

THE MESSAGE OF NEHEMIAH'S TWELVE GATES OF JERUSALEM

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Mat. 7:13, 14

#	GATE	SCRIPTURE	APPLICATION	COMMENT
1.	Sheep Gate	Neh. 3:1, 32; 12:39; Jn. 5:2; 10:7-18; 21:8-11	Jesus is the true Sheep Gate and all must come by trusting in Him to be saved.	Peter fed the sheep precious ministry by being occupied with the Lord. It is full of warnings for us who like sheep easily lose our way.
2.	Fish Gate	2 Chron. 33:14; Neh. 3:3; 12:39; Zeph. 1:10; Mt. 4:19; 13:47; Mk. 16:15; Jn. 21:8-11	The Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "follow me and I will make you fishers of men"	Peter in a millennial picture of the remnant who are used to lead the nations to Christ.
3.	Old Gate	Neh. 3:6; 12:39; Jer. 6:16; Mt. 13:52; Lk.5:36-39	God's moral ways do not change with dispensations and the old paths are important for us to walk in.	The old covenant – law gives way to the new covenant founded on grace. Also we must guard ourselves. See Prov. 16:32; 25:28
4.	Valley Gate	2 Chron. 26:9; Neh. 3:13	This gate led out to the valley of Hinnon and is where Ghenna a type of hell is located.	The valley is looked at in Scripture as one of: Weeping, Decision, and Shadow of death.
5.	Dung Gate	Neh. 3:13, 14; 12:31; 1 Jn. 1:9; Php, 3:8	This gate is where the refuse was taken away.	The things of this world whether good or bad are but dung when compared with the glory of the Lord.
6.	Fountain Gate	Neh. 3:15; 12:37; Jn. 3:5; 4:14; 9:1-8	This gate was next to the Pool of Siloam.	This gate represents the Holy Spirit which works with the Word to save and wells up within giving energy to the new life in Christ.
7.	Water Gate	Neh. 3:26; 8:3; 12:37; Eph. 2:10; 5:25, 26; Rev. 19:8	The Gibeonites, who were bearers of water, carried water through this gate for the city.	The Water Gate speaks of the Word of God which saves, cleanses defilement and sanctifies.
8.	Horse Gate	Neh. 3:28; 2 Chron. 23:15; Jer. 31:40; Rev. 19:14	This gate was next to the King's palace and where the soldiers of the King rode through going in and out to battle.	The Lord Jesus will come out of heaven on a white horse to make battle. We will be with Him but the battle is the Lord's.
9.	East Gate	Neh. 3:29; Ez. 10:19; 11:1; 40:44; Acts 3:2, 10; Zech. 14:4	This gate is also called Golden or Beautiful.	The Lord will enter Jerusalem through this gate in a future day
10.	Miphkad Gate	Neh. 3:31; 1 Cor. 3:13-16; Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10-11; Mt. 25:31-46	This is the gate of inspection, numbering and gathering	This may represent both the judgment seat of Christ for the believer and also the judgment of the living nations.
11.	Ephraim Gate	2 Kings 14:13; 2 Chron. 25:23	North gate looking out to the fruitful land of Ephraim.	Ephraim means doubly fruitful (Jew and Gentile) Earthly and Heavenly)
12.	Prison Gate	Neh. 12:39; Acts 12:10; 1 Pet. 3:19	This is where they kept prisoners. Peter is seen in Acts 12 being led of an angel through this gate.	This gate may speak of the judging wickedness in our lives, in the family and also the assembly.

**Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. Jn. 10:7
Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jn. 14:6**