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1 INTRODUCTION

The Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) has long been teaching the subject about the *Key of David*. Here is what they say about this subject:

We named our television program *The Key of David*. We did so because this key unlocks the greatest vision in the Bible. Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords. **Those kings and lords** (or priests) under Christ will be the people who embrace the key of David vision – before Christ's Second Coming. They will be given the highest positions that ever will be offered to any human beings. They will share David's throne with Jesus Christ. Their rule, under the Father, will extend over the Earth and the universe forever. Those kings and priests will help the Father and Son bring billions of people into the royal Family of God, which will include most human beings who have ever lived. Understanding this

vision will motivate you to overcome your trials and tests – and rejoice as you do so!

Source: The Key of David booklet

For the first time in the history of God's Church, we will be able to learn and understand the most important key there is, and that is the KEY OF DAVID. Let us read where the PCG got that thought from.

Revelation 3:7

7 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;

What is the KEY OF DAVID? Are we sure that we know this subject clearly? First let us read what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote in his book concerning this KEY OF DAVID.

WHAT IS THE KEY OF DAVID?

Christ has the key of David—but He wants to give it to us (Revelation 3:7). If we accept that and step out in faith, then He opens powerful doors so we can tell the world about it! (verse 8). The purpose for the open door is so the Philadelphians can tell the world about the key of David! It takes Philadelphians in the last two eras to fully explain that key. The understanding of the key of David always comes

through Philadelphians in this end time. What is the key of David? It is the royal gospel viewed through the eyes of the Father, and the Husband, and the headquarters Bride—the highest level of God's government through all eternity.

That's right—the headquarters Bride. That Bride consists of those who will go no more out from God's headquarters temple—those who will be ruling with Christ there in Jerusalem forever (verse 12). That is the highest calling for a body of God's people ever! That is the resplendent reward awaiting those who teach the key of David! They will be sitting on the headquarters throne of David forever! So this is the gospel viewed through their eyes too.

Source: The Key of David booklet, pages 7-8

Does the PCG know what that KEY OF DAVID really is, as they boldly claim in their TV program and in their book of the same title? Is that KEY OF DAVID really about the royal gospel viewed through the eyes of the Father, and the Husband, and the headquarters Bride—the highest level of God's government through all eternity?

We must let the Bible interpret itself and not allow any speculations or presumptions to become as a substitute sugar-coated definition.

Let us read again verse 7 to see whom that KEY OF DA-VID belongs to:

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith HE (Jesus Christ) that is holy, HE (Jesus Christ) that is true, HE (Jesus Christ) that hath the key of David, HE (Jesus Christ) that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (verse 7). Four times Jesus Christ is mentioned here in this verse to emphasize that the KEY OF DAVID belongs to Him. He is the focus during the Philadelphia era and also to the rest of the seven Church eras because He is the Head of the Church! He is the living God, and He wants everybody to know that truth. Look at how He is described in all of the seven Church eras:

Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18 English Standard Version

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him (Jesus Christ) who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands... "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last (Jesus Christ), who died and came to life... "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him (Jesus Christ) who has the sharp twoedged sword... "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God (Jesus Christ), who has eyes like a flame

of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Revelation 3:1, 7, 14 English Standard Version

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him (Jesus Christ) who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars... "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one (Jesus Christ), the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens... "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen (Jesus Christ), the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

Notice how Jesus Christ introduced each Church era in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 – He basically puts the emphasis on His presence in midst of all of the seven Church eras, from Ephesus to Laodicean era as described also in Revelation 1:11-20. During the Philadelphia era, when Jesus Christ was using Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, He put an emphasis on the KEY OF DAVID. But what is the real KEY OF DAVID? Does the PCG really think that they know it? Have they really understood this subject deeply? Mr. Gerald Flurry further explained this subject in his booklet:

The key of David vision will unite this whole world! It will unite America and China, Arab and Jew...

David, a Jewish king, used his throne to unite all of Israel. Jesus Christ, the spiritual Jew, will take David's throne and unite the whole world! Christ will accomplish this unity by grafting all of the Gentile nations into Israel...

To be in God's Family all men must become spiritual Jews—a spiritually Jewish Family. This is the kind of unity only God can give—the unity God and the Word have had for all eternity! What a mind-opening time that will be for mankind. This glorious unity will then expand into the Gentile nations and, later, into the limitless universe. Can we see the incredible future just ahead of us?

Source: *The Key of David* booklet, pages 22 and 41

The questions that Mr. Gerald Flurry and all the members of the PCG should answer are these: Will the knowledge of the identities of America and Britain and Middle East Jews as the biblical nations of Israel ever going to unite this whole world? Can it actually do that? Then a follow up question would be: Why are the Churches of God (COGs) that came out from the WCG are not united themselves since they all possess that same knowledge?

Can the knowledge of King David's throne being in England be able to convert all mankind to become spiritual Jews? Can the PCG's new stone of destiny also do that?

I think that not any of those that are mentioned can. Let's continue with what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote in his book:

We must realize that the key of David vision and the knowledge about God's government are intimately tied together. The key of David vision is all about God's Family government.

Source: The Key of David booklet, page 18

Yes, I totally agree with Mr. Gerald Flurry that "the key of David vision and the knowledge about God's government are intimately tied together." And that "the key of David vision is all about God's Family government." We will clearly explain that later. But is the key of David really about the knowledge of the identities of America and Britain and the Middle East Jews as the biblical nations of Israel?

It is obvious that the majority of the Churches of God that came out from the WCG still believes that America and Britain and the Middle East Jews are the biblical nations of Israel. They also believe that the Queen is the direct descendant of King David. They are still teaching all that knowledge in their respective congregations. But does that mean that those Church of God splinters also have the key of David? One example we can give is, David Pack of the *Restored Church of God* who also teaches about God's Government, and he also has his own version of the *United States and Britain in Prophecy*." But does

that qualify him to have the KEY OF DAVID VISION also?

Let us examine closely what the PCG has been teaching about this subject. Later we will fully understand what the real KEY OF DAVID really is according to God's Words with no speculations involved. Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry further wrote about this subject:

The key of David vision summarizes the royal gospel. It places special emphasis on the firstfruits' government role in God's coming Kingdom. Remember, the true gospel of Christ focuses on the coming Kingdom of God, which involves a king, a throne, a ruling Family of God, a set of laws, a government to implement those laws, a territory and a people over which the royal government will rule...

This royal government shall sit on a royal throne and administer God's royal law. Billions of royal children shall be brought into God's royal Family. This is royalty unknown to the mind of man apart from God. These kings and priests are called today to have the most exalted crowns in God's Family.

Source: *The Key of David* booklet, pages 31 and 159

Notice how Mr. Gerald Flurry peppered his writings with so much thought of royalty, everything is royal – royal gospel, royal government, royal throne, royal law, royal

children, royal Family, and that made each member to become so puffed up, so vain and so proud of themselves because we have assured ourselves of such a royal and majestic future just by clinging on to the PCG no matter what. I am not against those "royal" stuff that were mentioned by Mr. Gerald Flurry. The point here is, what is the real KEY OF DAVID all about? Is it really about the physical aspect of God's kingdom? The KEY OF DAVID according to Mr. Gerald Flurry unlocks one third of the Bible that is prophecy. Let's read it in his book:

Why does Christ give the Philadelphians only one vision? Because this key unlocks the whole Bible. **Knowing who Israel is unlocks the one third of the Bible that is prophecy.**

Source: The Key of David booklet, page 19

Has the knowledge of the identities of who the modern-day physical Israel able to unlock the **one third of the Bible that is prophecy?** Has the PCG received the 74% of those one third of the Bible that is prophecy that they claim? We know the answer to that question. They don't have the full knowledge and understanding of God's prophecies in this last end.

The key of David vision includes the history about Christ's physical family—the lineage of David—and the prophecies concerning His own future rule as King of kings in the world to come. Included in the key of David vision is

the knowledge of our own mind-expanding future of sharing Christ's throne. We must realize that the history and prophecy concerning David's throne is the essence of Christ's gospel message, with a weighty emphasis on the God Family royalty. The most royal of all those positions will be given to the firstfruits—those called and chosen before Christ's Second Coming.

Source: The Key of David booklet, page 23

Is the KEY OF DAVID about our mind-expanding future of sharing Christ's throne? Does the KEY OF DAVID tell us about the history and prophecy concerning David's throne with a weighty emphasis on the God Family royalty? Let us continue reading:

ONE VISION OF THE FUTURE

How many visions of the future are there in the Bible? There is really only one: the key of David vision. It is holding true to this vision that makes one a Philadelphian. Can you imagine how bleak the future would be without this vision?

The key of David vision holds humanity's only hope.

Only God's true Church is willing to teach this vision to the world. **Thus, it identifies Christ's**

very elect. The Laodiceans refuse to teach it. It is an embarrassment to them.

Yet the greater evil they commit is that many of them want to suppress the knowledge of it! They do not want anyone on Earth to learn about the key of David. That thinking is out of the devil's mind! They are trying to close the door that God has opened.

Source: The Key of David booklet, page 30

Is the KEY OF DAVID really the knowledge about the identities of modern-day Israel that will unlock God's revelations and **that will make one a Philadelphian**? Does the PCG know what the real KEY OF DAVID is? Do they really have that key? As we shall see, they don't have that key nor any of the COGs have ever taken hold of it. Apparently, only the Remembrancers have that key which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong had during the Philadelphia era.

Let's begin to understand what this KEY OF DAVID really is. First let us define what a key is. A key according to the dictionary is defined as a "means of gaining or preventing ENTRANCE." The key can be used to gain an entrance. Entrance to what, we might ask. Let's read from

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him,

and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and **become as little children**, ye shall not **enter into the kingdom of heaven**. Whosoever therefore shall **humble himself as this little child**, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:1-4)

Such humility of a little child is the KEY TO ENTER God's kingdom. That HUMBLE ATTITUDE is actually what the KEY OF DAVID is all about. But why did God directly associate such a KEY to King David?

But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **the Lord hath SOUGHT him a man after his own heart**, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee. (1 Samuel 13:14)

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their 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)

Is there anyone from the pages of the Bible whom God calls a man after His own heart the same way He called King David? Can you name one? There is none that I know of.

That same attitude as King David had is being described in Isaiah chapter 66. Again let me remind everyone that this whole chapter 66 in Isaiah is the conclusion to the 70 weeks prophecy. Let's read that same attitude that King David had in verses1 and 2:

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (Isaiah 66:1-2)

This same attitude described here in verse 2 is the REAL KEY OF DAVID! THE REAL KEY OF DAVID IS ACTUALLY THE CHARACTER OF BEING A HUMBLE MAN COMPARABLE TO DAVID WHO IS POOR AND OF A CONTRITE SPIRIT AND TREMBLES AT GOD'S WORD. THE KEY OF DAVID IS ALL ABOUT HAVING A HUMBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD WHICH CAN GAIN US AN ENTRANCE TO GOD'S KINGDOM!

First, let's read the scripture where we can read that phrase, KEY OF DAVID to understand it further.

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; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. (Revelation 3:7-8)

These verses we have just read is actually a complementary to that prophecy in Isaiah chapter 66. Let us examine carefully.

The word "poor" in verse 2 of Isaiah 66 is also defined in BDB as "weak, humble" which is basically the same meaning as "little strength" in verse 8 of Revelation 3. While the thought "hast kept **my word**" is denoting the same as "trembleth at **my word**."

Now by mirroring verse 7 with verse 8 of Revelation 3, we will have the following:

- (1) The open door that no man can open or shut has got to do with becoming holy and true just like Jesus Christ,
- (2) The key of David is about having a little strength, weak and humble, keeping and trembling at God's words and not denying the Father's name or authority.

2

GOD'S OPEN DOOR

What is the OPEN DOOR all about? Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this subject:

Today, Christ opens the door only for the very elect who have the key of David vision. That clearly implies that Christ wants the Philadelphians to deliver His key of David message through the door He opens. So we must know what that message is!

Why do the Philadelphians understand this vision? Christ gives three essential points in these two verses. First, there is the key of David vision; and second, the open door (television airtime, the Internet, magazines, books and booklets) through which to deliver that message. Third, these Philadelphians are given this understanding because they have not denied God's "name."

Source: *The Key of David* booklet, pages 17-18

Is the OPEN DOOR really all about "television airtime, the Internet, magazines, books and booklets through which to deliver the message"? But what is the DOOR as written in the Bible? Is it really the means by which God's message can be delivered? Let the Bible interpret itself.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I AM THE DOOR of the sheep. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and SHALL GO IN AND OUT, and find pasture. (John 10:7, 9)

That's the OPEN DOOR which you can go in and out from being discussed in Revelation chapter 3. **We must go through the DOOR, Jesus Christ and be like Him**. By mirroring verse 7 and 8 of Revelation chapter 3 we got this first thought:

(1) The open door that no man can open or shut has got to do with becoming holy and true just like Jesus Christ.

The OPEN DOOR really has got to do with having the mind of Jesus Christ as what the apostle Paul wrote:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (Philippians 2:5)

Notice that if we will not enter through the DOOR, Jesus Christ by becoming like Him, we are considered as a thief and a robber.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth**

not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (John 10:1)

When Stephen read Malachi's Message at age 19, he was not yet baptized yet, therefore, Christ is not coming in Stephen Flurry's flesh. Jesus Christ said that if you did not enter through Him, then He considers you a thief and a robber. That's why Stephen was early on associated with Robbers Cave. Look at how the Philadelphia Church of God continue to propagate Robbers Cave as their landmark even to this day. (Click on the link below)

God's One True Church, New Revelation, and Robbers Cave

https://www.thetrumpet.com/radio/behind-the-work/episodes/51-god-s-one-true-church-new-revelation-and-robbers-cave

Now here is what we have written in *The Last End* - *A Book of Remembrance*:

But one might ask: Has this been prophesied in your Bibles? Is there any specific Biblical reference that could point us to that particular place, i.e., ROBBERS CAVE? Let us consider what the prophet Jeremiah wrote:

"Is this house, which is called by my name, become a **den of robbers** in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 7:11)

In Strong's Concordance, we find the original Hebrew word for "den" being transliterated as:

me'arah H4631: From H5783; a cavern (as dark): **CAVE**, den, hole

We may then substitute that word "CAVE" to the word "DEN", thus the verse can also be read this way:

"Is this house, which is called by my name, become a **ROBBER'S CAVE** in your eyes? ..."

Look at this prophecy carefully: A house or a Church which is called by God's name is associating itself with a ROBBER'S CAVE. It does seem very obvious now that it is referring to none other than the *Philadelphia Church of God* (which is called by God's name) by having the ROBBERS CAVE state park as its LAND-MARK. Can anyone dare challenge this prophecy?

"...BEHOLD, EVEN I HAVE SEEN IT, SAITH THE LORD"!

Source: The Last End – A Book of Remembrance, pages 540-542

But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (John 10:2)

Only those who enter through Jesus Christ can become a shepherd or a minister which means Christ coming in their flesh. And Christ knows who are His. Apparently, Stephen Flurry did not enter through the DOOR, Jesus Christ.

Now consider this, if the PCG really has the Key of David which OPENS THE DOOR for them to preach their message, then why did God allow them to cancel their Public Appearance Campaigns (PACs) which is now being led by Stephen, because of the impact of the lockdown due to the coronavirus (Covid 19) outbreak? (It is interesting to note that the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Covid 19 as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020 which is a very important date for the PCG.) Why did God allow them to cancel their weekly Sabbath services? Why did God allow them to cancel even their concert series in *Armstrong Auditorium*?

The answer will shock all the members of the PCG to the core because the OPEN DOOR is really not about "television airtime, the Internet, magazines, books and booklets, even the PACs through which to deliver their message." What is the OPEN DOOR really all about?

First let us define what a DOOR is?

"a means of access or participation; *opportunity*" It is synonymous to the words, "*access*, admission, admittance, etc."

Access – in the dictionary is, "permission, liberty, or ability to enter, approach, or pass to and from a place or to approach or communicate with a person or thing."

Opportunity – is defined as, "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something."

If Jesus Christ is the door and according to what we have just read, a door is an *opportunity* or "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something." It is an *access*, or "a permission, liberty, or ability to enter, approach, or pass to and from a place or to approach or communicate with a person." Therefore, that open door is pertaining to the opportunity or the access that God the Father grants His people. What is that opportunity or access?

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (Acts 11:18)

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; **if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. (2 Timothy 2:25-26)

THIS MEANS THAT GOD THE FATHER IS THE ONE WHO HAS THE PREROGATIVE TO GIVE OR TO GRANT ANYONE REPENTANCE TOWARD HIM or to be given the opportunity to transition from our carnal human nature to be transformed into His righteous character with the help of His Holy Spirit. But through whom?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**. (John 14:6)

Again, Jesus Christ is the door, the access to His Father in heaven, but it is His Father who draws out people to His Son.

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44)

As the Apostle Paul further wrote in Romans 2:4.

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

So, the open door is actually the opportunity being given by God the Father to repent toward Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. For emphasis, THE OPEN DOOR IS REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST LIVING IN OUR FLESH!

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you**, except ye be reprobates? (2 Corinthians 13:5)

We must allow Jesus Christ to come and live in our flesh because He is our advocate with His Father.

My little children, these things write I unto you,

that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

Now notice that when God the Father opens that door, i.e., the opportunity to repent toward Him through His Son, Jesus Christ as their advocate, no man can shut it, and when He shuts that door, no man can open it as what we have read in Revelation 3:7. This is the same open door that God has given to Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry mentioned in his new Key of David program entitled "*The Ultimate Humility*."

I was never converted until I was brought to the place where I realized my own nothingness, and God's all-encompassing greatness, until I felt completely whipped, defeated. When I came to consider myself as a worthless, burned-out hunk of human junk, not even worth throwing on the junk pile of human derelicts, truly remorseful for having imagined I was a 'somebody.'

Source: https://www.thetrumpet.com/21622-the-ultimate-humility

Notice how this open door or repentance toward God is very much associated with God's correction.

As many as I love, I REBUKE and CHAS-TEN: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, **and OPEN THE DOOR**, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:19-20)

In order to open that door, one must have the real key of David or a childlike humility. So if we are being corrected, this just means that God the Father is opening the door for us, He is actually giving us the opportunity to repent toward Him through His Son, Jesus Christ as our advocate and no man can shut that door to us.

Look at what God the Father did to King David, who is a man after His own heart. From the booklet, *Repentance Toward God*, Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote:

David plainly saw his own human nature. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom" (verses 5-6).

Do you think like God? God desires truth in the inward parts—just as He Himself has. He wants us to think like He does. It's not enough to pretend we're thinking in the right way. It must be who we are, to our core. This is the lesson God was teaching David. Compare yourself to others and you may think, Hey, I'm not doing so bad. But compare yourself with God, and you'll truly know repentance. The goodness of God leads us to repentance.

Source: Repentance Toward God, page 13

That's what the open door is all about – REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD, i.e., comparing ourselves with Jesus Christ so we can become HOLY and TRUE like Him!

3 CHILD-LIKE HUMILITY, THE REAL KEY OF DAVID

In mirroring verse 7 and 8 of Revelation chapter 3 we got this second thought:

(2) The key of David is about having a little strength, weak and humble, keeping and trembling at God's words and not denying the Father's name or authority.

Now what is the relationship of that Key of David to "having a little strength, weak and humble, keeping and trembling at God's words and not denying the Father's name or authority"? First, let us read what the apostle Paul wrote:

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture (God's words) is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (2 Timothy 3:15-16)

ALL SCRIPTURES meaning the Bible which is the WORD OF GOD or Jesus Christ in print is given by inspiration of God the Father to profit us "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." As the apostle Paul wrote, the stories written in the Bible are for our instruction in righteousness in this last end.

Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and **they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

Admonition is synonymous to the word "guidance"

Guidance – help or advice that tells you what to do: the act or process of guiding someone

This definition of guidance is the same as "instruction in righteousness." Admonition is instruction in righteousness and that's the purpose of prophecy, prophecy is a help or advice that tells us what to do. It guides us on the path to God's righteousness and God gave us several examples from the Bible that were written to guide us in this last end.

Another perspective of the door that must be opened as stated in Revelation chapter 3 are God's Words that must kept and trembled at, and since the Bible is Jesus Christ in print, all of the prophecies contained therein ought not to have any private interpretation, wherein no man can just open or shut it.

Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation**. For **the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit**. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Jesus Christ being the DOOR (John 10:7) and the WORD of God (John 1:1), which God the Father gave to His people so that they can gain access to Him (John 14:6).

Jesus Christ being the WORD of God and printed as our Bibles were inspired to be used (1) for doctrine, (2) for reproof and correction, (3) for instruction in righteousness or prophecy. Those are the three categories which must be opened to be understood. God restored ALL DOCTRINES with some reproof and corrections and only 4% instruction in righteousness or prophecy to Mr. Armstrong during the Philadelphia era. Whereas, God the Father gave 22% of revealed prophecy to Mr. Gerald Flurry during the Laodicean era, while during this last end, He restored to His Remembrancers the remaining 74% of the instruction in righteousness or prophecy with

some reproof and corrections, and that's a total of a thousand-year worth of knowledge that we kept on emphasizing.

Only God the Father can OPEN the understanding to His mysteries and not because of some knowledge of the identities of the modern-day nation of Israel being the key to it. Let us read God's principle:

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. (Matthew 11:25-26)

"Babes" in Thayer's Lexicon is also defined as a "little child"

From the *New International Version*:

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and **revealed them to little children**. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

God is well pleased with a humble child-like attitude. That is the key to understanding God's revelations! That is the real KEY OF DAVID that unlocks Bible prophecies!

Look at the PCG's TV program "The Key of David." You can no longer see new revelations that explains Bible

prophecies because they have lost the real *Key of David*, which is child-like humility. They can never open the deep mysteries of the Bible just by knowing the identities of the modern nations of Israel and by robbing David's throne from Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom without her knowing it. It's not the real KEY OF DAVID. Stephen Flurry does not want to enter by the door through Jesus Christ. He wanted to go some other way.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold**, but climbeth up some other way, **the same is a thief and a robber**. (John 10:1)

In Christ's eyes, Stephen Flurry is a thief and a robber, that's why early on he has been associated with Robbers Cave since July 16, 1989. And because of his vanity and pride, what he has opened up is the door to the bottomless pit of confusion. God stopped giving new revelations to them, so they only acquired 22% plus the 4% from Mr. Armstrong thus a total only of 26%!

Now picture these two keys in your mind: HUMILITY symbolized as the KEY OF DAVID while VANITY AND PRIDE being symbolized as the KEY TO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT OF CONFUSION in Revelation chapter 9 and you can see that they are quite the opposite.

With child-like humility, God opens up His mysteries (Matthew 11:25), while vanity and pride opens up confusion.

4 BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Now where in the Bible can we find the explanation about this KEY OF DAVID as having a little strength, weak and humble? Remember that this KEY is directly connected with King David HAVING A HUMBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD that earned him the title "A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART." We should not do any speculation that this KEY OF DAVID is the "royal" this and that. God is now revealing to us that the KEY OF DAVID VISION is actually written in the whole chapter 51 of the book of Psalms which we usually sing from the Bible Hymnal right after the Passover services.

Psalms 51 gives us the details of what the KEY OF DA-VID VISION really is, and that is, how to become "A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART." And that vision can unite the 10% from the PCG and the 7,000 from the COGs and afterwards the whole world during the Millennium! Let's read it.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. (Psalm 51:1-4)

For emphasis, the OPEN DOOR being mentioned in Revelation 3:7 is about REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD brought by God's reproof and correction as stated in verse 16 of 2 Timothy chapter 3. THAT'S THE DOOR TO BE ABLE TO CONFORM UNTO GOD'S IMAGE THAT ONLY HE CAN GRANT!

2 Timothy 2:24-26 New International Version

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that GOD WILL GRANT THEM repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and

escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath GOD also to the Gentiles GRANTED repentance unto life. (Acts 11:18)

As what we have just read, God is the one who can grant us the door of opportunity to repent by showing us our sins through His reproof and corrections, but we still need to decide if we will repent toward Him or not.

As the apostle Paul wrote, it is actually the goodness of God that leads us to repentance.

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? (Romans 2:3-4)

Being granted repentance refers to an opportunity – not an action. In one sense, being granted repentance is God's offer (i.e. opportunity). While in another sense, being granted repentance also requires our decision (i.e. action,). Here is an example:

OPPORTUNITY: "The enemy gave us an opportunity to surrender."

ACTION: "We surrendered to the enemy."

Likewise, when God grants us repentance, he is giving us the opportunity to repent. The action will come from us if we will repent toward Him. Opportunity can be likened to an open door while the action can be likened to walking through that open door.

If God grants us a door of repentance through reproof and corrections, no man can shut it. And if God shuts that door of repentance, no man can open it! And the key to open that door is child-like humility! That's the real KEY OF DAVID that will make you a man after God's own heart!

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm 51:5)

This is the reason why our repentance must be toward God and not toward man because if you repent toward man, you will conform unto the image of the man who is shapen in iniquity as David humbly acknowledged. But if you repent toward God, you will conform unto the image of God.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. (Psalm 51:6)

First and foremost, repentance is actually a gift. God showing us our secret sins is a door of opportunity that He GIVES us, so we can change and conform unto His image and that's the wisdom behind repentance toward God. Look at the PCG, God is showing them their sins yet they don't have the KEY OF DAVID to open the door of repentance toward God. Let's continue in verse 7:

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7)

King David really accepted God's loving correction here and so must we if we want to become a part of God's future family.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:8-10)

This right spirit that must be renewed within us is the humble child-like attitude to admit all the sins we have committed against God – that's the KEY OF DAVID! Another aspect included in that KEY OF DAVID is that of respecting the office of an anointed of God like what David did unto King Saul.

God wanted to know who truly loves Him and His government under any circumstances.

And like David, that even though he was sought to be killed by King Saul, we ought to have the same kind of attitude he has: "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand

against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD." (1 Sam. 24:6; read the whole chapter).

Source: *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*, page 288

Notice a very important aspect of God's government which happened to King Saul.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him. (1 Samuel 16:13-14)

God's Holy Spirit departed from King Saul because he was not allowing God to rule him. He has not allowed God to rule him through His Holy Spirit rather he has allowed his own evil human nature to rule him. And David knew that very well, that's why he uttered this in verse 11:

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. (Psalm 51:11)

David knew how King Saul was cast away from God's presence and God's Holy Spirit being taken away from him as well. Yet although God took away His Spirit from King Saul, David still gave full respect to his office. That's why we are also doing that with Mr. Gerald Flurry because God has given us the KEY OF DAVID. How

well do we respect the office of God's anointed? Each one of us is being measured in this aspect as well.

Without allowing God's Holy Spirit to rule us, (1) we won't admit the sins we have committed against God, (2) we won't give respect to the office of any of God's anointed and (3) we won't be able to understand His mysteries. And God reveals only to those who have child-like humility, again, that's the real KEY OF DAVID. Now notice how the KEY OF DAVID VISION will be taught to everyone else during the Millennium after Christ's return to earth.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. (Psalm 51:12-13)

This is the direct result of the KEY OF DAVID wherein THE TRANSGRESSORS WILL BE TAUGHT GOD'S WAYS AND SINNERS WILL BE CONVERTED TO THE IMAGE OF GOD THE FATHER, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST! Can the PCG's version of the KEY OF DAVID be able to produce this kind of result if they are implementing the NO CONTACT POLICY? No, they cannot, because THE TRANSGRESSORS ARE NOW BEING TAUGHT THE VAIN WAYS OF THEIR MINISTERS THUS, THE SINNERS ARE BEING CONVERTED TO THEIR IMAGE AND THAT LEADS TO

THE BOTTOMLESS PIT OF CONFUSION!

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. (Psalm 51:14-16)

God desires not sacrifice or not any physical sacrifice like what the PCG offered such as the auditorium, the musical, the TV program, the jet plane, and all the other physical wealth in this world.

What does God desire from each one of us?

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (Psalm 51:17)

This is the same as what was written in verse 2 of Isaiah chapter 66 of having a poor and a contrite spirit. Remember that we are God's Work, we are God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10). Do God's people need an auditorium, a musical, a TV program, a jet plane, and all the other physical wealth in this world to become His masterpiece? The answer is obviously no! All we need is to have a humble child-like attitude. That's the KEY OF DAVID.

Now let's move to verse 18 which is actually a prophecy uttered by King David for our time in this last end that is also a part of God's masterpiece.

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion (God's Church): build thou the walls of Jerusalem. (Psalm 51:18)

Do good – in Strong's "show more kindness"

Good pleasure – acceptance

Build – from the Hebrew word "banah" (baw-naw) in Strong's "obtain children"; in BDB, to build a house (i.e., establish a family)

Wall – in Strong's active participle of an unused root apparently meaning "to join"

Jerusalem – "yarah" H3384 in Strong's "teacher"; "shalam" (shaw-lam) H7999 "to be in a covenant of peace"

Paraphrase:

Show more kindness in thy acceptance unto Mr. Gerald Flurry and God's Church: You obtain children and establish your family to join the teachers of peace in Jerusalem.

So as for those who will be joining us whether from the PCG or from the other COG groups, please show kindness to them as we accept them.

We are the daughters of Jerusalem as prophesied in the Song of Songs. Our project in the Children's Playground is to obtain children for God and to establish His family as we complete the 144,000 saints. We have invited the PCG and all the COG groups to Jerusalem through the

dedication ceremony to join us in a covenant of peace. The reason why we have invited Mr. Gerald Flurry to cut the ribbon was actually an act of teaching them the way to peace. All they have to do is to humble themselves before God like little children. That is the reason why God gave us the Children's Playground because it symbolizes the KEY OF DAVID! God gave it to Mr. Armstrong at first, now He has given it to us!

God's Church can only be united through the KEY OF DAVID! God will raise the tabernacle of David that is fallen through the KEY OF DAVID! Everyone in this world will be united through the KEY OF DAVID. God's kingdom will be established in the Millennium with the KEY OF DAVID! The KEY OF DAVID is having a childlike humility toward our Heavenly Father!

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, **Suffer (Allow) the little children to come unto me**, and forbid them not: **for of such is the kingdom of God.** (Mark 10:13-14)

That is how God's kingdom will be established – by having a childlike attitude! Again, that's the KEY OF DAVID! Becoming humble as little children!

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he

shall not enter therein. (Mark 10:15)

Can the members of the PCG and all the COG groups be able to enter the kingdom of God by just having their own version of the KEY OF DAVID like having the knowledge that the kingdom of God will consist of a king, a throne, a ruling Family of God, a set of laws, a government to implement those laws, a territory and a people over which the royal government will rule? It is quite clear that in Jesus Christ's mind the KEY OF DAVID that He was referring to, is the character of a child that King David had, and those kinds of people will consist the kingdom of God in the Millennium and beyond. And whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein as it reads in verse 15 of Mark chapter 10.

Now if you are vain and proud, how can you enter the kingdom of God even if you know the identity of modern-day Israel? If you do not repent toward God when your sins are shown unto you, then don't have the KEY OF DAVID in you. You cannot become a man after God's own heart. God cannot open the door of repentance for you and you cannot open it either if you don't have a childlike humility! That's the importance of the KEY OF DAVID!

<u>5</u>

THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD

A Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem is a symbol of the KEY OF DAVID and God gave it first to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to work on. Now that same Children's Playground is being given to His Remembrancers and now a KINGDOM THEME play structure has been installed in it. Is this not an excellent picture of what Jesus Christ described in Matthew chapter 18 and Mark chapter 10 associating little children to the kingdom of God?

Let me share with you some insight on the date of the dedication ceremony of the Children's Playground in Jerusalem:

September 5, 2018 in the Jewish calendar fell on Elul 25. Thus, Elul 1 coincided on August 12.

Elul 1 began during the sunset after last Sabbath when I prayed for the rain to stop. Now what is the significance of Elul 25 in the Bible?

Source: http://www.aish.com/dijh/Elul_25.html?mobile=yes





Elul 25

This is the traditional day of the beginning of Creation, as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis. While other religions 'start' their calendar from the founding of the religion, the Jewish calendar begins with Creation. In Jewish consciousness, every nation is integral to humanity: ... Technically, the Jewish calendar does not begin until day six of Creation (Rosh Hashana), which commemorates the birth of mankind. This is because human beings are the pinnacle of Creation, enjoined to protect the world and to utilize all its resources to bring the world to its spiritual completion.

Source: http://www.aish.com/dijh/Elul_25.html?mobile=yes

For emphasis, Elul 25 was the traditional date of Genesis 1:1! This is also connected with the prophecy concerning the Laodicean era.

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, **the beginning of the creation of God**; (Revelation 3:14)

So Elul 25 being the traditional day of the beginning of Creation, as recorded in Genesis 1:1 is no coincidence. God is orchestrating these things to fit into His plan.

God is giving us the physical symbolism of the KEY OF DAVID on that date through the Children's Playground with a kingdom theme play structure to signify the beginning of His spiritual creation during the conclusion of the Laodicean era! And to whom did God allow that project to be completed? Through the ARK of God Foundation which is a prophecy of Isaiah 66!

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (Isaiah 66:1-2)

For emphasis, the KEY OF DAVID is having a poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at God's word! And that is what makes up the spiritual ARK of God! And after we have shown kindness unto Mr. Gerald Flurry and the 10% and the 7,000 men, King David prophesied this about our group.

Then shalt thou be pleased with **the sacrifices of righteousness**, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. (Psalm 51:19)

This sacrifice of righteousness or God's work of righteousness is discussed in Romans 9:28, 30.

For he will finish the work, and cut it short in

righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

We know that this work of righteousness is about turning the elder to righteousness, the 10% and the 7,000 men through the Book of Remembrance and our project in Jerusalem.

To better understand verse 19, let us define some words

Offer – in Strong's it is also defined as "exalt, restore"

Bullock – is a symbol of those who know God as their master. (Isaiah 1:3)

Paraphrase:

Then shalt thou (God) be pleased with **the sacrifices of righteousness** (**the Gentile work**), with **burnt offering** (**10%**) and **whole burnt offering** (**7,000 men**): then shall they (the 10% and the 7,000 men who repented) exalt and restore those who know their God as their master upon Your ministry."

This is the same prophecy declared by the other prophets of God:

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof;

and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: (Amos 9:11)

Then shall the offering of Judah (10% from the PCG) and Jerusalem (7,000 men from the other Churches of God) be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old and as in the former years. (Malachi 3:4)

And they shall bring all your brethren (10% from the PCG and the 7,000 men from the other COGs) for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. (Isaiah 66:20)

This is the reason why we have sent invitations to Mr. Gerald Flurry and to all our fellow brethren in the PCG and all the other COG groups because this is the prophesied "sacrifice of righteousness" which is being done in this last end by the Gentiles to raise up the tabernacle of David (or God's Church established by Mr. Armstrong) that is fallen and shall be built as in the days of old. The apostle Paul further described this "sacrifice of righteousness" as "the righteousness which is of faith" that is comparable to what Noah did. And King David prophesied in verse 19 that God will be pleased with that "sacrifice of righteousness" and the reason He will cut it





short, it's because we interceded on their behalf just like what Daniel did in Daniel chapter 9 in the context of Jeremiah's 70 years prophecy and the 70 weeks prophecy.

As for Mr. Armstrong's work of righteousness when he was first given the KEY OF DAVID in this end time, he started it through his association with the Sardis era. Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about that history:

That 300-page paper was the beginning of what ended up being *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The leader of that church, Andrew Dugger, said this about it in a letter he wrote to Mr. Armstrong on July 28, 1929: "You are surely right, and while I cannot use it in the paper [the church publication] at the present, you may be assured that your labor has surely not been in vain." That statement was absolutely true. Mr. Armstrong's labor surely was not in vain. Mr. Armstrong did continue to associate with that church for a few more years, but he never became a member...

Realize what was going on at this point in the Church's history! The Sardis era had died—and yet God sent a man with special revelation to give the Sardis people AN OPPORTUNITY to revive—A CHANCE TO REPENT and turn things around (Comment: that's the OPEN DOOR)! He always does that when we go off track. This Sardis leader even admitted that this

was truth "revealed by God," and "that God surely had a special reason for revealing this new truth" to Mr. Armstrong. **Sadly, the leader did not accept the correction.** We should all consider the eternal consequences! But God still says there were a few in that era who made it and are worthy to enter His Family (Revelation 3:4).

Source: *The Key of David* booklet, pages 3-4

God granted repentance to the leaders of the Sardis era through the correction delivered by Mr. Armstrong through the new revelation contained in the United States and Britain in Prophecy. The KEY OF DAVID is NOT the *United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The KEY OF DAVID is the HUMILITY to accept the correc

tion from God through the *United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Sadly, the leaders of the Sardis era did not have that humility when they were given the DOOR or opportunity to repent toward God.

Look at the history of the WCG under Mr. Armstrong, God gave him the KEY OF DAVID, the HUMILITY to accept God's correction. Here's what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about it:

Mr. Armstrong did a great work, but he always gave God the credit for what was accomplished...

He never claimed perfection in his work; HE RECOGNIZED HIS OWN HUMAN

SHORTCOMINGS. HE WAS KNOWN FOR ADMITTING ERROR WHEN IT WAS PROVED TO HIM.

Source: The Key of David booklet, page 30

AND THAT IS THE REAL KEY OF DAVID! Mr.

Armstrong went through the DOOR that God the Father has opened for him when he was corrected by even acknowledging the sins of the whole Church through the sickness of his own wife Loma. He even repented when he was shown that Pentecost was on a Sunday and not on a Monday as previously thought. He never condoned sin that he even disfellowshipped his own son, Garner Ted a couple of times and fired WCG ministers whom he found guilty of rebellion.

Does the PCG have that KEY OF DAVID? The PCG may have a book and a TV program about it, but that does not make them have that key! Mr. Gerald Flurry was given the DOOR to correct the Philadelphia Church of God through the illness and death of his wife Barbara, and then later through the instruction in righteousness written in the Book of Remembrance, but Mr. Gerald Flurry did not have the KEY OF DAVID to open it because he was bounded. Instead God gave that KEY OF DAVID to His two witnesses as prophesied in Isaiah chapter 22.

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)

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, **clothed in sackcloth**. (Revelation 11:3)

What does being "clothed in sackcloth" symbolize?

Sackcloth and Ashes

Sackcloth was most often made of coarse, black goat's hair. As its name indicates, it was used for sacks, but was also customarily worn by mourners... AS A SIGN OF DEEP REPENTANCE AND HUMILITY... Also, sackcloth was, and will be (in some contemporary form), in the case of the two witnesses, worn by some Prophets.

Source:http://www.key-way.ca/htm2002/20020421.htm

For emphasis, *sackcloth* is a symbol for HUMILITY. And HUMILITY is the KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID. So if you want to become a part of the house or family of David, you will need to have HUMILITY. The KEY OF DAVID is not talking about genealogy or physical bloodlines as we previously thought.

Again, as for the open door, it's all about the opportunity to be corrected by God so we can repent toward Him and conform to His image. All we have to do is to walk through that open door and repent toward God after we receive His corrections.

The PCG have closed their doors as epitomized by their NO CONTACT POLICY and Jesus Christ is now outside knocking at their doors. They don't want to be corrected.

As many as I love, **I REBUKE AND CHAS-TEN**: be zealous therefore, and **REPENT**. (Revelation 3:19-20)

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and **OPEN THE DOOR**, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

God has not given the Laodiceans the KEY OF DAVID which OPENS THE DOOR of repentance through re-

proof and corrections. They don't have the instruction in righteousness written through the Book of Remembrance. God gave that book to Mr. Gerald Flurry last April 3, 2018 to humble himself before God so that he can wake up and emulate what Mr. Herbert Armstrong did by acknowledging that the PCG became a Laodicean Church as pictured by the illness and death of his wife Barbara. But apparently, only 10% from the PCG will go through that open door of repentance while there will be 7,000 from among the other COG groups. For emphasis, the OPEN DOOR is about the opportunity of receiving God's loving correction, so His own people can repent toward Him. This just means that if we are receiving corrections, it just shows that we are being given an open

door to repent toward God (opportunity) and we need to walk through it (action). And for what purpose?

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:17)

In short, to become HOLY and TRUE just like Jesus Christ as written in verse 7 of Revelation chapter 3! That's the purpose of the KEY OF DAVID! It is to open the door of God's Kingdom so that we can enter into it with the image of Jesus Christ!

6 NOT DENYING THE FATHER'S AUTHORITY

Mr. Gerald Flurry has written in his book, "the key of David vision and the knowledge about God's government are intimately tied together." This is so true and it is best explained by the prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to DIRECT his steps. (Jeremiah 10:23)

Direct - H3559

- Be established
- To be directed aright
- To prepare, be ready
- To fix

To constitute

Constitute in the dictionary means:

- To set up or establish according to law
- To appoint to an office or function
- To establish or create a government
- To formally establish a government and give it the authority to operate

"Steps" in BDB can also mean STEPS OF COURSE OF LIFE (figuratively)

Paraphrase:

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh TO FOR-MALLY ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT TO RULE HIMSELF AND GIVE IT THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE HIS EVERY STEP IN THE COURSE OF HIS LIFE.

Jeremiah's name means "the Lord founds" or "the Lord establishes" so his name ought to show us that it is God the Father who should establish us through His Holy Spirit and not any puny man including our own selves.

Do you know why GOVERNMENT IS EVERYTHING? This verse in Jeremiah chapter 10 is the best explanation for that. To begin with, GOD'S GOVERNMENT started upon baptism when a person receives God's Holy Spirit. And that Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we

are the children of God and ought to be ruled by God the Father and Jesus Christ.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and jointheirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Romans 8:16-17)

This is the REAL REASON why "Government is everything" because it is a government that does not deny God the Father's authority over us through His Holy Spirit. That same Spirit bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, that we belong to God the Father.

Romans 8:9-11 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

God the Father is ruling His children through His Holy Spirit and that is the essence of God's government. And if we continue submitting to His rule, that same Spirit that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead will also resurrect us into spirit composed beings. This is why Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong said "God's government is everything" because no man can assure us of our resurrection, only the Spirit of God in us can.

This is also the reason why Jesus Christ admonished God's people in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, throughout the seven Church eras: "He that hath an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit saith** unto the churches" because God's government is all about listening to what the Holy Spirit is directing all His people to do.

Submitting to God's government means allowing God the Father to direct our every step in the course of our lives by allowing Him to rule us through His Holy Spirit. And we will only be able to allow Him to rule us IF we have the KEY OF DAVID or a child-like humility.

Can we now see the connection of the KEY OF DAVID INTIMATELY TIED WITH GOD'S GOVERNMENT? God cannot rule us with His government through His Holy Spirit without that child-like humble attitude of King David!

Even Jesus Himself has the KEY OF DAVID. God the Father even inspired it to be written in the scriptures that Jesus Christ is a SON OF DAVID, Why? To put primary emphasis on this KEY OF DAVID and NOT because of the physical bloodline connection or royal status.

Philippians 2:3-8 New Revised Standard Version

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

The KEY OF DAVID is really all about HUMILITY! And that key opened the door for humans to enter God's Family through His death and resurrection! Jesus Christ was like a little child who always wanted to fulfill the will of His Father in heaven.

And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: **nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt**. (Mark 14:35-36)

This is also the same as what has been described of King David who wanted to fulfill all of God's will.

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their 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)

This is the reason why Jesus Christ associated Himself with being a SON OF DAVID not because of the physical blood relationship that they had. It's because of becoming a man after God's own heart – that's the KEY OF DAVID!

We have been given by God the honor and the privilege to continue the KEY OF DAVID prophecy in this last end which was initially given to Mr. Armstrong during the Philadelphia era to prepare Christ's Bride. We are the hands of the end time Zerubbabel who will finish the foundation that he laid (write down Zechariah 4:9). Let's read that KEY OF DAVID prophecy in Isaiah chapter 22.

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. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. (Isaiah 22:22-23)

God will fasten His two witnesses as a nail in a sure place. And they shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. Mr. Armstrong is a spiritual father to us since he was the one who has begotten us through the gospel. That principle can be read in 1 Corinthians 4:15.

The two witnesses using the name Herbert W. Armstrong in their organization is the fulfillment of this prophecy. We are not worshipping a man as some may think, but we need to understand that God used Mr. Armstrong to fulfill the role of the end time Elijah and we have to respect that.

And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. (Isaiah 22:24)

It is no coincidence why we acquired the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park, because God is just fulfilling this verse through us.

"the offspring and the issue" – this is referring to the 10% from the PCG being the OFFSPRING and the 7,000 men from the other COG groups as the ISSUE. While the expression "all vessels of small quantity" refers to the 4% prophecies that was revealed to Mr. Armstrong; "the vessels of cups" pertains to the 22% revealed to Mr. Gerald Flurry and "all the vessels of flagons" is symbolism used to represent the 74% that were revealed unto His Remembrancers. And that's a total of 100%!

In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 22:25)

We know already that when the two witnesses has been removed, cut down and fall, "the burden that was upon it shall be cut off" it means that the mystery of God will already finished by that time. But this prophecy about "the nail in a sure place" can also be applied to Mr. Gerald Flurry when he once again takes hold of the KEY OF DAVID and leaves the PCG, he will become a father to the seven shepherds, the 10% from the PCG and the 7,000 men from the other COGs and together with it is the 1,000 year worth of revelations. That's the "the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons."

Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. (Zechariah 8:1-2)

Jealous – in BDB provoke to jealous anger; in Strong's provoke to jealousy

Verse 2 should be read this way:

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was provoked to jealousy by Zion with great jealousy, and I was provoked to jealous anger for her with great fury.

Then verse 3

Thus saith the LORD; I am *returned* unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the

mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

returned – in BDB turn back (to God), repent, bring back, allow to return, to cause to return, restore; in Strong's bring again, convert, recover, cause to return, make to return, make to repent

Jerusalem here is an emblem for the 144,000 saints. While the word "mountain" is an allusion to "government"

Paraphrase:

Thus saith the LORD; I will cause to turn back Zion (Mr. Gerald Flurry and God's Church) and make them repent, I will bring them back, cause them to return, restore them and convert them and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem (the 144,000 saints): and Jerusalem (the 144,000 saints) shall be called a city of TRUTH; and the government of the LORD of hosts the HOLY government.

Do you remember what we discussed in Revelation 3:7 concerning the open door which is about becoming HOLY and TRUE just like Jesus Christ? Here in verse 3, we can see that the 144,000 saints also became HOLY and TRUE just like Jesus Christ because they walked through that open door using the KEY OF DAVID. All of the 144,000 saints exhibit the same child-like humility just like King David. Here in verse

3, the 144,000 saints shall be called the CITY OF TRUTH and the HOLY GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

One ought to ask, what is God's Work all about? Is it about preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God again? While the OPEN DOOR is the means by which that gospel can be delivered? We should know better by now. To know what God's Work is all about, let us allow the Bible to interpret itself.

Ephesians 2:10 New International Version

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 New Living Translation

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

The 144,000 saints who have become HOLY and TRUE are God's HANDIWORK, they are God's MASTER-PIECE who have developed the same perfect, holy, right-eous character inherent in both God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ! This is what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his book, *Mystery of the Ages*:

The Supreme Creative Accomplishment

God assigns angels responsibilities, but God created within them minds—with power to think, to reason, to make choices and decisions!

But there was one super-important quality that even God's creative powers could not create instantly by fiat—the same perfect, holy, righteous character inherent in both God and the Word!

This kind of character must be DEVELOPED, by the CHOICE and the INTENT of the one in whom it comes to exist.

So mark well this super-vital truism—that perfect, holy and righteous *character* is the supreme feat of accomplishment possible for Almighty God the Creator—it is also the means to his ultimate supreme PURPOSE! His final objective!

But how?

I repeat, such perfect character must be *developed*. It requires the free choice and decision of the separate entity in whom it is to be created. But, further, even then it must be instilled by and from the Holy God who, only, has such righteous character to endow.

But what do we mean by righteous character?

Perfect, holy and righteous character is the ability in such separate entity to come to discern the true and right way from the false, to make voluntarily a full and unconditional surrender to God and his perfect way—to yield

to be *conquered* by God—to determine even against temptation or self-desire, to *live* and to *do* the right. And even then such holy character is the gift of God. It comes by yielding to God to instill his law (God's right way of life) within the entity who so decides and wills.

Actually, this perfect character comes only from God, as instilled within the entity of his creation, upon voluntary acquiescence, even after severe trial and test.

I have devoted a few paragraphs to this point because it is the supreme pinnacle means in God's overall PURPOSE!

Source: Mystery of the Ages, pages 53-54

This perfect character that comes from God is the supreme pinnacle means in God's OVERALL PUR-POSE – HIS MASTERPIECE! And in working with His masterpiece in this last end, God the Father is giving us the knowledge of the real KEY OF DAVID so we can become a part of that firstfruits harvest who have also developed His holy and righteous character by totally yielding to Him and not denying His authority.

Can we now see how the KEY OF DAVID is intimately tied together with God's government and even with God's Work? It is not what we previously think it is! This is so much more than knowing the identity of the modern nation of Israel and knowing where David's physical throne is and declaring it to the world. The real KEY OF

DAVID far transcends that knowledge we had before. We must give thanks to our Almighty God for revealing to us this marvelous mystery in this last end!

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. (Zechariah 8:4)

Verse 4 is actually tells the same prophecy we just read in Isaiah 22:24-25. First let us define some words:

Old men – in BDB elder (of those having authority); in Strong's "elder"

A woman is a symbol for God's Church, thus the "old women" can then be an allusion to the old Church of God which is comprised of the 10% and the 7,000 men.

Dwell – in BDB is also defined as, "settle"

Settle in the dictionary is defined as, "resolve or reach an agreement about (an argument or problem)."

The word "streets" here in BDB, broad or open place or plaza

plaza – a public square or similar open area in a town or city.

This "street" or the "open plaza" is referring to the Jerusalem plaza, and that is, the Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem where the Children's Playground is located.

Staff – both in BDB and in Strong's it is primarily defined as "support"

Very – the primary definition in BDB and in Strong's is "abundance"

Age – is defined as "day"

The thought "very age" should mean "days of abundance." In Young's Literal Translation, the phrase "for very age" is written as "Because of abundance of days"

Paraphrase:

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet the elder (Mr. Gerald Flurry) and the 10% from the PCG and the 7,000 men from the other COGs will resolve or reach an agreement about an argument with the Liberty Bell Park of Jerusalem, and every man with his support in his hand because of the days of abundance.

This "days of abundance" is the same "harvest" we have expected after Mr. Gerald Flurry received the Book of Remembrance last April 3, 2018. What was it?

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. (Zechariah 8:5)

The dedication of the Children's Playground last September 5, 2018 has led directly to the fulfillment of this verse. Verse 5 can be understood this way:

And the Liberty Bell Park of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the Children's Playground thereof. Is this not such a marvelous sight to behold? The Remembrancers were so thrilled to be involved with the direct fulfillment of this prophecy.



Boys and girls in the Children's Playground





The Remembrancers with Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Leon and the Philippine Consul General in Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem



The Remembrancers with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte in King David's Hotel in Jerusalem



Invitation Letter (January 21, 2019)



Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Leon Speaking during the Dedication Ceremony of the Royal Playground in Liberty Bell Park

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 8:6)

Now here is what was fulfilled beginning last September 5, 2018. Let's read verse 7:

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; (Zechariah 8:7)

God's people from the east country is pertaining to our group, the ARK of God Foundation. This is how the KEY OF DAVID will unite God's people around the world beginning from the east country and then after that, from the west country. Last January 16, 2020, the Remembrancers from the east country was able to break through and has spoken with Mr. Gerald Flurry about the work concerning the Book of Remembrance, the rehabilitation of the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem, and the pending contract with Dr. Eilat Mazar. Now it is time for him to decide if he will use the real KEY OF DAVID so God the Father can OPEN THE DOOR for him.

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