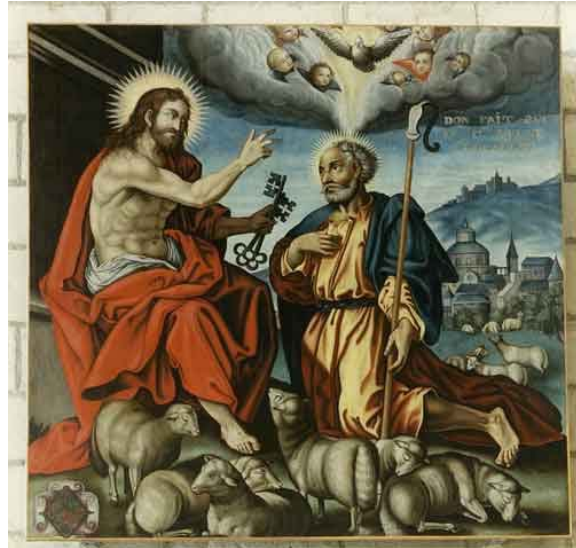


#1186 The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven – The similarities between the Matthew 16:19 Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Revelation 3:7 Key of David, part 2, Binding and Loosing with the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and Opening and Shutting with the Key of David

Matthew 16:19 (KJV) And I will give unto thee THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN [(in the counterfeit) represented by America and Francis Scott Key, once again opposed by the Gates of Hell, represented by Great Britain]: and WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN: and WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.



Key Understanding #1: Binding and loosing with the keys of the kingdom of Heaven and opening and shutting with the key of David. Note the similarities between (i) Peter being given 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,” and (ii) Jesus Christ having the Key of David, and “he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.”

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 [which can be equated to sitting on the throne 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.



Key Understanding #2: Loosing and binding; opening and shutting. Note the similarities between loosing and binding associated with the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and opening and shutting associated with the Key of David. When seen in that light, loosing is similar to (a key) opening and binding is similar to (a key) closing (shutting).

Key Understanding #3: Jesus Christ has the Key of David with the power of opening and shutting, and with such power has set before the church of Philadelphia “an open door, and no man can shut it.” He has the power to control entrance into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven. Similarly, Peter, having the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven because he would obtain the true knowledge and understanding of the doctrines of the Kingdom of Heaven,

could open and close doors to the Kingdom of Heaven, including opening the doors of faith to the Jews on the day of Pentecost and opening the doors of faith to the Gentiles, as seen with Cornelius in Acts 10. This power to dutifully and justifiably open and close doors to the Kingdom of Heaven is actually given to all believers, as is seen in Matthew 18:18. In the simplest of terms, what it all means is to keep out of the Kingdom of Heaven who and what should be kept out, and bring into the Kingdom of Heaven who and what should be brought in.



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