

Keys of Heaven Discussion

Clearly in the opening discussion regards Pharisaic Schools (Hillel & Shammai) that Yahshua is neither agreeing nor disagreeing with either school, He is in fact just upholding Torah, which just happens to agree with the Talmudic Principle.

Definition of Halacha Authority – ‘Collective body of Jewish law including Torah (613 laws) and later Talmudic and Rabbinic Law as well as Customs and traditions’.

If the original Halacha authority is only the Torah then fine!

The ‘keys’ are initially given to Eliakim, who is he and why?

A person named "Eliakim" served in an office as governor of the palace of King Hezekiah he succeeded Shebna (Isa. 22:15-25). He was a good man (Isa. 22:20; 2 Kings 18:37), and had a splendid and honourable career. As master of Hezekiah's household ("over the house," as) (Isaiah 36:3) (2 Kings 18:18,26,37) (B.C. 713.) Eliakim as a good man, appears by the title emphatically applied to him by YHVH, "my servant Eliakim," (Isaiah 22:20) and also in the discharge of the duties of his high station, in which he acted as a "father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah." (Isaiah 22:21)

Name (Eliakim) means ‘Raised up by YHVH’ and obviously trusted by YHVH.

In this, Eliakim becomes a prophecy of the Messiah, because Yahshua told us this passage spoke of Himself: These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens. (Revelation 3:7) Yahshua is the one with the keys of Hades and of Death (Revelation 1:18), who has all authority both in heaven and on earth. Yahshua delegates this authority as it pleases Him (Matthew 16:19).

He shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut and no one shall open: Eliakim would have this kind of authority from YHVH. Since he is a picture of Yahshua, we know that Yahshua has the authority to open and shut doors in our lives.

As Eliakim lived during the time of the end of the reign of the Kings of Judah, when they were displeasing to YHVH and leading the people away from the truth. (Just prior to the exile of Judah). They were also allowing the priesthood to become corrupted, both unacceptable to YHVH. Therefore through Isaiah it was prophesied that the ‘Keys’ or authority was to pass from the Kingship of the line of David or from the priesthood (because of disobedience) to the Man/line of Eliakim because he was found worthy in the eyes of YHVH to hold those keys. I would assume at some point between Eliakim and Yahshua that those keys passed to or where ‘taken’ (stolen) by the Pharisees and Sadducees usurping the righteous authority. Therefore when Yahshua arrived and clearly challenged and rebuked the rabbinical authority in order to take back those keys and discredit them. He then gives

the keys to Peter (disciples) before his departure and to remain in the hands of His true disciples until His return when again He will take the 'Keys' and authority back.

Mat 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My assembly, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against her.

Mat 16:19 **And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven.** And whatever you bind on earth shall occur, having been bound in Heaven. And whatever you may loose on the earth shall be, having been loosed in Heaven.

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מפתח

maphtéach

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From **H6605**; an *opener*, that is, a *key*: - key.

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κλεις

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From **G2808**; a *key* (as *shutting* a lock), literally or figuratively: - key.

The word key means the same in both the Hebrew & Greek

The main issue underlying the issue of 'authority' or 'key' is to understand exactly who does have the authority? And did Shiloh come?

Judah still holds to the fact (wrongly) that they have the authority (keys). But now having a greater understanding of this document (The keys of heaven) this scripture now has a clearer meaning, but it is also important to understand clearly that when Yahshua came He did fulfill the prophecy and did take the authority (keys) from Judah.

Gen 49:8 Judah, may your brothers praise you, your hand be on the neck of your enemies. May the sons of your father bow themselves to you.

Gen 49:9 Judah is a lion's whelp. My son, you have risen up from the prey; he stoops, he crouches like a lion; and like a lioness, who can rouse him?

Gen 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawmaker from between his feet, **until He comes to whom it belongs (Shiloh), and the obedience of the people to him.**

Gen 49:11 Binding his foal to the vine, and **his donkey's colt** to the choice vine, he washes his clothing in wine, and his covering in the blood of grapes.

Gen 49:12 His eyes shall be dark from wine and his teeth white from milk.

There is also the reference here that links to Mathew 21, which also takes on more significant meaning in light of this document. When the Donkey colt is mentioned.

Mat 21:1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came into Bethphage, toward the Mount of Olives, then Yahshua sent two disciples,

Mat 21:2 saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loosening, lead them to Me.

Mat 21:3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, our Master has need of them. And he will send them at once.

Mat 21:4 But all this happened that might be fulfilled that spoken by the prophet, saying

Mat 21:5 "Say to the daughter of Tzion, behold your king comes to you meek and mounted upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of a donkey." (Isa. 62:11; Zech. 9:9)

Mat 21:6 And the disciples, having gone and having done as Yahshua ordered them,

Mat 21:7 they led the donkey and the colt. And they put on them their garments, and set Him on them.

Mat 21:8 And the very great crowd strewed their garments in the road. And others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them in the way.

Mat 21:9 And the crowd, the ones going before and the ones following, were crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! "Blessed is He coming in the name of YAHWEH!"

Hosanna in the highest! (Psa. 118:26)

Mat 21:10 And as He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was shaken, saying, Who is this?

Mat 21:11 And the crowds said, This is Yahshua, the Prophet, the One from Nazareth of Galilee.

Mat 21:12 And Yahshua entered into the sanctuary of YAHWEH and threw out all those selling and buying in the sanctuary. And He overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling the doves.

Mat 21:13 And He said to them, It has been written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a cave of bandits." (Isa. 56:7; Jer 7:11)

Mat 21:14 And blind and lame ones came to Him in the sanctuary, and He healed them.

Mat 21:15 But the chief priests and the scribes, seeing the wonders which He did, and the children crying out in the sanctuary, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were incensed.

Mat 21:16 And they said to Him, Do you hear what these say? And Yahshua said to them, Yes. Did you never read, "Out of the mouth of children and infants You have fashioned praise?" (Psa. 8:2)

Joh 12:15 "Do not fear, daughter of Zion Behold your King comes to you and is mounted upon a colt, the foal of a female donkey."

Clearly Yahshua is being presented as the 'King' to His people and therefore meets the requirements of genesis 49. This scripture is given in Mark 11, John 12 and Luke 19. In Luke 19 the analogy to the declaration begins made by the stones themselves if the people had not spoken.

Luk 19:40 And answering, He said to them, I say to you, If these should be silent, the stones will cry out.

Joh 1:49 Nathaniel answered and said to Him, Rabbi, You are the Son of YAHWEH; You are the King of Israel.

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you! He is righteous and being victorious, humble, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the son of a donkey.

There is also the announcement by the three wise men, Herods recognition that a King had been born etc Clearly Shiloh has arrived and had the authority to remove the sceptre from Judah. The next parable in Mathew 21 also fits nicely into this issue of authority and why the Pharisees so strongly desired to maintain this 'authority' or 'key' even though they have no authority to do so.

Mat 21:23 And He having come into the sanctuary, the chief priests and elders of the people came near to Him as He was teaching, saying, **By what authority** do You do these things? And who **gave this authority** to You?

Mat 21:24 And answering, Yahshua said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mat 21:25 The baptism of John, from where was it? From Heaven, or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, from Heaven, He will say to us, why then did you not believe him?

Mat 21:26 But if we should say, From men, we fear the people. For all hold John to be a prophet.

Mat 21:27 And answering Yahshua, they said, We do not know. And He said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mat 21:28 But what do you think? A man had two children, and coming to the first he said, Child, go today; work in my vineyard.

Mat 21:29 And answering, he said, I will not. But afterward, having regretted, he went.

Mat 21:30 And having come to the second, he said the same. And answering, he said, I go, sir; but he did not leave.

Mat 21:31 Which of the two did the will of the father? They said to Him, The first. Yahshua said to them, Truly I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go before you into the kingdom of YAHWEH.

Mat 21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him. But the tax-collectors and the harlots believed him. And having seen you did not repent afterwards to believe him.

Mat 21:33 Hear another parable, There was a certain man, a house Master, who planted a vineyard and placed a hedge around it; and He dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. And He rented it to vinedressers and left the country. (Isa. 51: 2)

Mat 21:34 And when the season of the fruits came, He sent His slaves to the vinedressers to receive His fruits.

Mat 21:35 And the vinedressers, taking His slaves, they beat this one, and they killed one, and they stoned another.

Mat 21:36 Again He sent other slaves, more than the first. And they did the same to them.

Mat 21:37 And lastly, He sent His Son to them saying perhaps they might be ashamed before my Son.

Mat 21:38 But seeing the Son, the vinedressers said among themselves, **This is the heir. Come, let us kill Him and possess His inheritance.**

Mat 21:39 And taking Him, they threw Him out of the vineyard and killed Him.

Mat 21:40 Therefore, when the Master of the vineyard comes, what will He do to those vinedressers?

Mat 21:41 They were saying to Him, "He will savagely destroy them and He will lease the vineyard to other laborers, those who will give to Him the fruit in its season."

Mat 21:42 Yahshua said to them, Did you never read in the Scriptures, "the Stone which the builders rejected, this One became the Head of the Corner? This was from YAHWEH, and it is a wonder in our eyes?" (Psa. 118:22, 23)

Mat 21:43 Because of this I say to you, **The kingdom of YAHWEH will be taken from you, and it will be given to a people who produce fruits.**

Mat 21:44 And he who falls on this Stone will be broken; but on whomever It falls, It will destroy him.

Mat 21:45 And hearing His parables, the chief priests and the Pharisees knew that He was speaking about them.

Mat 21:46 And seeking to lay hold of Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him as a prophet.

Clearly the issue of who holds the key or authority is strongly sought-after and extremely important. So the Pharisees did not want to relinquish their authority over the people. This was the last straw; Yahshua now had to be dealt with!! But before His death Yahshua has already taken back the keys from the Pharisees and Sadducees and given it to His disciple Peter.

The next issue linked in here is the issue of the the 'Corner Stone' which is the grounding for His kingdom.

1Pe 2:4 to whom you have come, because He is a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen of YAHWEH and precious.

1Pe 2:5 You also as living stones are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah.

1Pe 2:6 "As it is said in the Scripture: Behold, I lay in Zion an elect, precious Stone, a chief Corner-stone; and the one believing in Him shall not be ashamed!" (Isa. 28:16)

1Pe 2:7 Then, it is to you who believe, that this honor is given. But to disobeying ones, He is the "Stone which those building rejected; this One became the Head of the Corner." (Psa. 118:22)

1Pe 2:8 He is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. And they stumble at it, because they believe not the word: for which they were appointed. (Isa. 8:14)

Rom 9:33 as it has been written, Behold, I place in Zion a Stone-of-stumbling, and a Rock-of-offense, "and everyone believing on Him will not be shamed." (Isa. 28:16; Isa. 8:14)

The full context of Revelation now becomes apparent....If we get to choose which of the 7 Churches of revelation to which we wanted to belong it would be Philadelphia. This is the one that contains the 'keys' and also the promise of protection.

Rev 3:7 And to the messenger of the congregation in **Philadelphia**, write: These things says the Holy One, the True One, "The One having the key of David, the One opening, and no one shuts; and shuts, and no one opens:" (Isa. 22:22)

Rev 3:8 I know your works. Behold, I have given a door being opened before you, and no one is able to shut it, for you have a little strength and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name.

Rev 3:9 Behold, I give out of the synagogue of Satan those saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but they lie. Behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they shall know that I loved you.

Rev 3:10 Because you kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is going to come upon all the world in order to try those dwelling on the earth.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly. Hold what you have that no one take your crown.

Rev 3:12 The one overcoming, I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My Elohim, and he shall not go out any more. And I will write the name of My Elohim on him, and the name of the city of My Elohim, the New Jerusalem which comes down out of Heaven from My Elohim, and My new name.

This issue of conversion to Judaism and 'denying Yahshua' may also cause those exclusion from the this Church!!! Which really is the only on to be part of.