

POSSESSING THE GATES OF YOUR ENEMIES

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Text: Genesis 22: 17

- ▣ Abraham's Obedience and Willingness to follow God's Command to Sacrifice Isaac;
- ▣ Abraham's release of the blessing for his seed:
 - a) Abraham's seed multiply and be as the stars of heaven in number;
 - b) Abraham's seed will possess the gate of his enemies;
 - c) Abraham's seed will be the means of blessing to all the nations of the earth.

3 fold Plan of God for Abraham's Seed

- ▣ Fantastic Growth
- ▣ Triumph over their enemies
- ▣ Blessing to the Nations through them.

What it means to Possess (yarash)

- ▣ To Take
- ▣ To take possession
- ▣ To inherit
- ▣ To dispossess
- ▣ To occupy

Significance of Gate

- ▣ For War: If you penetrate the gate of a city, victory was assured; control of gate determines the outcome of conflict.
- ▣ For Commerce: Those who possess the gates determine who enters and do not enter to do business.
- ▣ Civil Government: The gate was the place where the elders and rulers of the people would sit to hold court and carry out the other aspects of civil ruling.

Possessing the Gate

- ▣ Conquering the nations and taking control of the city, the commerce and the civil government.
- ▣ Promise of a complete dominion of the church over its enemies.
- ▣ The promise of the dominion of Christ and His victorious reign over all nations and kingdoms (Ps. 110: 1-7).

Possessing the Gate (cont.)

- ▣ Glorious Triumph of the church (Isa. 2: 2-4).
- ▣ Triumph of the Kingdom of Christ in this age. Though small; but shall become great (Mt. 13: 31-32).
- ▣ The Plan of Salvation for the ethnic Israel and the Nations (Rom. 11: 11-36).

Conclusion

- ▣ Holding on to the promise of God, the church has a bright future. It is becoming a place of dominion, a place of power, a place of wealth, a place of inheritance.
- ▣ Are you part of this Kingdom?
- ▣ What it takes is only obedience (willingness and obedience).