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INCLOSE, INCLOSED, INCLOSINGS, ENCLOSED

The stones on the breastplate of the priestly ephod were **enclosed** in clasps of gold.

- **Exodus 39:10-13:** "And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the first row. And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings."

When the Israelites waged war against the tribe of Benjamin, they **enclosed** the Benjamites (and defeated them).

- **Judges 20:43-44:** "Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valour."

Solomon compared his beloved to an **enclosed** garden. (In other words, she was pure and chaste.)

- **Song of Solomon 4:12:** "A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed."

PACK, PACKED

When the cloud of the Lord was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites **packed** up and continued their journey through the wilderness. (This could happen at day or at night.)

- **Exodus 40:36:** "And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:"
- **Numbers 9:21:** "And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed."

God determined when the Israelite camp remained where it was in the wilderness, and when the Israelites **packed** up and left.

- **Numbers 9:23:** "At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses."

Under the Mosaic Law, when it was time for the Israelites to go out on a journey, trumpets were sounded. That was the signal it was time to **pack** up and go.

- **Numbers 10:2, 6:** "Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. ... When ye blow an alarm the

second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys."

Under the Mosaic Law, if the Israelites offered terms of peace to a city and those terms were rejected, the Israelites weren't required to **pack** up and go home. Instead they were commanded to go ahead and wage war.

- **Deuteronomy 20:10-12:** "When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:"

When it came time for the Israelites to pass over the Jordan river, the people **packed** up their tents.

- **Joshua 3:14:** "And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;"

In the millennium, the desolate places of Israel will be **packed** with people.

- **Isaiah 49:19:** "For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away."

SHUT, SHUTS, SHUTTETH, SHUTTING, CLOSED

After God took one of Adam's ribs (to make Eve), He **closed** up the flesh in the place where He had taken the rib.

- **Genesis 2:21:** "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;"

After Noah, his family, and the animals were in the ark, God **shut** them in. (In other words, God was the one who shut the door to the ark.)

- **Genesis 7:16:** "And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."

When Lot went out to speak to the people of Sodom (who wanted to rape the angels who were visiting him), he **shut** the door after him.

- **Genesis 19:6:** "And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,"

After the angels rescued Lot from the angry mob of rapists, they **shut** the door behind him.

- **Genesis 19:10:** "But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door."

When Moses prayed that God would heal Miriam (after the Lord struck her with leprosy), God said He would do so after she had been **shut** out of the camp for seven days.

- **Numbers 12:14:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again."

After God commanded the Israelites to leave Canaan and go back into the wilderness, it was a sin for them to refuse. By that point the option of invading Canaan was **closed** to them.

- **Numbers 14:40-41:** "And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper."

After the earth swallowed up Korah and all those who rebelled with him, the ground **closed** upon them.

- **Numbers 16:33:** "They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation."

God warned the Israelites that if they worshiped other gods then He would **shut** up the heaven so that there was no rain.

- **Deuteronomy 11:16-17:** "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven,

that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you."

In the song that Moses taught the Israelites, he warned them that if they rebelled against God then He would only stop bringing trouble upon them when He saw there was no one **shut** up or left. (This may referring to no one being left in the promised land, because they had all been exiled or removed.)

- **Deuteronomy 32:36:** "For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left."

Rahab claimed the Israelite spies had left Jericho when the gate was **shut** (which was a lie).

- **Joshua 2:4-5:** "And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them."

The gate to Jericho was **shut** once it got dark.

- **Joshua 2:5:** "And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them."

When people left Jericho to search for the spies, the gate of the city was **shut**.

- **Joshua 2:7:** "And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate."

Rahab let the spies down by a cord through her window. (This is probably because the gate to the city was **shut**).

- **Joshua 2:15:** "Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall."

When the Israelites fled before the men of Ai, the city was left open. (It seems the city gate wasn't **shut**.)

- **Joshua 8:17:** "And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel."

When Ehud thrust his dagger into the belly of Eglon king of Moab, the king was so fat that the fat **closed** upon the blade and Ehud couldn't draw it back out.

- **Judges 3:21-22:** "And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out."

After Ehud assassinated Eglon king of Moab, he **shut** the doors of the king's private summer parlor.

- **Judges 3:23:** "Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them."

When the people of Thebez fled to the stronghold (to protect themselves from Abimelech), they **shut** it.

- **Judges 9:50-51:** "Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower."

The reason Hannah had no children was because God had **shut** up her womb. (In other words, God controls who has children and who doesn't.)

- **1 Samuel 1:5:** "But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb."
- **1 Samuel 1:6:** "And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb."

The text says that David's wife Michal didn't have any children, but it doesn't say why. We don't know if Michal left David, or if David divorced her, or if God **shut** her womb.

- **2 Samuel 6:23:** "Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death."

After Absalom publicly raped ten of David's wives, David **shut**

those women in a house and forced them to live as widows for the rest of their lives (which is horrifying).

- **2 Samuel 20:3:** "And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood."

Elisha told the woman who went to him for help that once she borrowed vessels from her neighbor, she was to go into her house and **shut** the door.

- **2 Kings 4:3-4:** "Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full."

After Elisha told the woman what to do (borrow vessels and fill them with oil), she went home and **shut** the door.

- **2 Kings 4:5:** "So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out."

After the Shunammite woman laid her dead child on Elisha's bed, she **shut** the door to the chamber (so she could go get Elisha).

- **2 Kings 4:21:** "And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and

went out."

When Elisha arrived at the home of the Shunammite woman and saw that her child was dead, he **shut** the door of his chamber. (This means he was inside the room, and the mother and Gehazi were outside.)

- **2 Kings 4:32-33:** "And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD."

When the king of Israel decided to put Elisha to death, Elisha said that when the messenger came they were to immediately **shut** the door. (This was to prevent him from coming into the house and killing Elisha.)

- **2 Kings 6:32:** "But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

When the first temple was dedicated, Solomon mentioned a case where the heaven was **shut** up and there was no rain because the Israelites had sinned against God.

- **2 Chronicles 6:26:** "When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;"

After Solomon dedicated the first temple, God told him there may be a time when He **shut** up heaven so that there was no rain.

- **2 Chronicles 7:13:** "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;"

King Ahaz **shut** the doors of the temple. (In other words, he closed the temple and spread idols throughout Judah.)

- **2 Chronicles 28:24-25:** "And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers."

Hezekiah said that the forefathers of the Jews **shut** the doors of the temple. (In fact, his father Ahaz had done exactly that.)

- **2 Chronicles 29:6-7:** "For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs. Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel."

Shemaiah told Nehemiah they should hide inside the temple

and **shut** its doors. (He was trying to get Nehemiah to sin by filling him with fear.)

- **Nehemiah 6:10:** "Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee."

Nehemiah commanded that when the sun wasn't hot, the doors that led into Jerusalem were to be **shut** and barred.

- **Nehemiah 7:3:** "And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house."

The Egyptians were unable to cross the Red Sea. Instead the sea **closed** upon them and they were drowned.

- **Nehemiah 9:11:** "And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters."

Nehemiah commanded that the gates of Jerusalem were to be **shut** once it began to get dark before the Sabbath. (The reason he did this was because he didn't trust the nobles to do it.)

- **Nehemiah 13:17, 19:** "Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that

ye do, and profane the sabbath day? ... And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day."

Nehemiah positioned some of his servants at the gates to Jerusalem to make sure that they stayed **closed** on the Sabbath.

- **Nehemiah 13:19:** "And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day."

Nehemiah gave the Levites the responsibility of making sure the Sabbath was kept holy. They were to do this by watching over the gates on the Sabbath and keeping them **closed**.

- **Nehemiah 13:22:** "And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy."

Zophar said that if God **shuts** someone up (imprisons him), no one can stop Him.

- **Job 11:10:** "If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together,

then who can hinder him?"

Job said that when God **shuts** up (imprisons) someone, he can't be freed.

- **Job 12:14:** "Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening."

God asked Job who **shut** up the sea with doors. (This seems refer to God putting boundaries upon the sea after He created it.)

- **Job 38:8:** "Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?"

David prayed that God wouldn't let the pit **shut** its mouth upon him. (In other words, he prayed that God would save him from his enemies.)

- **Psalms 69:15:** "Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me."

God won't **shut** up His mercy in anger forever.

- **Psalms 77:9:** "Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah."

Heman said he was **shut** up and couldn't leave. (In other words, he was greatly oppressed.)

- **Psalm 88:8:** "Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth."

Solomon said when people get old, they keep their mouth **shut** (due to a lack of teeth).

- **Ecclesiastes 12:4:** "And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;"

When Isaiah preached the truth to the Jews and warned of the coming judgment, he was actually making their ears heavy and their eyes **closed**. God used his ministry to destroy the Jews instead of save them.

- **Isaiah 6:9-10:** "And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

God said that Eliakim would **shut**, and no one would open it. He also said that Eliakim would open, and no one would be able to shut it.

- **Isaiah 22:20, 22:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: ... 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."

When God destroys the world, every house will be **shut** up so that no one can enter them.

- **Isaiah 24:1, 10:** "Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. ... The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in."

In reference to a coming judgment, God commanded His people to enter into chambers and **shut** the door so they might be hidden from His wrath. (This may be a reference to the rapture.)

- **Isaiah 26:20-21:** "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

God said that He had **closed** the eyes of the rulers and prophets so they couldn't see what was going on.

- **Isaiah 29:10:** "For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered."

God said the reason the Jews couldn't see the foolishness of their idolatry was because God had **shut** their eyes.

- **Isaiah 44:17-19:** "And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?"

God said that He had opened gates before Cyrus and they couldn't be **shut**.

- **Isaiah 45:1:** "Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;"

In the millennium, the reason the gates of Jerusalem won't be **shut** is so that the wealth and kings of the Gentiles can be brought to the Jews.

- **Isaiah 60:11:** "Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought."

God told the king and queen of Judah that the cities of the south would be **shut** up. (In other words, judgment was

coming upon Judah.)

- **Jeremiah 13:18-19:** "Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory. The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive."

Jeremiah compared the word of God to a burning fire that was **shut** up in his bones. (In other words, he was compelled to speak even though he didn't want to.)

- **Jeremiah 20:9:** "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay."

Jeremiah told Baruch that he was **shut** up and couldn't go into the temple. (That's why he had Baruch go the temple and read his prophecies for him.)

- **Jeremiah 36:5-6:** "And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities."

God commanded Ezekiel to **shut** himself up in his house. (This was so Ezekiel could be a sign to the Jews.)

- **Ezekiel 3:24:** "Then the spirit entered into me, and set me

upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house."

In the millennial temple, the gate that faces to the east will be **shut**.

- **Ezekiel 44:1:** "Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut."

The reason the gate that faces toward the east will be **shut** in the millennial temple is because the Lord entered the temple by that gate.

- **Ezekiel 44:2:** "Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut."

In the millennial temple, the eastern gate of the inner court must be **shut** for the six working days. (It will only be opened for the sabbath and for the new moons.)

- **Ezekiel 46:1:** "Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened."

In the millennial temple, the eastern gate of the inner court won't be **shut** until the evening (of either the sabbath or the new moon, which are the only times the gate will be open).

- **Ezekiel 46:2:** "And the prince shall enter by the way of

the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening."

In the millennial temple, once the prince leaves after offering his voluntary burnt offerings or peace offerings, the gate will be **shut**.

- **Ezekiel 46:12:** "Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate."

The reason Gabriel told Daniel to **shut** up the vision was because it wouldn't be fulfilled until the distant future (the end times).

- **Daniel 8:26:** "And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days."

The angel told Daniel to **shut** up the words of the prophecy until the end times.

- **Daniel 12:4:** "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

When we pray, we should enter into a closet and **shut** the door. (In other words, we should pray privately, not for public approval and acclaim.)

- **Matthew 6:6:** "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Jesus said that the eyes of the people were **closed**.

- **Matthew 13:15:** "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

In the parable of the ten virgins, the door to the marriage was **shut** after the bridegroom and the wise virgins entered in.

- **Matthew 25:10:** "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

In the parable of the ten virgins, the foolish virgins tried to enter into the marriage after the door was **shut** but they couldn't.

- **Matthew 25:11-12:** "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not."

After Jesus read from the book of Isaiah to the people of Nazareth, He **closed** the book and returned it.

- **Luke 4:16, 20:** "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. ... And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him."

In the parable of the person who came from a journey, the reason his neighbor refused to give him any bread was because the door to his house was **shut**. (It was late at night and his family was already in bed.)

- **Luke 11:6-7:** "For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee."

In the parable of the master of the house, the master wouldn't open the door once it was **shut**. (By then it was too late.)

- **Luke 13:25, 27:** "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: ... But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity."

In the parable of the master of the house, the people who

were standing outside when the door was **shut** wanted to be inside the house. (However, it was too late.)

- **Luke 13:25:** "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:"

There will come a time when it's too late to be saved. Once the master of the house has **shut** the door, it won't be opened again. At that point salvation is impossible. Those who are outside are lost forever. (In other words, you can't wait until the day of judgment to be saved.)

- **Luke 13:25, 27-28:** "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: ... But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

When Jesus prayed, He lifted up His eyes to Heaven. (He didn't pray with "every head bowed and every eye **closed**".)

- **John 17:1:** "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:"

When the disciples of Jesus gathered after His crucifixion, the door to the room was **shut**. (This is because they were afraid.)

- **John 20:19:** "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

When the disciples of Jesus gathered eight days after His resurrection, the doors to the room were **shut**.

- **John 20:26:** "And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you."

When the officers went to retrieve the apostles from prison to bring them to court, they found that the prison was securely **shut** (but the apostles were missing). (This is because an angel had already freed them.)

- **Acts 5:23:** "Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within."

When Jews from Asia raised an alarm about Paul being in the temple, the Jews **shut** the door of the temple complex (so they could kill him).

- **Acts 21:27, 30:** "And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on

him, ... And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut."

After the Jews dragged Paul out of the temple and **shut** the doors of the temple complex, they were about to kill Paul.

- **Acts 21:31:** "And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar."

The Holy Spirit said the reason the eyes of the Jews were **closed** was so they wouldn't see the truth and be saved.

- **Acts 28:27:** "For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

God **shut** the eyes and ears of Israel so they wouldn't understand the truth and be saved.

- **Romans 11:7-8:** "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day."

Paul believed it was good to pray with our hands lifted up (as opposed to our heads bowed and eyes **closed**).

- **1 Timothy 2:8:** "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

The author of Hebrews said that faith **shut** the mouth of lions. (This seems to be a reference to Daniel being thrown into the den of lions.)

- **Hebrews 11:33:** "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions."

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When God opens a door of opportunity for a church, no one can **shut** it.

- **Revelation 3:8:** "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."

After the angel chained the devil and cast him into the bottomless pit, he **shut** it and put a seal upon it. (This will take place at the beginning of the millennium.)

- **Revelation 20:1-3:** "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

The gates of the new Jerusalem will never be **shut**.

- **Revelation 21:25:** "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."