THE MAN** (Genesis 29:32 Reuben = behold a son – a man)
- The camp of **Ephraim** (on the west side) – **THE OX** (Deuteronomy 33:17, Genesis 49:24; Ephraim was the recipient of the blessing of the ‘strength’ of Joseph – the strength of the Ox – Proverbs 14:4)
- The camp of **Dan** (on the north side) – **THE EAGLE** (Genesis 49:16; Dan is judge – a judge needs an eagle eye overview and a keen perception)



The lion is wild, powerful, a warrior, and demonstrative. The man reasons, he ponders, and mediates. The ox plows, prepares ground, works hard, and never looks back. The eagle soars high above with keen eyes to see the big picture and hence has great perception and discernment. The keys of the Kingdom unlock these four doors, as it were, to the move of God. Many people gain 'one key' and determine that all Truth has been found. For example, someone may have a key to the 'east door', and as result possess the 'lion demonstrative strength'. Because they possess this key, or quality, gifting or calling, they often believe that everyone should be as they are, i.e., "Everyone should shout like me, worship like me, be wild like me." They do not realize that they only possess one key whilst others possess other keys to other doors that are also needed in order to unlock and release the fulness of the move of the breath of God!

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

The binding and loosening on earth and in heaven is the locking and unlocking of God's purpose for His people. It is the blowing of the four winds, as it were, of the character and nature of the Spirit and the Word of God. It is the unlocking of the mysteries of God's purpose. It is the showing, the revealing of, and the knowing of God's leading and direction into His Kingdom and the service of His Kingdom. God never intended for His people to be the "deciders" of what is bound and loosened. The binding and loosening are built upon the revelation of who Jesus is – the revelation upon which the Church is built. The "keys" that He gives has nothing to do with what we want or decide. They are keys that unlock certain doors, keys that are designed by God, keys that will unlock the doors if they are used according as He has purposed. What we bind and loosen of God's Divine Kingdom purpose in earth, our earth, our personal world (and beyond), will be released in the heavenlies. Why? Because it is God's will and purpose to do so. He made the key and the door to which the key fits. He gives us the keys to use!

God desires for doors to be opened so that His Kingdom can come forth into this earth, to your earth. But He is looking for gatekeepers with the provided keys, ones who are controlled and governed by the breath and the leading of His Spirit – those who will open the doors of His power and glory presence. God has empowered us as gatekeepers, doorkeepers, and porters. Like Nehemiah of old, we have been

given keys that will unlock the glory presence of the LORD in our lives, churches, homes, cities, countries, continents, and the world.

*And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should **come and keep the gates**, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy. (Nehemiah 13:22)*

It does not mention 'keys' in this verse, but it does talk about *keeping the gates*. Keeping the gates has to do with opening and closing. Nehemiah had the 'keys', as it were, to the restoration of Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity of Judah. He had the gates locked and unlocked so that the restoration could take place, the Temple could be restored, and God's people could once again claim their inheritance and fulfill their purpose in Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 13:19)

There is another place in scripture where Jesus spoke of binding and loosening:
And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:17-18)

This example of binding and loosening also has to do with the church and church discipline. As already mentioned, binding and loosing is a common Jewish phrase that gives authority to someone to determine whether something is 'allowed or forbidden'. That is to say "to bind" is to tie, be in bondage, or be forbidden, whereas "to lose" means to set free, break up, or allow. Binding and loosening are the authority to declare what God's mind is on a matter of doctrine or practice and to open and close according to God's purpose. What we bind, close, lock, and disallow, on earth according to the revelation of God's purpose, is also bound in heaven. That which is bound in heaven, as God's will determines, is bound on earth. The believer is not the decider of these things – God is!

The 'keys' to the Kingdom, therefore have to do with the Church having the authority to bind and loosen that which God has and does allow, demand, command, and purpose for His people. It is about opening the gates/doors in and out of the Courts of God. The keys of the Kingdom have to do with the service and Levitical ministry of God's Kingdom. These keys are not to be confused with 'the Key of David'.



2. THE KEY OF DAVID

The Key of David is spoken of twice in the pages of scripture. The first time the Key of David is mentioned is by the Prophet Isaiah.

And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. (Isaiah 22:22)

This portion of prophecy covers the coming of the Messiah. God promised to place the key, or the authority and Kingship of *the House* (the Royal Lineage) of David upon His shoulder (the shoulder being the place upon which the government rests – Isaiah 9:6). This key speaks of the Kingdom of God authority that opens and closes God's *ultimate purpose*. This power and authority was placed upon the shoulders of the Messiah, the Christ, the Lamb of God.

We must take note of something important here. Keys of the Kingdom are given to those called, chosen, and ordained by God with the power, right, and privilege of locking and unlocking, binding and loosening God's Kingdom Word, Spirit, and anointing.

The Key of David, on the other hand, is not *given* to anyone. This key is not a gift. It rests upon the shoulder and responsibility of the King! Only He can open and no man shut, and only He can shut where no man can open!!

Having said that, however, the Key of David is not simply some concept to be admired by the believer; no, it is indeed an *experience to be coveted*. Since we are to become like Jesus, we should also pursue the power of 'the key' that He possesses. Our Heavenly King David is the king with the key, but He has called *us* to be kings and priests with Him and hence also possess and use the *power of that key*.

a. The Seven Churches

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; (Revelation 3:7)

Before explaining what the Key of David is we must first understand when and to whom the key was revealed. Jesus revealed Himself to each of the seven churches in a unique way. Each church was given a revelation of Him depending on their location, their struggle, what they had to overcome, and where God was ultimately leading each church to go. The Lord Jesus revealed Himself to the Philadelphia Church as He that is holy, He that is true, and He that has the key of David.



The seven churches prophetically fit together with the seven pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle of Moses and subsequent temples. The Tabernacle of Moses was a minute, detailed picture and description of the Son of God – the Living Word (Hebrews 8 & 9). It was a shadow and a type of the more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, the Lord Jesus. He is the Tabernacle of God (Revelation 21:3). Jesus revealed a portion of Himself to every one of the seven churches. Each church prophetically connects and fits into the divine pattern of the Tabernacle, with every church relating to one of the seven pieces of furniture.

The Philadelphia Church prophetically relates to the Ark of the Covenant, whereas the Laodicean Church, the final church age, and the final spiritual experience, relates to the Mercy Seat where the glory presence of God resided. Both of these pieces of furniture have to do with the Throne of God and yet they represent two very different and distinct spiritual experiences at God's Throne.

The Philadelphia Church relates to those who are *before*, and who *surround*, and who *support* the Throne of God and the Temple that houses the Throne of God. These are the "lovers of the Lamb". This is the Bridal people – The Bride of Christ! However, the Laodicean Church takes the experience a step further and relates to those who are *within and upon* the Throne of God – joined and united in relationship and fellowship to the eternal Father.

b. The Most Holy Place Churches – Philadelphia and Laodicea

PHILADELPHIA: The Bridal Experience – The Church of Love

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. (Revelation 3:12)

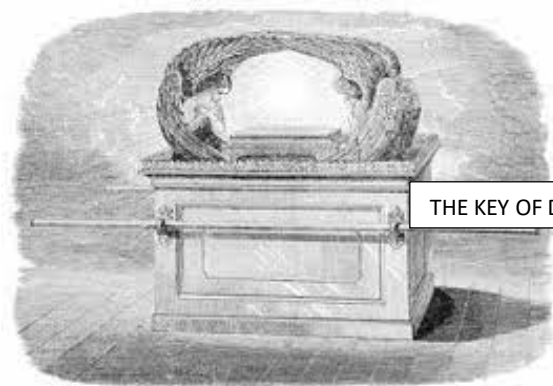
LAODICEA: The Throne Experience – Manifested Sons

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (Revelation 3:21)

As far as a believer's personal life and experience is concerned, the Seven Churches relate to stages of growth and levels of overcoming. Each level of overcoming produces a new experience with God which is accompanied by a reward, manifestation, or fruit of what has been overcome. To experience the "next level" one has to overcome the previous. In other words, you cannot step up onto the higher step without stepping upon and claiming the lower. This is about growth – spiritual maturity, moving forward from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18 – We are changed from glory to glory), from one stage, experience, and encounter with God, to another. This means that to experience the reward and fruit of the next overcoming experience you will/must first obtain and acquire the previous.

Both the Philadelphia and Laodicea Churches are “Most Holy Place” encounters. Both relate to Zion and Jerusalem. It is from the Bridal experience, the Philadelphia Church, that the Manifested Sons of God are born from those who overcome lukewarmness, lethargy, and spiritual slumber. The reward at this stage of overcoming, the Laodicean Church, is not just to be close to the Throne, and a pillar to the Throne Room, but to sit in the Throne as does the Bridegroom.

TAKE NOTE: the five pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle of Moses were all separate from each other. As already stated above, the five churches mentioned prior to Philadelphia and Laodicea are represented by those pieces of furniture. However, the two pieces of furniture in the Most Holy Place, namely the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat, were united and combined. The Ark did not stand alone – it was covered by the Mercy Seat. The Mercy Seat did not stand alone – it was supported by the Ark. The Ark was as if it were a “pillar-support” to the Mercy Seat.



THE KEY OF DAVID – OPENS AND SHUTS

MERCY SEAT – LAODICEA
 Sonship relationship with the Father.
 Manifested Sons of God
 Dominion – Rulership - Authority

ARK OF THE COVENANT - PHILADELPHIA
 Bridal relationship with the Son.
 Pillar – Support - Fruit Bearing

Ark Of The Covenant Sketch

In the prophetic example of our spiritual end, we see two relationships formed. One relationship is that of a Bride to the Son of God, the Lamb, the Heavenly Bridegroom; the other is a relationship of a son to the Heavenly Father. **These relationships are separate and yet cannot be divided.** As is with the Ark and the Mercy Seat – the Bride and the Manifested Sons are one and the same. One relationship brings the other to birth. However, a **KEY IS NEEDED** to open the door in between. This is why Jesus introduced Himself to the Philadelphia Church as the One that possesses the Key of David.

c. The Son and the Father

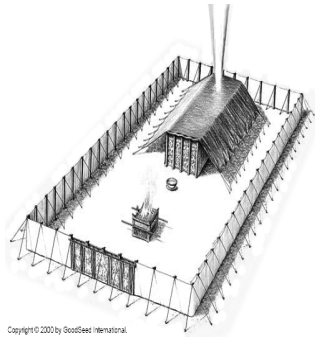
TABERNACLE OF MOSES

THE LAMB & THE BRIDE

Egypt To Canaan

THE JOURNEY
REDEMPTION &
SANCTIFICATION

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM



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THE KEY & THE DOOR



David Conquers Zion's
Stronghold

KINGDOM ESTABLISHED
DOMINION AND DOMAIN
DELIVERANCE

ZION BRINGS TO BIRTH



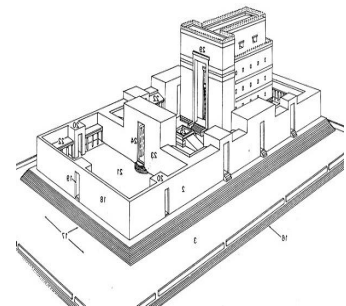
TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

THE FATHER & SONS OF GOD

Solomon-Peace Reigns

THE SON OF LOVE RULES
CEASE FROM WORKS
GOD ALL IN ALL

FRUITFULNESS - SONS



In Hebrew, the words 'Key of David' are ***maf-tay'-akh daw-veed***. Maf-tay'akh (key) means to open, opener, to loosen, to draw out, and to break forth. Daw-veed (David) means loving, from *dod* which means to love, to boil, and lover. The Key of David can therefore be translated as THE OPENER OF LOVE, TO BREAK FORTH IN LOVE, TO DRAW OUT THE LOVER, TO LOOSEN BOILING LOVE.

What opens the door into the relationship with the Heavenly Father? What establishes the Kingdom of God within us? What brings us back into that which God purposed and designed for mankind in the beginning? What brings the Sons of God to conception and to birth within the womb of the Bridal people? LOVE!

The Key is LOVE! (say it out loud, and then say it again)

Love is a word and a concept understood by few, if any. Mankind has manufactured all manner of ideas as to the meaning of love. And after all of his attempts at both understanding and finding true love, he is none the wiser. Outside of God Himself, love cannot be understood. You see, God 'is' love. He is the person of love. He is

the nature of love. He is the manifestation of love. Without God, we cannot know love. We can know human affection which is shallow, biased, temporal, deceased, carnal, and corrupt; but this is a far cry from what true love is.

The Key of David is love, true love, God's love, eternal love, divine love. This is the love that is birthed within and manifested within the life of those who hunger and thirst for God; those who love Jesus - the Heavenly Bridegroom.

The *Bride and Bridegroom* love relationship bring us into the *Father and Son* relationship with the Heavenly Father. The purpose of the Bride and Bridegroom relationship is "fruitfulness". Herein is the union with the Father perfected – through love. No man can dwell in God, and God in Him, without the birth of love.

For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. (John 16:27)

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (John 14:23)

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16)

The seven days of creation also prophetically fit together with the seven pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle of Moses.

Genesis 1:1-31, 2:1-3

- First Day – **LIGHT** (separated light from darkness) – *BRAZEN ALTAR* (When light comes into the sinner's life and separates light from darkness – salvation and the Fire of the Holy Ghost)
- Second Day – **DIVIDED HIGH AND LOW WATERS** – *LAVER* (Where the power of the death, low waters, and life, high waters, of Jesus' Name are experienced – baptism)
- Third Day – **HERB YIELDING SEED** – *GOLDEN ALTAR* (Where the herbs, or incense of the Name are found for prayer)
- Fourth Day – **LIGHTS IN THE FIRMAMENT** – *GOLDEN CANDLESTICK* – (The luminous light of the Word of God, the sun light, and moon and star light,

ruling, governing, and guiding our day and night seasons in God – this is the theory of God’s Word)

- Fifth Day – **LIFE IN THE SEAS** (depths) AND THE SKY (heights) – *TABLE OF SHEWBREAD* (The table had two piles of bread that represented the low humility Word and the high exalted Word of God. The table speaks of the experience of God’s Word when the light becomes bread to eat in the low and high places of life).
- Sixth Day – **MALE AND FEMALE** – *ARK OF THE COVENANT* – (Bridegroom and Bride relationship – Philadelphia. God blessed this relationship and commanded that it bring forth fruit and dominion authority).
- Seventh Day – **WORK ENDED REST** – *MERCY SEAT* – (When the Father is united with His works and God is All in all – He rules).

If we focus primarily on the sixth and seventh day (The Most Holy Place – The Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat), we will once again see the pattern of God’s eternal purpose for mankind revealed!

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26-28)

Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. (Genesis 5:2)

The purpose of the union between Adam male and Adam female was not so that they could just cozy up and live happily ever after. No, not at all, God gave them a mandate. He revealed to them the purpose that had been designed for His creation from before Time began. Through this love union, God commanded and expected fruitfulness! And through the fruitfulness, God commanded subduing and dominion ruling power, along with kingship power, over the earth to be exercised.

From the very beginning, through Adam male and female, God demonstrated that the fruitfulness of the Bridegroom and Bride love relationship should and would

produce dominion, ruling, kingly authority. God's purpose has never changed. This remains His command for those upon whom He has called His Name, and over whom He has spoken His purpose. Isaiah's prophecy concerning the birth of the Son of God also demonstrates the principle of the birth of a Son and the establishment of kingship.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

- A CHILD – A SON IS BORN
- GOVERNMENT UPON HIS SHOULDER (where the Key of David is)
- THE GREATNESS OF HIS GOVERNMENT PRODUCES UNENDING PEACE
- THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND HIS KINGDOM
- IT IS ESTABLISHED WITH JUDGEMENT (mish-pawt/ God's verdicts) AND JUSTICE (tsed-aw-kaw/ moral virtue and rightness)
- THE ZEAL (jealousy and fire) OF GOD PERFORMS THIS

d. LOVE AND THE KINGDOM

There is a key that brings all of the various aspects of the prophetic Word that we are considering into view. It is the Key of David, the Key of Love, the Key of Kingdom power and royal dominion! This key works and operates by love. There can be no birth of kingly sonship without love. The Ark and the Mercy Seat are not joined without love (in a figurative way of speaking). There can be no relationship between the Heavenly Father and the Manifested Sons without love. The Throne and Kingdom of God cannot be established without love.

And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness. (Isaiah 16:5) KJV

(English Standard Version)

Then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness.)

The Hebrew word for ‘mercy’ is *khe-sed*. *Khe-sed* is another word used to express love, loving kindness, and favor. God’s Throne, His Kingdom, is established in *khe-sed love* in the Tabernacle or the House and royal lineage of David. This is why Jesus appears to the Philadelphia Church with the Key of David. He is the fulfillment of this prophecy in whom the Throne of the Kingdom is established in steadfast love.

Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy. (Proverbs 20:28) KJV

English Standard Version

Steadfast love and faithfulness preserve the king, and by steadfast love his throne is upheld.

The foundation of the Throne of God is love. Love upholds His Throne. Love is power. Love is fire. Love is God’s zeal.

*Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, **and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?** (James 2:5)*

There is no greater power than the power of love. Love is the very core essence of the character and nature of God. God not only shows love, demonstrates love, and gives His love – but GOD ‘IS’ LOVE!

- FAITH, HOPE, LOVE – GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE – 1 Corinthians 13:13
- ABOVE ALL ELSE, PUT ON LOVE – Colossians 3:4
- THE DIVINE NATURE IS CROWNED WITH LOVE – 2 Peter 1:4-7
- THE LAW IS FULFILLED BY LOVE – Matthew 22:36-40
- LOVE NEVER FAILS – 1 Corinthians 13:8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

We can never, and we will never experience the Kingship authority and dominion of the Throne of God in our lives without the birth and manifestation of the ‘Sons of Love’. The Manifested Sons of God are just like Jesus – they are the exact image and likeness of The Son of God. He was, and is, the love of God personified. The Sons of God sit on the Throne of God; but can you imagine anyone being allowed access to the power of God’s Kingdom and His Kingship authority who was not drenched in love? The result would be chaos and devastation. Even God’s judgements are poured out from the core of His being – LOVE. God does nothing that is not birthed out from who He ‘is’. All of His deeds, all of His judgements, favorable or unfavorable, flow from His love. This is the ultimate fruit of the Philadelphia Bridegroom and Bride experience; the manifestation of the love of God.

What does this love look like? What is the nature of the Key of David? What does this key look like in practice and not just in theory? Why is it so powerful? What is this key that we obtain by “becoming like Him”? What does the experience of a “son-birth” from our union with the Bridegroom look like? What is the nature of this love?

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. 7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned. (Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

This Key of David, the opening of love, the power and authority of love looks like this...

- IS AS STRONG AS DEATH (nothing can conquer it – when death comes nothing stands in its way)
- LOVES JEALOUSY (zeal and passion) IS AS CRUEL AS THE GRAVE (obstinate, prevailing, and as stubborn as a grave that holds its victim captive)
- THE COALS OF LOVE ARE VEHEMENT (love’s coals burn with such heat, fervor, flames, and passion that nothing can stand in its path)
- MANY WATERS CANNOT QUENCH LOVE (storms, trials, wars, distractions, and the cares of this life cannot put out this fire of love)
- NEITHER CAN FLOODS DROWN IT (‘floods’ mean prosperity. No blessing, greatness, fame, exaltation, or favor can drown the power of this love)
- LOVE GIVES UP EVERYTHING & SCORNS IT ALL (all of the world’s worth is mocked and considered as nothing in the presence of true love)

It is this type of power by which the Kingdom of God is established! The power that NEVER FAILS! This is the manifestation of the Son of God in you. *This is the door that is opened by the 'Key of Love'.*

But the Key of Love not only opens where no man can shut, it always shuts where no man can open. Love is like a two-edged sword; there is a positive side and a negative side. Love has a side of peace, and a side of war. Love draws near, but love also resists. Love speaks Truth no matter what side the Truth is revealing; either a soothing oil or cutting knife. Herein are we able to discern whether the 'love' we possess and exhibit is the genuine love of God or the carnal, sensual, and flattering love of the fallen nature of man.

God's love is not biased. His love loves the unlovable whereas man's carnal affections are biased and based on preference. God's love will stand for Truth no matter the cost, whereas man's carnal love does not consider Truth but is loyal to human connections and commitments. God's love sacrifices even when it hurts the most, whereas man's carnal love runs from sacrifice and from that which causes pain, discomfort, and inconvenience.

Do not confuse the carnal, sensual, affections of the fallen nature with the true, unfailing power of the love of God. There is no comparison!



3. THE TABERNACLE OF LOVE – The Birth Canal

One of the first items on David's agenda, after he received his third anointing as King, was to raise a Tabernacle on Zion that would house the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat. The tabernacle provided a place where twenty-four-hours-a-day worship ascended unto the glory presence of Him who sat upon the Throne between the cherubs.

David's Tabernacle was unique in so many ways. Unlike the Tabernacle of Moses and the Temple of Solomon, God gave no instruction as to how this structure was to be built, nor as to what materials should be used to raise it, or indeed how large or small it was to be. The voice of God is totally silent on the matter of the conception and birth of David's Tabernacle. Moses' Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple had to be constructed exactly according to God's design and blueprint. Those structures represented the Son and the Father. David's Tabernacle, on the other hand, represented man and His love, adoration, and desire for God and for His matchless presence. Hence, God did not get involved. But He watched! What would man's love for God raise unto His Holy Name? What would such a dwelling look like?

And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. (2 Samuel 6:17)

The Ark was placed in the midst (the middle, in the heart) of the Tabernacle (*o'hel/* covering, home, dwelling place, tent) that David (loving, *dod/* love, lover) had pitched (*naw-taw/* spread out, out stretched) for it. We could read the above verse on this wise:

And they brought in the Ark of the LORD, and set it in His place, in the center, within the heart of the dwelling place that love stretched out for it!!

This was not some little tent structure with only room enough for the Ark itself. David's Tabernacle was a stretched-out space wherein was housed the Ark along

with space for 4000 instruments of worship and room enough for singers and worshippers as they offered praises twenty-four hours a day.

Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith. (1 Chronicles 23:5)

And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night. (1 Chronicles 9:33)

So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required: (1 Chronicles 16:37)

Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight. (1 Chronicles 25:1.7)

Herein, we see the Key of David once again displayed. Love raised a habitation for God's Throne. Love established the Kingdom of God in the 'place' that God said, "That's where I want to put my Name". Love erected a tabernacle of continuous, unending, worship to God who sits on the Throne. This pattern of worship was eventually moved and used in Solomon's Temple. (2 Chronicles 8:14)

Zion was always God's choice of habitation. David was the one who had the revelation of God's desire and he brought the desire of God to birth, on earth as it is in heaven.

For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. 14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. (Psalm 132:13-14)

To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; (Psalm 102:21)

God didn't desire Zion because David chose it. David chose Zion because God desired it! This is where God has always determined to place His Name. This is where He purposed His Kingdom among men to be established. Zion – oh the beautiful

situation, the joy of the whole earth, the city of the great King (Psalm 48:2). David knew this. He had received the revelation of the mountain of the LORD's habitation that had been spoken of by Moses almost five hundred years prior.

*The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and **I will prepare him an habitation**; my father's God, and I will exalt him. (Exodus 15:2)*

*Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength **unto thy holy habitation**. (Exodus 15:13)*

*Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the **mountain of thine inheritance**, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast **made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary**, O LORD, which thy hands have established. (Exodus 15:17)*

The Song of Moses was a prophetic song of that which was to come. God had already chosen 'the place' where He desired to dwell. He had already chosen the Mount Zion as His habitation. However, He needed 'love' to establish His desired place of rest among men. God waited for many centuries before He found a man after His own heart – a man who loved God and whose heart was after Him! He found David!

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: (Psalm 89:20)

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. (Acts 13:22)

God's will was to dwell in Zion. Love did not count the cost because the cost did not matter. It did not matter how high the mountain was which God had chosen for Himself. It did not matter how costly the materials were to build the tabernacle. It did not matter the conditions that surrounded the location. All that mattered was that God desired it, hence LOVE for God and His glory presence did everything to acquire Zion's stronghold and to build upon it a habitation unto His rest.

Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, 5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. (Psalm 132:3-5)

This is what love does! Love does not quit. Love does not give up. Love does not slumber. Love opens the door into the fellowship of the glory of God in His Throne Room, and upon His Throne!

As already mentioned further up in this lesson, the Tabernacle of David was like a bridge between the Tabernacle of Moses and the Temple of Solomon. The 'Most Holy Place', alone, stood in the Tabernacle of David. There were no other pieces of furniture in David's Tabernacle. The Ark of the Covenant along with the Mercy Seat were the only items that were present in this tabernacle that was *raised by love*. It was during this season that Solomon's Temple was conceived and brought to birth in David. Here, on Zion, the Bride travailed, as it were, and brought to birth a son. Solomon, the son of love, the son of David, the son who built the Temple.

Solomon, the son of love, represents the Man-Child, the son of the fruitfulness of the Bride and the Bridegroom. God promised to be "a Father" unto Solomon because He had chosen him to be His son.

And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. (1 Chronicles 28:6)

David's son, the Son of Love, was adopted by God as His own son. To Solomon, the Eternal God became a Father. However, take note, it was not the son of love that conceived and birthed the construction of the temple. Love did that! The same love that brought the son to birth was the same love that was given the vision and blueprint of the Temple of Solomon.

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern...

And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD... (1 Chronicles 28:10.11.)

All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. (1 Chronicles 28:19)

David, Love, conceived the vision, pattern, and design of the Temple. It was given to Him by God through the Spirit. David passed on this vision to the Son of Love and the Temple, the Father and Man-Child/Son relationship was born.

David's Tabernacle was as if it were a birth canal, a place of conception and travail. It was a place of love and devotion; love that was like a key that unlocked the door to the Bridegroom and Bride relationship into the Kingdom experience and relationship of the Heavenly Father and the Sons of God!

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. (Revelation 12:1-2)

The Apostle John had a vision of the Bride of Christ. She is in love with her Bridegroom. She breaths after Him, longs for Him, serves Him, obeys Him, and follows Him. She was seen in Heaven, or in the heights of the realms of the Spirit. Her life is about spiritual things. She concerns herself with that which is of the Spirit. (Ephesians 1:3-4, Colossians 3:2, Galatians 2:4-6, Galatians 5:16.25). This was not an earthly carnal scene, or an earthly woman. No, this was a spiritual scene and a spiritual woman impregnated with a spiritual seed, namely the Word of God.

The Bride's mission is to produce fruitfulness in the Spirit (John 15:4.8). This was the first mission and mandate of Adam male and female. God commands the same from the relationship of the Son of God and His Bride – fruitfulness! The Father is glorified in the fruitfulness of the Bridegroom and Bride relationship.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. (John 15:8-10)

The disciples had not yet been introduced to the concept of the Bride and the Bridegroom. This is a revelation that was later introduced to the Church by the Apostle Paul. However, Jesus taught them about the "love relationship". He said in so many words, "As my Father loved me, I have loved you; remain steadfast in my love, live and remain in my love, do no falter from love, because this is what will produce the fruitfulness that glorifies the Father."

The Bride travails a son to birth, a Man-Child. He is the exact image and likeness of The Son of God. She produces the character and nature of the Son in her life. This elevates her experience to not only stand before the Throne of God, but to be taken to the Throne of God and given Kingdom ruling power and dominion.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. (Revelation 12:5)

The Man-Child, the fruitfulness of LOVE, is given a rod of iron. This is a scepter of righteousness, justice, and judgment.

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (Psalm 2:6-9)

The rod of iron is worthy of a book all on its own, hence I will not take the time to write about that subject here. However, it must be noted that all of God's judgments are birthed from love. God does nothing outside of His love. If He did, He would have a split personality and would somehow have to operate outside of Himself. No, He 'is' love, hence all He does is from love. The same goes for The Sons of God. Their actions, deeds, words, works, and labor are birthed out of love for the Father and His Son. There is a huge difference between the Bride and Manifested Sons of God and the 'general church', if I may be so bold as to put it in those terms? The Bride and Manifested Sons of God are those who through love, dwell in heavenly places. These are separate spiritual experiences and yet one in the same.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (John 14:20-23)

Just pause for a moment and allow these words of Jesus to sink in. Look at what LOVE does! Jesus said, "Love me, I will love you, and my Father will love you, and

‘WE’ will dwell with Him” – we will dwell with the One that is wrapped up in loving the Son and the Father! It all joins together in one union, one ‘family’, as it were. A Bride cannot be a Bride to the Son and the Father at the same time, that’s impossible. But by loving the Son as a Bride, the door is opened into union and fellowship with Father as a son. This is ...

- The ‘Most Holy Place’ experience.
- The union of the *Ark* and the *Mercy Seat*.
- The overcoming experiences of *Philadelphia* and *Laodicea*.
- The *Temple* and the *Throne* of God manifested in the life of the mature, overcoming, zealous, believer!
- The *Bride and Bridegroom* and The *Manifested Sons of God* relationships



4. TWO RELATIONSHIPS IN ONE – The Son and The Father

I and my Father are one. (John 10:30)

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. (John 14:9-11)

The Son and the Father are one, and yet they are separate. So also, is the relationship that we are destined to experience with the Son and the Heavenly Father; they are separate and yet united. Jesus came to make a way, He is the Way, that leads us, brings us, and connects us to the Father.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. (John 14:6-7)

Without the Son there is no way provided to the Father. Jesus is The Way! The word 'way' means a road; by implication, a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means: a journey, and a highway.

Redemption on its own does not bring anyone to the Father. Redemption through the blood of Jesus brings you to 'The Way'. The way then becomes your journey that leads you back to the place that man fell from in the beginning. The Way leads you back to the Father. But, 'The Way' must be traveled, walked, experienced, and yes, LOVED! Through walking 'The Way', living the stature of Jesus, we come to the place of fruitfulness from our union with the Lamb of God, the Bridegroom.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (Romans 8:14-15)

The Sons of God are those who are guided, led, and who walk by and in the Spirit. The Tabernacle of Moses gives us a picture and overview of 'The Way' and the journey to the Father. The Old testament Tabernacle was a prophetic picture, shadow, and type of the Son of God.

Speaking of the Law of Moses and the sanctuary, or the Tabernacle, the writer to the Hebrews penned these words:

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. (Hebrews 8:1-2)

Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. (Hebrews 8:5)

The 'true tabernacle' is Jesus! The Old Testament Tabernacle was an example shadow of the heavenly and more perfect Tabernacle, the Son of God.

Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. 2 For there was a tabernacle made...

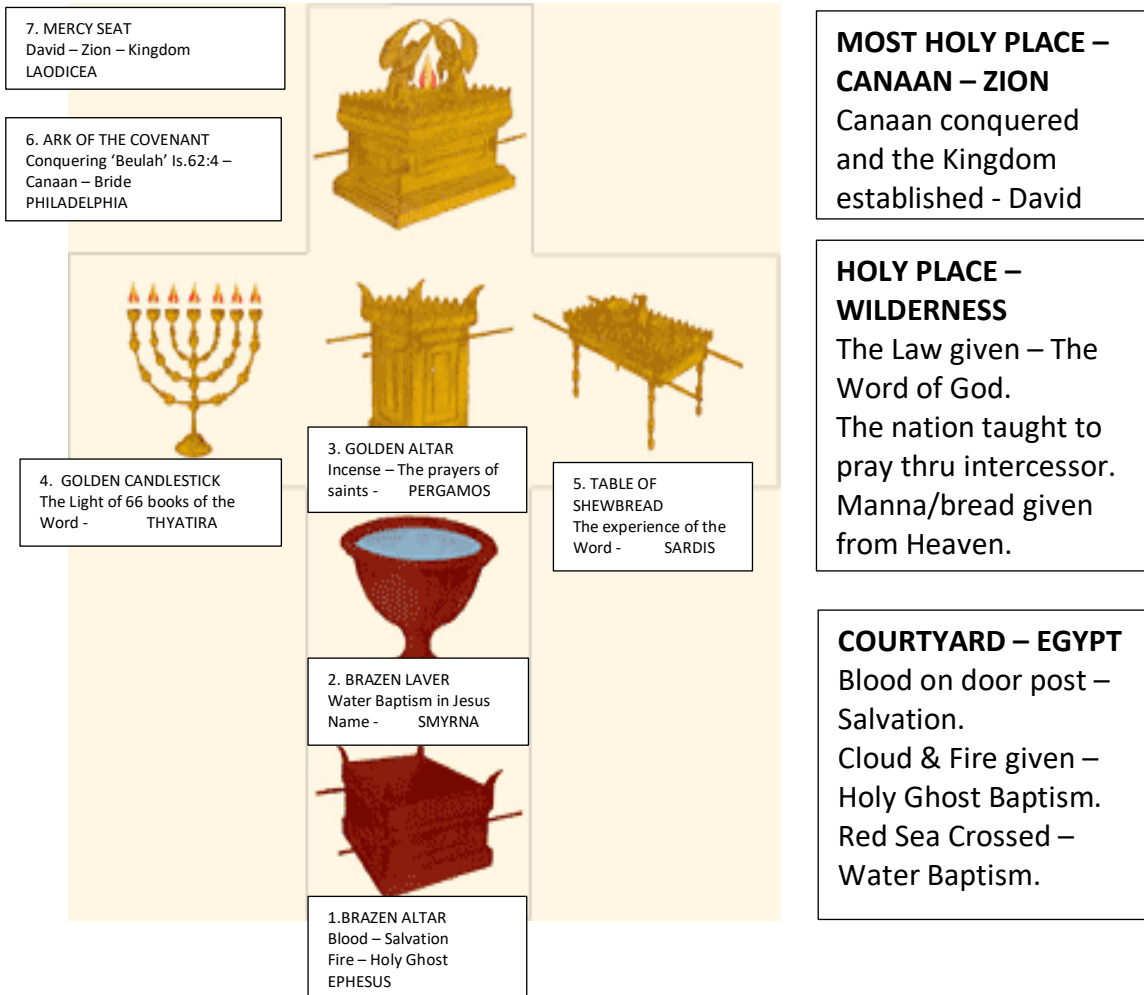
Which was a figure for the time then present...

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (Hebrews 9:1-2.9.11)

Jesus, the Christ, is the greater and more perfect Tabernacle. He is 'The Way'. By looking at the Tabernacle of Old we see HIM, and hence we can see THE WAY that is provided through Him. The way leads to the Father.

(see the diagram on the following page)

THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES - A PROPHETIC PICTURE OF 'THE WAY'
(Exodus 31:7-9)



Since this study is mainly focusing on the Most Holy Place, Canaan and Zion, and the prophetic fulfillment of these experiences in the spiritual life of the saints, I will not spend time dealing with the journey that preceded the conquering of Canaan in this lesson.

What I wish to point out, however, is the end of the journey, the final phase, which was Philadelphia and Laodicea. These two experiences are combined into one - Canaan and Zion; the Bride and the Sons of God; the Ark and the Mercy Seat. In between the Tabernacle of Moses, which represented the Son, and the Temple of Solomon, which represented the Father, came David's Tabernacle. The Tabernacle of Moses existed about 400 - 480 years. The Temple of Solomon stood for 400 plus

years before it's destruction by the Babylonians in 587BC. David's Tabernacle stood for 40 years during the conception, travail and construction of Solomon's Temple. When Solomon's Temple was finished, the furniture for the Tabernacle of Moses was placed in the Temple.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. 3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. 4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. 5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up. (2 Chronicles 5:2-5)

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. (1 Kings 8:1)

And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. (1 Kings 8:4)

The Ark of the LORD's Covenant was taken out of David's Tabernacle and placed within the Most Holy Place in Solomon's Temple. The furniture from the Tabernacle of Moses (which at that time was on Mt Gibeon – 1 Chronicle 16:39, 2 Chronicles 1:3) was also fetched and brought to Solomon's Temple along with all of the holy vessels and they were stored in the Temple. Thus, we see the union of the Son of God and the Father within the Temple. The Son was hidden within the Father.

It is within this union of the Father and His Son that the Bride and the Manifested Sons of God are united in experience with the Son and the Eternal Heavenly Father. Love is the bridge. Love is the Key of David; a Key that opens the doors in Kingdom authority with and through the Father and the Son. Love Conquers all. Love never fails. Love opens and closes. LOVE IS THE KEY!

***Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5)***