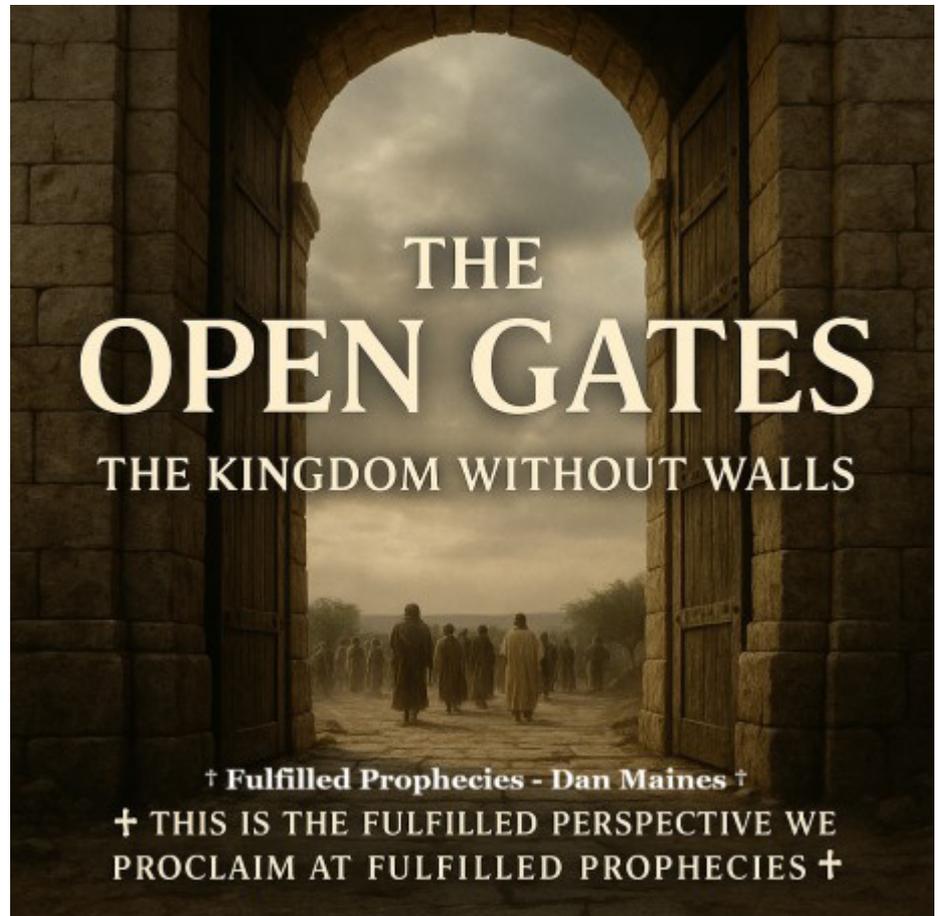


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**The Open Gates:
The Kingdom
Without Walls**



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Revelation 21:24-27

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed, and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it, and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

† The open gates symbolize complete and eternal access to God's presence.

† There is no longer any barrier between heaven and earth, for the two have become one.

† The nations entering through the gates represent the full inclusion of all peoples in the covenant promise.

† The Lamb's book of life defines the true citizenship of the New Jerusalem, those who live in the light of Christ.

Isaiah 60:10-11

Foreigners will build up your walls, and their kings will minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, and in My favor I have had compassion on you. Your gates will be open continually; they will not be closed day or night, so that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

† Isaiah's prophecy foreshadowed the restoration and expansion of God's kingdom to include the nations.

† The "open gates" here are not about physical Jerusalem but about the spiritual city of peace.

† The wealth of the nations represents the fruit of redemption, lives transformed and dedicated to the Lord.

† God's compassion replaced His wrath, turning judgment into unending favor and fellowship.

John 10:9

I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

† Jesus declared Himself to be the only entrance, the true gate of the kingdom.

† Through Him, believers enter into rest, safety, and spiritual nourishment.

† The "going in and out" shows continual freedom, not restriction, in relationship with God.

† The open gates of the New Jerusalem are the everlasting

expression of the open door in Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-19

But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household.

† Paul explained that Christ's blood tore down the wall separating Jew and Gentile.

† The old divisions have been removed, replaced by the unity of one new humanity in Christ.

† The open gates of the New Jerusalem show that access to God is equal and unrestricted.

† Every believer is now a full citizen of God's household, with no distinction or exclusion.

Zechariah 2:4-5

And said to him, "Run, speak to that young man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle within it. For I,' declares the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

† Zechariah prophesied a Jerusalem without walls, a foreshadowing of the New Covenant community.

† God Himself became the protection and glory of His people, not physical walls or temples.

† The "wall of fire" represents His presence, guarding and illuminating His kingdom.

† The multitude inside reflects the expansion of the gospel to all

nations under one Shepherd.

Psalm 87:2-6

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! I shall mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me; behold, Philistia and Tyre with Cush: "This one was born there," they will say. But of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; and the Most High Himself will establish her.

† The Psalmist saw that even former enemies would be counted as citizens of Zion.

† The open gates of the kingdom welcome all who are "born there" by the Spirit of God.

† The inclusion of once-hostile nations shows the power of grace that transcends borders.

† God Himself establishes the city, and its gates remain open to all who call on His name.

Matthew 16:18-19

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

† Christ's kingdom would never be overpowered by death, its gates would remain eternally open.

† The authority to bind and loose reflects the Church's role in administering the open access of the gospel.

† The victory over Hades ensured that the kingdom's entrance would never again be closed.

† The open gates of the New Jerusalem testify to the final defeat of death and the everlasting dominion of life.

How it applies to us today

† The gates of the kingdom are open, there is no wall, no separation, no exclusion.

† In Christ, we live in unrestricted fellowship with God and one another.

† The nations are still streaming into the light of the Lamb through the witness of the Church.

† We carry the keys of the kingdom, opening the way for others to enter freely.

† The open gates declare the eternal truth, God's presence is accessible, His kingdom complete, and His people forever home.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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