

Notes: February 2, 2013

Start: 10 AM

**Order of service:**

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovu
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
11. Oneg

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Keys of the Kingdom

When you have a key, what do you have?

- If given to you - Permission
- If you own - Authority

What does a key do?

- Unlocks
- Opens

the word key is translated from the Hebrew word Maf-tay-akh and means “an opener”

A tale of two servants – Elyakim and Shevna

We read of Shevna:

**Isa 22:15** Thus says Adonai Elohim-Tzva'ot: "Go and find that steward, Shevna, administrator of the palace, and ask him:

**Isa 22:16** 'What do you own here, and who gave you the right to cut yourself a tomb here? Why do you get such an eminent tomb? Why are you carving a resting-place for yourself in the rock?' "

**Isa 22:17** Look, strong man! Adonai is about to throw you out! He will grab you,

**Isa 22:18** roll you up, and toss you around like a ball in the open country. There you will die, with your fancy chariots, you disgrace to your master's palace!

**Isa 22:19** "I will remove you from your office, I will snatch you from your post.

Like Shevna, Elyakim was an assistant to King Hezekiah

**Isa 22:20** When that day comes, I will summon my servant Elyakim the son of Hilkiyahu.

Adonai calls Elyakim "my servant"

**Isa 22:21** I will dress him in your robe, gird him with your sash of office, and invest him with your authority. He will be a father to the people living in Yerushalayim and to the house of Y'hudah.

**Isa 22:22** I will place the key of David's house on his shoulder; no one will shut what he opens; no one will open what he shuts.

He will give Elyakim the key of David's house, the key of the one Adonai calls the apple of His eye.

**Isa 22:23** "I will fasten him firmly in place like a peg, so that he will become a seat of honor for his clan.

**Isa 22:24** They will hang on him all the weight of his clan, descendants and offspring, as well as all the vessels of small capacity, from pitchers to cups.

Elyakim, as a faithful servant to King Hezekiah was given full authority, when Adonai gave him the "key of David's house"

In that day, the chief royal steward would have the large master key of the palace fastened to the shoulder of his tunic. The key was a picture and demonstration of the authority of the chief steward. Here, the Lord gives Eliakim the authority to **open** and **shut** as the Lord's representative, which no man can oppose.

Likewise Moshe...

**Exo 18:15** Moshe answered his father-in-law, "It's because the people come to me seeking God's guidance.

**Exo 18:16** Whenever they have a dispute, it comes to me; I judge between one person and another, and I explain to them God's laws and teachings."

Moshe was given a key by Adonai regarding Israel.

You will lead them and govern over them. You are my representative.

The responsibility rested upon the shoulders of Moshe

Likewise, from this week's Haftarah, a prophecy associated with Yeshua, and relates to the responsibility given Moshe and the key of David's house...

**Isa 9:6 (9:5)** For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo`etz El Gibbor Avi- `Ad Sar-Shalom [*Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace*],

**Isa 9:7 (9:6)** in order to extend the dominion and perpetuate the peace of the throne and kingdom of David, to secure it and sustain it through justice and righteousness henceforth and forever. The zeal of Adonai-Tzva'ot will accomplish this.

**Mat 28:18** Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**Mat 28:19** Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

**Mat 28:20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

**Mat 16:18** I also tell you this: you are Kefa," [*which means 'Rock,'*] "and on this rock I will build my Community, and the gates of Sh'ol will not overcome it.

**Mat 16:19** I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

We see the "key of David" mentioned twice. The first time was in Isaiah. The second time is in Revelation.

**Rev 3:7** "To the angel of the Messianic Community in Philadelphia, write: 'Here is the message of HaKadosh, the True One, the one who has the key of David, who, if he opens something, no one else can shut it, and if he closes something, no one else can open it.'

**Rev 3:8** "I know what you are doing. Look, I have put in front of you an open door, and no one can shut it. I know that you have but little power, yet you have obeyed my message and have not disowned me.

I know that you have but little worldly power, but much spiritual power, since you have obeyed my message and have not disowned me.

**Rev 3:9** Here, I will give you some from the synagogue of the Adversary, those who call themselves Jews but aren't — on the contrary, they are lying — see, I will cause them to come and prostrate themselves at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.

This is an often misquoted and misunderstood verse...

**Rev 3:10** Because you did obey my message about persevering, I will keep you from the time of trial coming upon the whole world to put the people living on earth to the test.

I have seen what you are doing – your faithfulness and obedience to my message...

Think of last weeks Parashah and the plagues against Egypt.

**Rev 3:11** I am coming soon; hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown.

**Rev 3:12** I will make him who wins the victory a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he will never leave it. Also I will write on him the name of my God and the name of my God's city, the new Yerushalayim coming down out of heaven from my God, and my own new name.

Those who endure til the end...

Yeshua telling of a time to come in Matthew 24 offers reassurance:

**Mat 24:10** At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other,

**Mat 24:11** many false prophets will appear and fool many people;

**Mat 24:12** and many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah.

**Mat 24:13** But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered.

**Rev 3:13** Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Messianic communities." "

The key has been given to Yeshua.

He shares this authority with those He trusts, and with those who trust in Him.

He will open doors that only He can open

He will shut doors that only He can shut

Our challenge is being faithful and trusting in either situation.

Next week, I will talk more about the element that the Messianic community of Philadelphia emanates...

Faith and Trust.

