

## **The Gates of the Nation (Temporary teaching. More to follow)**

**1.** The Lord has broken every gate. So we have no need to fear. Gates of hell.

**And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.** (Matt 16:18)

**2.** We have the authority in the gates. **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** (Matt 28:18)

**3.** The enemy contends them:-

\* **The innocent blood.** (Moab)

Then he took his firstborn son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall. The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land.  
(2 Kings 3:27)

\* **Sin.**

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;  
(Ps 66:18) and see also Genesis 4:7

"But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

\* **Demonic**

But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. (Daniel 10:13)

\* **Unrestrained power**

Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country." So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. (Exodus 1:10-11)

\* **Sins of fathers.** Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment. (Lamentations 5:7)

## **How can we pray?**

### **\* Innocent blood needs to be covered to free the gates.**

But you have come, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (Hebrews 12:18-25)

### **\* Unrepentance has to be dealt with to free the gates**

Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold." (Genesis 4:23-4)

It has to be a pouring out of sorrow for sin and unrepentance. Hannah showed us the way:-

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." (1 Samuel 1:15-16)

Jesus taught the same:-

Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. (Luke 23:38)

### **\* Worship in the gates to break the gates.**

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38)