

TAKING THE GATES

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A gate is a hinged barrier used to close an opening in a wall, fence, or hedge.

A gate is a large door which gives entrance into a walled city, a castle, a temple, palace or other large edifice. It differs from door chiefly in being larger.

Gate signifies both the opening or passage, and the frame of boards, planks or timber which closes the passage.

A gate is an avenue; an opening; a way.

A gate is the entrance point into a city, community or house. It is usually manned by a gate keeper, visible or invisible.

In scripture, a gate is figuratively, power, dominion.

Gen 22:17

*17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; **and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.***

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That means Abraham's descendants will conquer and defeat towns, cities and fortresses of their enemies.

- The gates of hell, are the power and dominion of the devil and his instruments.

Matt 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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- The gates of death, are the brink of the grave.

Ps 9:13-14

13 O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, 14 that I may declare your praises in the gates of the Daughter of Zion and there rejoice in your salvation.

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Job 38:17

17 Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?

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1. Possessing the gates of one's enemies is one of the greatest blessings one will pronounce on a family member or receive from a loved one.

Gen 24:60

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the gates of their enemies."

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2. Every gate must be opened for the Lord Almighty to go into the city, town, community, family or building and fulfill His purpose.

Ps 24:7-10

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty — he is the King of glory.

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3. When sickness, accident comes to a man or one is close to death, it means the gates of death have been opened to that person and needs to be shot and one lifted from its presence.

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4. The presence of the Lord has got a gate that one must pass through with thanksgiving. Appreciation of what God has done in the past will open the gates of God's presence.

Ps 100:4-5

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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5. God only can breakdown all negative gates that confront and hinder us from moving forward and experiencing the promises of God. So we must look to Him to open the gates. We must confront all hindrances in the name of Jesus Christ and breakthrough all barriers and gates.

Ps 107:16

¹⁶ for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

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Isa 45:1-3

¹"This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

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- God always opens gates for His purpose to be fulfilled.
6. God opens the gate of righteousness to man through Jesus Christ. We have become sons of God because the gate of righteousness is open to us

Ps 118:19

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

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7. God defends His own people. To defend His people is to strengthen the bars of their gates.

Ps 147:13

13 for he strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.

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8. Every city, town, community, compound, family or building has a gate. It may be visible or invisible. There is always a security post which may be in form of an Alter, shrine, idol, totem pole, pillar, spiritual picture, sign or representation; demonic or angelic being watching over the property or the community, depending on whom the founders, owners or occupants are and who they submit to and worship.

Isa 22:7

7 Your choicest valleys are full of chariots, and horsemen are posted at the city gates;

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- The gates of every city are the most fortified and defended place, because that is always the entrance points of enemies since the city is already secured by very huge and strong walls.
- There are demonic princes and powers over territories, towns, cities and communities

Eph 6:10-13

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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Dan 10:13

13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days.

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9. Evil gates must be broken down or removed for the righteous to enter and possess their possessions in Christ Jesus. No gate will stop the believer. It must be opened or removed in Jesus name.

Isa 26:2

*² Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith.
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10. The gate that God opens remains open. The gate He shuts remains shut forever.

Isa 60:11-12

¹¹ Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that men may bring you the wealth of the nations — their kings led in triumphal procession. ¹² For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined.

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Rev 3:7-8

⁷ "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

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11. When the evil gates have been destroyed and the gates of righteousness and prosperity opened, prosperity and progress becomes the experience of God's people.

Isa 60:18-21

¹⁸ No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise. ¹⁹ The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. ²⁰ Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end. ²¹ Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands,

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12. At every righteous gate, there are holy angels mounting guard at all times. The same way, at every evil gate, there are demons on guard to do their evil works – keep off good and prosperity, oppress and afflict.

Rev 21:12

12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

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