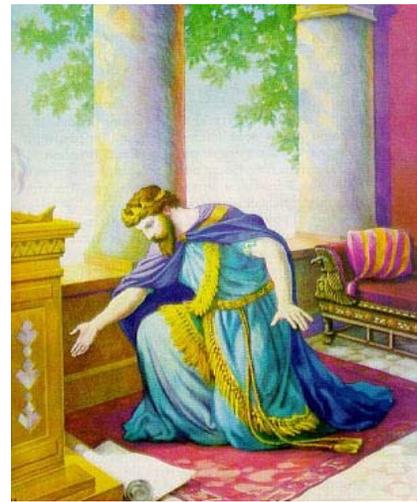


#1075 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – The Two Eliakims: Shebna replaced by the first Eliakim

Shebna. Shebna was the palace governor of King Hezekiah, before being replaced by Eliakim. The language in Isaiah 22 indicates that Shebna possessed and enjoyed high position, wealth, and splendor. (He was a foreigner in his adopted country of Judah.) Shebna was in the process of constructing a royal tomb for himself such as princes made for themselves when the prophecy of Isaiah against him was given. Shebna had a confidence in the future that was not warranted. He would be cast out of the land of Judah, and die, and be buried far away from the tomb he was preparing.



Hezekiah laying the letter of Sennacherib before the Lord, 2 Kings 19:14-19

Isaiah 22:15-25 (KJV) Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,

16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? [NIV . . . What are you doing here and who gave you permission to cut out a grave for yourself here, hewing your grave on the height and chiseling your resting place in the rock?]

17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. [NIV . . . Beware, the Lord is about to take firm hold of you and hurl you away, O you mighty man.]

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house. [NIV . . . He will roll you up tightly like a ball and throw you into a large country. There you will die and there your splendid chariots will remain—you disgrace to your master's house!]

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. [NIV . . . I will depose you from your office, and you will be ousted from your position.]

*20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that **I will call my servant ELIAKIM** the son of Hilkiyah:*

*21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and **I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.***

*22 And **THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID** will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

*23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and **he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.***

24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Key Understanding: *The first Eliakim and the church of Philadelphia; Shebna and the church in Laodicea.* Shebna was the palace governor of King Hezekiah, before being replaced by (the *first*) Eliakim. The *first* Eliakim is a picture of the church of Philadelphia, which is easy to see, because of Revelation 3:7, while Shebna is to be associated with the lacking and slacking church of Laodicea. Moreover, Shebna being replaced by Eliakim is a picture of the church of Philadelphia ‘replacing’ the church of Laodicea in being seated upon “the Father’s throne.”



Revelation 3:7-8 (KJV) *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath THE KEY OF DAVID, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee AN OPEN DOOR, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.*

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