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We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6

My Expanded Teaching Paraphrase of Matthew 16:13-19

13. When Yeshua came into the district of Cesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do people (*anthropos*) say that I, the Son of man, am?” And they said, “Some say John the baptizer, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “And you, who do you say I am?” And answering, Simon Peter said, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And answering, Yeshua said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of John, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you but My Father in the heavens. (*Truth is revealed, not discovered.*) And I also say to you that you are Peter (*Petros, a name and also a small stone.*) and on this rock (*petra, a huge rock mass, referring to the Truth that Peter had just stated, that Yeshua is not just another man, but that He is The Messiah, The Son of the Living God. On this rock Truth..*) I will (continue) to build up **My ekklesia** (= **The Congregation of the LORD** which began with Moses in the wilderness, Acts 7:38, as kahal [Heb] and ekklesia [LXX], and *continues on* with David in Psalm 22:2 kahal [Heb] and ekklesia [LXX] quoted in Hebrews 2:12 as ekklesia. “Church” comes from kuriakon, not ekklesia. There is no kuriakon in the NT, so there should not be any “church” in any Bible. Kuriakon or Kyriakon in my Webster’s Dictionary is a “house of a kurios or lord.” Since all pagan gods and goddesses are called “kurios so & so,” we might say that a kuriakon in NT times was a pagan temple.) and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. (*many deaths will not destroy the ekklesia as new Believers will take their place. The Congregation of the LORD is the Messianic Community.*)

19. And I will give to you (*singular, Peter only*) the keys of the kingdom of the heavens (*The keys were first used by Peter as the spokesman to “open” to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2, the Gospel that is now completed in time, fulfilling the Prophecies of the coming Messiah, that Yeshua of Nazareth is That Messiah Who has died, risen from the dead and has returned to heaven, having actually paid for all their sins. The keys were used the 2nd time in Acts 8 to “open” the Gospel to the Samaritans. Philip had gone to Samaria to proclaim the Gospel to them but since he did not have the “keys” the Samaritans could not be born-from-Above until Peter put his hands on them, showing acceptance and the end of the ancient hostility between them and the Jews. The keys were used the 3rd and final time in Acts 10 to “open” the Gospel to the Gentiles who were represented by Cornelius, the God-fearing Roman Centurion. Philip lived in Cesarea at the time, but since Philip did not have the keys, he could not “open” the Gospel to any Gentile. Therefore, God told Cornelius to send for Peter, who was staying in Joppa at the time, and Peter would “open” the Gospel to him and his extended family. That is the full extent of the use of the keys as verified in the Acts, no more and no less.*) And whatever you might bind (*forbid*) on the earth shall be already having been bound in the heavens, and whatever you might loose (*permit*) on the earth shall be already having been loosed in the heavens.” (*Whatever halacha decisions you make in the future must be made based on the TORAH, which has already been established in the heavens, and plainly written in the Tanach.*)

In Matthew 18:18, the same binding and loosing is said in the plural to all the disciples, reminding them and us, that the TORAH is fixed forever and our applications must be based on it. The Torah reflects God’s nature and He does not change. Yeshua amplified and explained the Torah very well.

It is absolutely essential that every Bible Believer understand Matthew 16:13-19, since all versions are defective and are used by the church, especially the Roman Catholic, as dogma that they have the keys of the kingdom of the heavens and control entrance into heaven, purgatory, and hell. They also have as dogma that they have the right to bind and loose anything in the Bible they want to, because they base their dogma on the future tense, that God will rubber-stamp all their decisions (giving an inverted meaning), rather than the actual Greek past tense, which means something fixed in past time, the Torah, with continuing effectivity. It also shows that no church or any entity was established by Yeshua that might replace Israel. He could never cancel any of His Promises to Abraham, Moses, David or anyone else in the Tanach! God does not lie!! Israel and the kahal/ekklesia last forever! Jer 31:35-37.