

DOMINATING THE GATES

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OF THE KINGDOM THROUGH AN
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AND HOW TO **DOMINATE** THEM.



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Primary Texts

- Psalm 100:4
- Nehemiah 3
- Isaiah 60:18
- Matthew 16:18–19
- Genesis 1:28

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF GATES IN KINGDOM DOMINION

A. Gates Represent Governmental Authority

1. In ancient cities, the gate was the place of authority, judgment, and governance.
2. Decisions were made at the gate.
3. Elders ruled at the gate.
4. Commerce flowed through the gate.
5. Protection was established at the gate.
6. Whoever controlled the gate controlled the city.
7. **Therefore: Dominion is impossible without gates.**

B. Gates Determine What Enters and What Leaves

1. A gate regulates:
 - a. Influence
 - b. Culture
 - c. Movement
 - d. Protection
 - e. Expansion
2. If the gates are broken:
 - a. The city becomes vulnerable.
 - b. The people lose authority.

- c. The culture becomes corrupted.
3. Nehemiah rebuilt the walls, but he also rebuilt the gates.
4. Because **dominion** requires both *protection and administration*.

C. The Church Must Rebuild Its Gates

1. The rebuilding of Jerusalem in Nehemiah is a prophetic picture of the rebuilding of **Kingdom government** within the people of God.
2. These **12 governmental gates** represent the functional systems required for Kingdom dominion in the corporate body.

II. THE SHEEP GATE

A. Dominion Begins With the Care of the Flock

1. Nehemiah 3:1

B. The first gate rebuilt was the Sheep Gate, representing the priority of the people of God.

1. The early church did not grow primarily through marketing strategies or organizational scale.
2. It grew through relationships and edification.

Acts 6:7

“The Word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied.”

C. Notice the order:

1. Edification before multiplication.
2. A church that multiplies without edification swells like an infection.

3. But a church that builds the sheep produces healthy Kingdom expansion.

D. Dominion requires:

1. Strong relationships
2. Healthy disciples
3. Spiritual maturity
4. The sheep must be built before they are multiplied.

III. THE FISH GATE

A. Dominion Requires Kingdom Expansion

1. Nehemiah 3:3
2. The Fish Gate represents evangelistic and apostolic expansion.
3. Jesus declared: *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."*
4. Dominion cannot remain inward focused.
5. The Kingdom expands through:
 - a. Evangelism
 - b. Discipleship
 - c. Apostolic mission

B. The Fish Gate teaches:

1. Launch into the deep.
2. Cast the net.
3. Reach beyond the inner circle.
4. Some fish swim in streams.
5. Others swim in oceans.
6. Each ministry has a metron — a measure of rule.
7. But regardless of the size of the net: We are called to fish.

IV. THE OLD GATE

- A. Dominion Must Be Built on Strong Foundations
 - 1. Nehemiah 3:6
- B. The Old Gate represents foundational truths that must never be abandoned.
 - 1. These include:
 - a. The Blood of Jesus
 - b. The New Birth
 - c. The Holy Spirit
 - d. The First Principles of Faith
 - 2. Hebrews 6:1–2 reminds us that foundations must remain intact.
 - a. In seasons of new revelation, some believers neglect the foundation.
 - b. But the highest skyscraper requires the deepest foundation.

Ezra 3:11

"They shouted when the foundation of the house was laid."

- C. Dominion cannot rise where foundations are weak.

V. THE VALLEY GATE

- A. Dominion Is Forged in the Valley
 - 1. Nehemiah 3:13
- B. The Valley Gate represents the process of spiritual development through trials.
- C. The valley is:
 - 1. A place of testing

2. A place of formation
3. A place of burial
- D. Systems, strategies, and structures that cannot sustain the next level of dominion die in the valley.

Psalm 23 declares:

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

- E. The valley is not designed to destroy you. It is designed to develop you.
- F. Every believer must pass through:
 1. The test of prosperity
 2. The test of adversity

Ecclesiastes 7:14:

"When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future."

NOTE: It advises accepting both prosperity and adversity as part of God's design, fostering reliance on Him. Both prepare us for dominion.

VI. THE DUNG GATE

- A. Dominion Requires Purification
 1. Nehemiah 3:14
- B. The Dung Gate represents the removal of waste from the system.
- C. Just as the human body requires:

1. Intake;
 2. Assimilation; And
 3. Elimination; ***So does the corporate church.***
- D. A healthy body eliminates waste.
- E. A healthy church removes:
1. False doctrine
 2. Toxic thinking
 3. Spiritual contamination

Jesus declared:

"You are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

F. Spiritual Laxatives.

1. The Word cleanses the mind and restores the soul.
2. Deliverance is not always a dramatic moment.
3. Sometimes deliverance is simply learning to eat the Word properly.

VII. THE FOUNTAIN GATE

- A. Dominion Requires the Flow of the Spirit
1. Nehemiah 3:15
- B. The Fountain Gate represents the source of spiritual life.
1. Jesus declared: ***"Out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water."*** John 7:38
- C. A fountain represents:
1. Refreshing
 2. Renewal

- 3. Spiritual vitality
- D. A church must discern:
 - 1. What produces the fountain?
 - 2. And what blocks the flow?
- E. If something in the assembly does not produce life:
 - 1. It must be adjusted or removed.
 - 2. Because stagnation kills dominion.

VIII. THE WATER GATE

- A. Dominion Is Sustained by the Word
 - 1. Nehemiah 3:26
- B. Water represents the Word of God.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:26— ***"The washing of water by the Word."***
- C. Water:
 - 1. Cleanses
 - 2. Revives
 - 3. Nourishes
 - 4. Sustains life
- D. Without the Word:
 - 1. Revelation dries up
 - 2. Faith weakens
 - 3. Dominion declines
- E. The Word keeps the Kingdom culture alive.

IX. THE HORSE GATE

- A. Dominion Requires Strength and Endurance
 - 1. Nehemiah 3:28
- B. The Horse Gate represents strength, endurance, and the ability to carry the load.

- C. Kingdom dominion is not sustained by inspiration alone.
 - 1. It requires commitment and endurance.
- D. The Horse Gate teaches:
 - 1. Shared responsibility
 - 2. Corporate vision
 - 3. Long-term commitment
- E. A Kingdom community must learn to carry the load together.

X. THE EAST GATE

- A. Dominion Requires Fresh Revelation
 - 1. Nehemiah 3:29
- B. The East Gate represents the dawning of a new day.
 - 1. The sun rises in the east.
 - 2. Spiritually this represents:
 - a. New revelation
 - b. Fresh vision
 - c. New dimensions of glory
- C. God continually brings His people into new seasons of light.
- D. Every healthy church must have an East Gate.
- E. Because revelation must continually rise.

XI. THE GATE OF MIPHKAD

- A. Dominion Requires Assignment and Accountability
 - 1. Nehemiah 3:31
- B. Miphkad means:
 - 1. Appointment
 - 2. Assignment

- 3. Inspection
- C. This gate represents divine order in the Kingdom.
- D. Every believer has:
 - 1. A mandate
 - 2. A place
 - 3. A responsibility
- E. Nothing in the Kingdom is random.
 - 1. Alignment produces assignment.
 - 2. Assignment produces authority.

XII. THE GATE OF EPHRAIM

- A. Dominion Must Produce Fruit
 - 1. Nehemiah 12:39
- B. Ephraim means double fruitfulness.
- C. Jesus declared:
 - 1. Fruit
 - 2. More fruit
 - 3. Much fruit
- E. Dominion is measured by fruitfulness.
- F. A Kingdom community must ask:
 - 1. Are we bearing fruit?
 - 2. Are we multiplying?
 - 3. Are lives being transformed?
- G. Where the Kingdom is functioning properly, fruit will appear.

XIII.THE PRISON GATE

- A. Dominion Requires Protection
 - 1. Nehemiah 12:39
- B. The Prison Gate represents spiritual protection and guarding the sacred.
- C. Just as Cherubim guarded the Tree of Life:
 - 1. Genesis 3:24
- D. So must the Kingdom guard its holy things.
 - 1. Revelation 22:14–15 reveals that outside the gates remain those who reject the ways of God.
- E. Dominion requires:
 - 1. Protection
 - 2. Discernment
 - 3. Spiritual oversight
- F. Not everything belongs inside the gate.

XIV.CONCLUSION: THE RESTORATION OF KINGDOM GOVERNMENT

- A. Nehemiah did not simply rebuild a city.
- B. He rebuilt the governmental infrastructure of the people of God.
- C. The rebuilding of these gates represents the restoration of:
 - 1. Kingdom culture
 - 2. Apostolic structure
 - 3. Spiritual authority
 - 4. Corporate dominion
- D. When the gates are restored:
 - 1. The city becomes secure.
 - 2. The people become strong.

3. And the Kingdom advances.

Declaration

“When the gates are restored, dominion is established.”