

#1176 The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven – The Gates of Hell and the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven are in the same passage

We are now transitioning from The Gates of Hell to The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Key Understanding #1: The Gates of Hell and the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven are prominent in the same passage.

*Matthew 16:16-25 (KJV) And Simon Peter answered and said, **THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.***

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

*18 And I say also unto thee, **THAT THOU ART PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; and THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.***

[Reference Unsealings #693–#695 Dunkirk – Peter as a Rock upon which the Church is built vs. the Church-ill on the Sand, parts 1-3. The bottom line is that Peter was not yet a rock and would not be and could not be until he understood the cross vs. the sword.]

*19 And **I will give unto thee THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN:** and*

whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

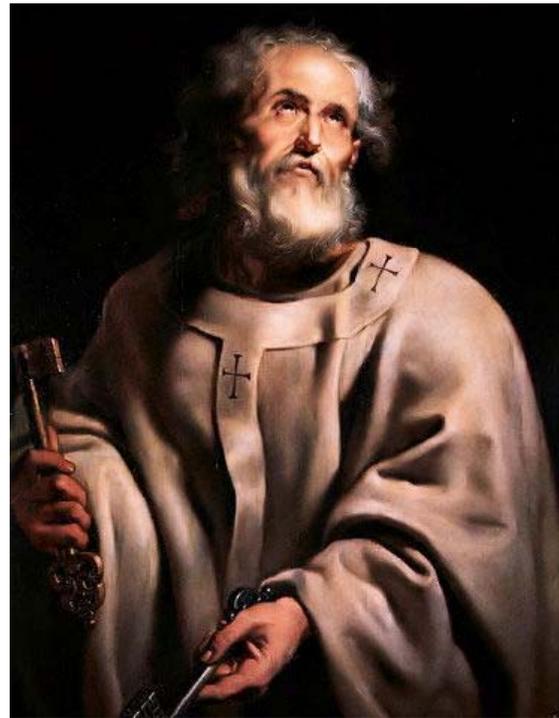
21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

*23 **But he turned, and said unto Peter, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN:** thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

*24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.***

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.



Painting of Saint Peter, by the artist Peter Paul Rubens, depicting the Saint as the Pope: shown with the Pallium and the Keys to Heaven

Key Understanding #2: America having “the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” As a counterfeit of the truth, during its wars with America – the Revolutionary War and the

War of 1812 – Great Britain played the role of the Gates of Hell attempting to prevail against the Lord’s ‘Kingdom of Heaven’ America. Therefore, America is seen as having “the keys of the kingdom of heaven” for mankind.



This brings us to the War of 1812 and Francis Scott **Key**, who during the war wrote the lyrics to America’s national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

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