

### **The Keys of the Kingdom and the Gates of Hades**

Matthew 16: 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. 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.

### **The Greek mindset concerning Hades**

In Greek mythology, the Titans : Chronos and Reia were overthrown

Air (Zeus) , water (Poseidon) and earth and it's treasures (Hades)

In common lingua Greek, the word hades meant "opaque" – hidden, blurred

\* In classic, written Greek, hades (a) eido - not perceived by eyes or senses, or known

Greek euphemism for the "god" Hades was Plutos "the wealthy one"

\*The Underworld was considered to consist in three parts:

1. Elysian fields (noble) 2. Asfadel meadow (okay people), 3. Tartarus (Punishment)

Roman title for Hades is Plutos (wealth)

Interesting Aside:

Pluto – 11 year old Venetia Burney suggested to her grandfather – he passed it on to astronomers at Lowell observatory in 1930 – distant, dark and cold. Since 2006 considered a dwarf planet

### **Negative References of *plutos* - wealth, source in the Word of God**

Parable of sower – deceitfulness of, combined with cares that choke our the Word

Romans 11:12 Of the world and the gentiles

I Timothy 6:17 Do not trust in its uncertainty

Hebrews 11:26 Moses chose the reproach of “Christ” better than riches of Egypt

James 5:2 Riches corrupted, garments moth-eaten

Revelation 18:17 – In one hour, riches of Babylon destroyed

(Isaiah 45: 3 To Cyrus – treasures of darkness, hidden riches of secret places)

### **Positive References of *plutos* - wealth, source in the Word of God**

#### **“Grace” won by the Lamb**

Revelation 5:12 To the Lamb – power, **riches**, wisdom, kratos, honor, glory, blessing

Ephesians 1:7 Riches of His grace leading to redemption and forgiveness

Ephesians 2:7 – In ages to come, exceeding riches of His grace shown

Ephesians 3:7 Grace given to preach unsearchable riches of Christ

Romans 2:4 God's goodness and forbearance and long-suffering

***Progressions of Glory***

Colossians 1:27 God makes known the riches of His glory of this mystery among Gentiles – which is Christ IN you, the hope of glory

Colossians 2:2 Hearts drawn together, knit in agape, unto riches of assurance and understanding, to acknowledge mystery of God, the Father, and of Christ

\*Ephesians 1:18 Eyes of understanding enlightened, hope of calling and riches of inheritance of saints

Romans 11:33 Depth of riches in wisdom and knowledge of God...unsearchable judgments and ways past finding out

Romans 9:23 Of His glory on vessels of mercy prepared for His glory

***Supply***

Ephesians 3:16 By the riches of His glory, kratos and dunamis by His spirit in inner man

Philippians 4:19 God supply all need by riches in glory by Christ Jesus

II Corinthians 8:2 Macedonian churches financial liberality

What about the keys of the Kingdom?