

GOSPEL AUTHORITY IN THE ANCIENT GATES

“A Vision for Life and Family - the City of God”

(Nehemiah 3; Genesis 28:16-17)

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God having the glory of God ...” (Revelation 21:9)

The Priority Gates:

Sheep (Salvation), Fish (Evangelism), Old (Mishneh - Foundational Truths)

The Purity Gates:

Valley (Testing of Character), Dung (Purging of Sins)

The Power Gates:

Fountain (Baptism of the Spirit), Water (Now Word of God), Horse (Warrior of God)

The Prophetic Gates:

East (Second Coming), Miphkad (Judgment), Ephraim (Fruitful), Prison (Separation)

Let’s begin today by looking at ...

❖ **The Priority Gates**

The first of the priority gates is ...

- The Sheep Gate - Salvation by Grace through Faith (*Nehemiah 3:1-2; John 10:1-18*)

- No Locks or Bars
- Sanctified and Set Apart

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)*

- The Fish Gate - Sharing our Faith (*Nehemiah 3:3-5; Mark 1:16-18*)
 - Fishers of Men
 - Ambassadors of Christ
 - Ministry of Reconciliation

The third gate restored and in need of passing through is:

- The Old Gate - Standards of Faith (*Nehemiah 3:6-12*)
 - Many are looking for "some new way or some new thing!"

"For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing." (Acts 17:21)

- The world does not need more of the same thing – the world needs Truth, and the Church is the "Pillar and Ground of the Truth!"