



DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

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Literal meaning of “destined”:

- Bound for a certain destination
- Ordained; appointed; or predetermined to be or to do something
- Liable; planning or intending to be or do something
- To set apart for particular use or purpose
- To appoint or ordain beforehand, as by divine decree
- Foreordain; predetermine
- Synonyms: inescapable; inevitable; intended; predestined; que sera sera; sealed; stated; that is to be; that will be; unavoidable; way the ball bounces

Literal meaning of “great”:

- Unusually or comparatively large in size or dimensions
- Large in number; numerous
- Unusual or considerable in degree, power, intensity
- Wonderful; first-rate; very good
- Being such in an extreme or notable degree
- Notable; remarkable; exceptionally outstanding
- Important; highly significant or consequential
- Distinguished; famous
- Of noble or lofty character
- Of extraordinary powers; having unusual merit; very admirable
- Synonyms: abundant; big; enormous; excessive; extensive; extravagant; extreme; terrific; titanic; tremendous; vast

Scripture reading:

Ephesians 2:10

Link to the clip: Creating greatness

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThbSTdMkIRc&feature=youtube_gdata_player

The Old Testament (and the physical natural nation of Israel) is a shadow of the New Testament (church in the spiritual realm). Adam (natural Adam) came first. Jesus the second Adam came to free us and fulfill the law.

First the natural then the spiritual

Greatness was promised to Abraham and his seed (**Genesis 12:2-3**). Same promise made to Jacob (lineage: Abraham - Isaac - Jacob). **Genesis 28:14-16**

Exodus 19:5-6

God calls Israel a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. Abraham had to respond to the call (take an action). By obedience he (Abraham) stepped out into the unknown. **Hebrews 11:8**

We are made joint heirs to the promise because of our faith. We are the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus (**Galatians 3:8,9**). The promise is sealed by the Holy Spirit (**Galatians**

3:14). Thus, greatness is also part of our inheritance. How do we go about to have the greatness manifest? There are **keys** that have been given into our hands to use as tools.

The key of David

We need to look at the meaning of the keys in both the Old and New Testament to understand the full implication:

1. Hebrew word for key: **maphteah**, means *an opener or that which shuts*.
2. Since the keys of the city was carried(worn) on the shoulder of officials, they came to speak of their **authority** and **power**. It was authority made visible.
3. The person with the key has the authority, **legitimate power to reign** and rule Israel.

Isaiah 22:20-23

After David the key was handed to Eliakim son of Hilkiah. This was a shadow of what was to come in Jesus Christ.

This was prophesied:

..and the government shall be upon His shoulder... Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from the time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6,7

The Lord of the hosts is the Lord of the battle. This key is used as a spiritual weapon. It was the displacing of an authority and establishing of another.

The key was also here referred to as being **on His shoulder**. Authority made visible. In Christ Jesus we are part of the Spiritual Nation. We have become part of Christ Jesus through our faith, and therefore are made righteous.

In **Matthew 18:18** Jesus said: **Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven.**

... all authority (all power of rule)in heaven and in earth has been given to me.

Matthew 28:18

Revelation 3:7

In this scripture the prophecy in **Isaiah 9:6,7** is fulfilled, and we are included as the Body of Christ.

Jesus Christ had one mission on the earth: He came as the second Adam to fulfill the law, and completely liberate us. Thus, the government/authority was laid on His shoulder, but He had to hand it over to us so He could return to His rightful place at the right hand of the Father and still have His authority exercised through us.

He hands this authority only to people **obedient** to His call, and the ones who choose to have an **intimate relationship** with Him. When we know Him, we can easily execute His will on the earth in this physical realm.

Matthew 16:13-19

Although the disciples walked with Him day by day, He still had to “test” their heart condition towards Him by asking them first of all who the people thought He was, and secondly who they thought He was. (Who am I in your midst?) Peter was the only one calling Him the Messiah. This speaks of an intimate relationship.

He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am? Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. His answer is purely based upon what he experienced in the spiritual realm. Although he had the opportunity to know Jesus also to the flesh, he distinguished between natural and spiritual, and answered according to the Spirit.

Jesus used this instance to make clear to the disciples who He really was, and handed over the authority or the keys to Peter. The evidence hereof was later seen in history.

Matthew 16:17-19

Then Jesus answered him, blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros – a large piece of rock], and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose must be what is already loosed in heaven.

Peter received the Keys of the Kingdom to execute the ways of the Kingdom on the earth according to **Matthew 6:33**.



The photo shows a physical statue of St Peter at the Vatican. We need to understand that we have the same keys in our hands, not only for our own benefit to make our names great, but to first of all seek Kingdom first. Peter makes this authority given him visible in **Acts 2** by testifying of the Christ and baptizing 3000 souls. That is taking responsibility and acting upon it! Start seeing the key in your own hand!

Acts 2:36-42

He said: *For the promise of the Holy Spirit is to and for you and your children, and to and for all that are far away, even to and for as many as the Lord our God invites and bids to come to Himself.*

Peter did not keep this gift for his own selfish ambitions, he used it to advance the Kingdom of Light. If we really start taking the authority and power given us, we can truly start a revolution. Destined means to be *liable*, so we have an obligation towards our Kingdom destiny:

I Corinthians 4:1-2

We have a responsibility towards the mysteries of God (His secret purposes). I.e. everyone who has the truth must be faithful towards it and steward it.

It is only the **true remnant** who stewards the truths with accuracy through executing the **Great Commission!**