

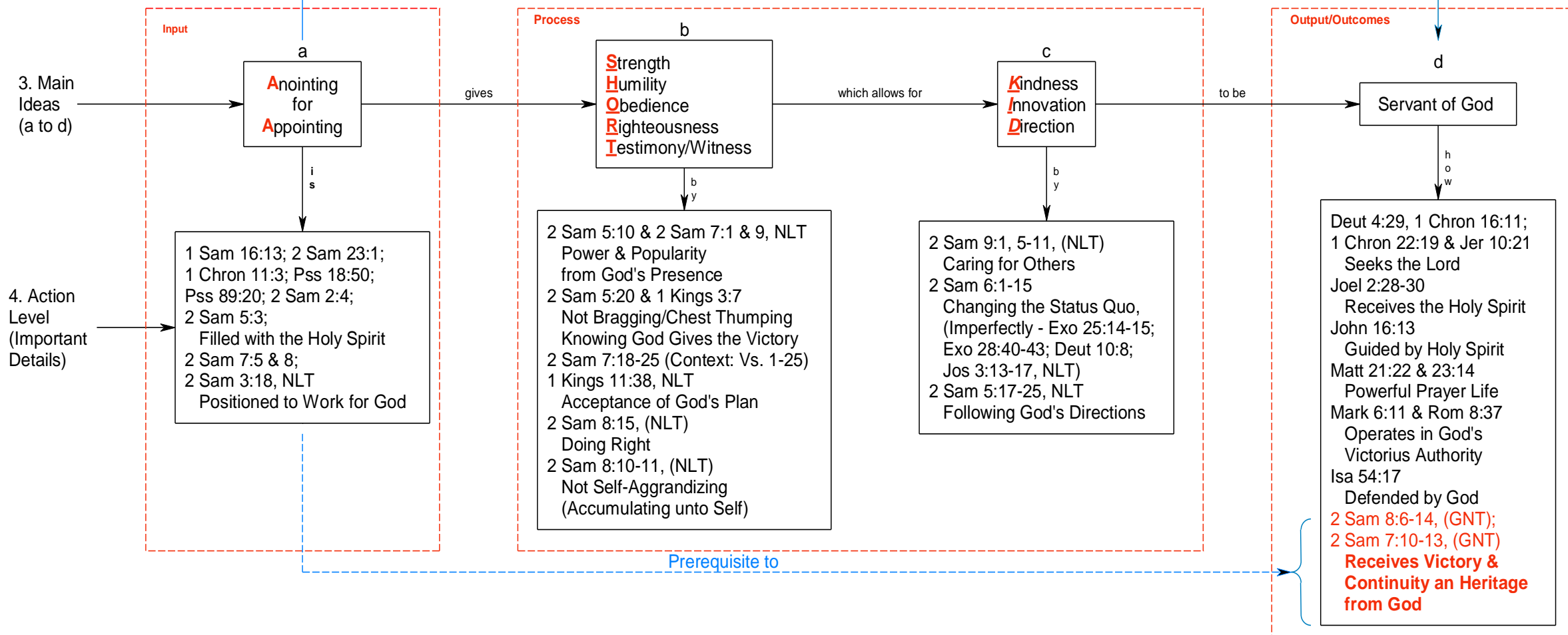
Your Success Depends On Using the Key to the House of David

1. Having a dwelling place is important, and some people achieve that by purchasing a house. However, having a house is not enough. Consequently, people recognize that there is a distinction between a house and a home. However, the sober reality is both are needed and are important for happiness and health. Whereas a home is a place of warmth, affection, caring, valuation and things of that nature, in contrast, a house is the physical dwelling place. For happiness, however, the two parts must combine if people within the setting are to live well. Nevertheless, if the house does not exist and/or a person lacks access to a house, then forget about the benefits of a home, because the home resides within the house. Simply stated, a house is important and having access to the house is the first step to everything else. From that background, let us shift attention from the physical to the Scriptural. Isaiah described a transition from Shebna, (a treasurer under King Hezekiah), to Eliakim. During the demotion-promotion process, God assured Eliakim that He "...will give him the key to the house of David.... [Therefore]; when he opens doors, no one will be able to close them. [And] when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them" (Isa 22:14-22, NLT). Eliakim could believe Isaiah's message because it "...came from the One who is holy and true, the One who has the key of David. [And] what the **Holy One** opens, no one can close; and what He closes, no one can open" (Rev 3:7, NLT). Although the focus of this study is the key to David's house, it is also helpful to define David's house to enhance appreciation of the key to that house. David's house is a dynasty of kings (2 Sam 7:8-12; 2 Sam 3:1-10, NLT). Abner describes the important role that David's House fulfills among God's people. "...For the Lord has said, 'I have chosen David to save my people Israel from the hands of the Philistines and from all their other enemies'" (2 Sam 3:18, NLT). Therefore; the members of David's House must retain the key to the house if they would cooperate with God to fulfill His purpose in their history, namely, to preserve them from captivity by their enemies. The purpose of this study is twofold: a) to define the attributes of the key to David's house, and b) to link the attributes of the key to David's House to the success of God's servants in carrying out His purpose in the world.

2. The acronym, A SHORT KID, is both the memory aid for this study and the key to David's house. What does the acronym, A SHORT KID, means? A is anointing for appointing from the outpouring. S is the strength that comes from God's power. H is humility, O is for obedience, R is for righteousness; T is the testimony of experience, which comes from the glory that returns to God as He gives victory over all enemies. K is for kindness, I is for innovations, and D is for directions. The guiding question that gives focus to the study ask, "What is the key to the House of David and what significance does it hold for God's anointed ones? The chart below offers one answer. Follow along as we navigate from 3 to 4. At level three, the study is in a nutshell. At level four, we explore the details encapsulated at level three.

Figure 1: Characteristics of the Key to the House of David

The anointing and the appointing are necessary, but NOT sufficient for functioning as a servant of God!



Definitions (What do these words mean?):

David's House is his dynasty or government or rulers of successive kings, a.k.a., the monarchy that ruled God's people (1 Sam 16:12-13; 2 Sam 1:12; 2 Sam 2:4 & 11; 2 Sam 5:1-4; 2 Sam 7:8 & 11-12, 16, & 25-27; 2 Chronicles 13:5 & 8, GNT).

David's House was not perfect a perfect house (2 Sam 3:2-5 & 2 Sam 5:13-16), but God, who is perfect, works well with imperfect humans. God pursues us despite our imperfections (1 Kings 11:34-36).

David Broke the House Key is a reference to his departure from righteousness (2 Sam 12:1-11; 1 Kings 14:1-10).