

He Has the Keys of Death and of Hades

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"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last; and what you see write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the midst of the seven lampstands someone like unto **the Son of Man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girded about the waist with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice was like the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the First and the Last; I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen. And I have the Keys of Death and of Hades.'" ([Rev. 1:10-18](#))

have: from the Greek word ***echo*** which means: to have; to hold; to possess; In context: only Jesus possesses the keys and authority that comes with them. Death: a state of existence; and Hades: a place of existence, are opened or closed only by King Jesus.

Keys: from the Greek word ***kleis*** which means: keys; a set of keys; the metal thing used to unlock doors or locks. The One who has the keys has the power to open and to shut. The word '*kleis*' is figuratively used in the Bible to denote power and authority of various kinds. In context: only Jesus has the keys and authority to unlock or lock the gates of Death & Hades.

Death: from the Greek word ***thanatou*** which means: death; physical or spiritual; the absence of Life! In context: a state of existence of being dead (un-alive) either physically or spiritually, or both. For better or worse for people, Jesus Has the keys of Death or Life; Destruction or Salvation; eternity in Heaven, or eternity in hell.

Hades: from the Greek word ***hades*** which means: Hades; the un-seen domain; or the un-seen world; the underworld; the abiding place of departed souls; the temporary home of the departed persons who are awaiting the resurrection of the dead, and the day of judgment, whether for Eternal Life in the Glorious Kingdom of God; or Eternal Damnation in Hell (Gehenna, also called the Lake of Fire). A place that needs a key to open and close: implying a locked door or Gate(s).

Jesus first says, "**Fear not**; I am the First and the Last: I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen." Jesus is reminding John, and all believers, that Eternal Life and Salvation is in and through Jesus Himself. However, Jesus follows with a serious warning by saying that He also has "the Keys of Death and of Hades." These two statements by Jesus set the concern that Jesus has for the messages to the seven Churches.

The primary usage of the term 'Keys of Death and of Hades' by Jesus, and others, is that of judgement followed by punishment; of which Jesus will have all authority. It is as He says to one of the seven churches:

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; 'These things says He (Jesus) who is Holy, He who is True, He who has the **Key** of David (authority as King of Kings), **He who opens**, and no man shuts; **and shuts**, and no man opens.' " ([Revelation 3:7](#))

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Jesus taught about and Hades in various ways; please consider the following:

"And I say also unto you, 'That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and **the Gates of Hades** shall not prevail against it.'" (Matthew 16:18)

"Woe unto you, Chorazin! Woe unto you Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they would have repented a great while ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And you, Capernaum (the hometown of Jesus during His ministry years), which is exalted to heaven, shall be thrust **down to Hades**." (Luke 10:13-15)

"There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and lived in splendor every day. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: ... And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into **Abraham's Bosom**. The rich man also died, and was buried; and in Hades being in torments, he lifted up his eyes, and seeing Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame**.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that those who would pass from hear to you cannot; nor can they pass to us, who would come from there.' " (Luke 16:19-26)

In the case of Lazarus, there is a place in the un-seen domain called Abraham's Bosom, which is all together separated from the place in the un-seen domain: a place in Hades, where the rich man is a suffering in flame and torments: which is a picture of hell (gehenna). Concerning this place of suffering in Hell, Jesus said this:

"And I say unto you my friends, do not be afraid of those who can kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear; Fear **Him**, (God) who after **He** has killed **has power (and keys) to cast into hell (gehenna)**; yes, I say unto you, Fear Him." (Luke 12:4-5)

"Enter you in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads **to destruction (i.e. hell-Gehenna)**, and there are many who go in there; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto Life (Everlasting), and few are those who find it." (Matthew 7:13-14)

"For whoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My Name, because you belong to Christ, truly I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. But, whoever shall stumble (in sin) one of these little ones who believe in Me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if your hand stumbles you, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell (gehenna), into the fire that shall never be quenched." (Mark 9:42-48)

"You have heard that it was said by them from older times, 'You shall not kill; and whoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment.' But I say unto you, That whoever is angry with his brother without a cause **shall be in danger of the judgment**::; and whosoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be in danger of the council; but whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be in danger of **hell (gehenna) fire**." (Matthew 5:21-22)

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Death and Hades is not written about favorably in the Revelation prophecies:

"And I saw a Great White Throne and Him (Jesus) who sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life; and **the dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and **Death and Hades** delivered up the dead who were in **them**; and they were judged every man according to their works. And **Death and Hades** (those souls left within them) were **cast into the Lake of Fire**; this is the **Second Death**. And whoever was **not** found written in the Book of Life **was cast into the Lake of Fire** (i.e. in Gehenna)." (Revelation 20:11-15)

"And He said unto me, 'It is done. I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **Beginning and the End**. I will give unto him who is thirsty of the fountain of the water of Life freely. He who overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the Lake which burns with fire and brimstone: **which is the Second Death**.'" (Revelation 21:6-8)

But for the believer in Christ Jesus there shall be no abiding within Death and Hades. Please consider the following:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (i.e. die), but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on **immortality**. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "**Death is swallowed up in victory**" (Isaiah 25:8). **O Death**, where is your sting? **O Hades**, where is your victory? The sting of Death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)

"I will ransom **them** (God's righteous people) from the power of **Sheol** (Sheol: has the same meaning as Hades); I will redeem them from Death" (see Hosea 13:12-14)

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**For believers in Jesus, He will ransom them from the power of Hades !!
And He shall redeem them from eternal Death !!**

For unbelievers, their their future will be in the Lake of Fire – the Second Death !!

**To believers Jesus says, "Fear not; I am the First and the Last;
I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold,
I am alive forevermore, Amen. !!**

**Thank You Father for giving us victory over death through our Lord Jesus !!
Thank You for giving us Life, Immortality, and an inheritance in Your Kingdom !!**

Come soon again Lord Jesus !!