

The Grace of God in Raising up the Godly Leader Eliakim: A Type of Jesus Christ Isaiah 22:20–25

1. <i>He would replace Shebna as government administrator, 36:3</i> a. Would be clothed with all the authority of the minister b. Would be made a father — the head — of the people c. Would be given the key to the house of David — the very power of the throne itself: A picture of Jesus Christ, Rev 3:7	20 “In that day I will summon my servant, Eliakim son of Hilkiah. 21 I will clothe him with your robe and fasten your sash around him and hand your authority over to him. He will be a father to those who live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah. 22 I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.
2. <i>He would be like a well-driven peg in the nation, one of the key persons who helps hold the nation together</i>	23 I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat of honour for the house of his father.
3. <i>He would bear heavy responsibility and bring honour to his family</i>	24 All the glory of his family will hang on him: its offspring and offshoots — all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to all the jars.
4. <i>He would, however, be unable to stop God’s judgment: The fall of Jerusalem</i> a. He was only a peg, a man b. He would be sheared off (die): All who were supported by the peg would collapse	25 “In that day,” declares the LORD Almighty, “the peg driven into the firm place will give way; it will be sheared off and will fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut down.” The LORD has spoken.