

Please listen to the audio lesson “A Letter from Jesus: Philadelphia” first. Then after finishing the audio lesson, have the Scriptures handy to best utilize the following questions to answer and consider thoughtfully for your further study.

### **A Letter from Jesus: Philadelphia**

#### 1. Read Isaiah 22:20-25

- a. What is the servant’s name this prophecy is concerning?
- b. What does “the key of the house of David” affect?
- c. Whose shoulder will “the key” be set upon here in these verses?
- d. If you have the key to a house, how is that different from a locked house? (in general)
- e. Who will drive Eliakim like a peg in a firm place? [v15]
- f. Will Eliakim’s peg stand firm forever?
- g. Who is in control? Who has spoken?

#### 2. Read Isaiah 7:10-16

- a. The Lord commands Ahaz to ask for what?
- b. Did Ahaz obey?
- c. Whose “house” does the Lord command to listen?
- d. What sign did the Lord give Ahaz?
- e. What does “Immanuel” mean? Why is that fitting? [Matthew 1:23]
- f. What is this Son’s relationship with good & evil?
- g. What will happen to Ahaz’s dread of the two kings before him?

#### 3. Read Isaiah 9:6-7

- a. What will rest on the “shoulders” of this Son (child)?
- b. What is HIS called name? (there are four mentioned here)
  - (1.)
  - (2.)
  - (3.) Father can be used in other ways (Romans 4:11 / 1 Cor. 4:15)
  - (4.)
- c. What two things will not cease (end) with Him?
- d. Whose throne will He sit upon?
- e. His Kingdom is established & upheld “with” what two attributes?
- f. How long will this kingdom last? Short term (Eliakim) or Long-term (Jesus)

Thoughts to Consider: The Lord was going to establish Eliakim firmly for a while, but it was not long term. The keys to the house (throne) of David descendants were handed down from generation to generation. But when Jesus came to fulfill the prophecy of a virgin birth, He also came to be “God with us.” God walking in flesh & bone as a man to offer peace. And His Kingdom would be Eternal, holding the keys as the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, & the Prince of Peace. Jesus is established upon justice & righteousness; to abide in His Kingdom, we must walk in justice & righteousness too.

4. Read Psalm 89:34-37

- a. Will God alter His covenant?
- b. What covenant is God referring to here? [v36]
- c. What has God sworn by?
- d. What should the sun & moon remind us of (in light of these promises)?
- e. This witness is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Read Jeremiah 33:19-22

- a. Can any man/woman break God’s covenant of day & night?
- b. How long has that “covenant” of day & night existed?
- c. Will the Lord break His covenant in having a son (descendant) of David to sit on his throne?
- d. How vast will the descendants of David be?

6. Read the following verses & see Jesus as Him who sits on David’s Thone:

- a. Revelation 3:7 / What does the key Jesus holds effect?
- b. Revelation 5:4-5 / Who overcame first? Should it affect us?
- c. Revelation 22:16 / How does Jesus describe Himself?

Final Thought: The sun & the moon should always remind us that Jesus is now sitting on the throne as King. In the Old Testament, the covenant was to remind them that David’s Royal descendants would never cease. Man cannot break God’s Covenant with the household of David. If you can see the sun or the moon, Jesus reigns. If you close your eyes to not see them, He still reigns. Jesus overcame death to sit on the throne. The keys have unlocked access to the house of David, and Jesus will be seated there until the sun no longer shines. Look, Jesus Reigns!