

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN SERIES

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KINGDOM INTELLIGENCE: THEORY OF EVERYTHING

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Power Verse

2 Corinthians 4:16 (HCSB)

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Kingdom Intelligence

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING

The Theory of Everything involves the quest by physicists to discover mathematical formula that explains the construction of the universe.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Isaiah 55:11 (AMP) — 11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

AMAZING WORLD & INTELLIGENCE

DINNER & A MOVIE

Revelation 3:20 (NLT) “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

GOD & THE BIG TOE

Acts 17:24–28 (HCSB) — **24** The God who made the world and everything in it — **He is Lord of heaven and earth** and does not live in shrines made by hands. **25** Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things. **26** From one man He has made every nationality to live over the whole earth **and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries** of where they live. **27 He did this so they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.** **28** For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’

Hebrews 1:1–3 (HCSB) — **1** Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. **2** In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him. **3** The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Colossians 1:16–17 (HCSB) — **16** For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the **visible and the invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through Him and for Him. **17** He is before all things, **and by Him all things hold together.**

Genesis 50:20 (HCSB) — **20** You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.

JESUS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE AND HE ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM

Matthew 16:18–19 (NASB95) — **18** “I also say to you that you are **Peter**, and upon this **rock** I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. **19** “I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Peter → little stone

This Rock → bedrock, mountain ledge

Isaiah 28:16 (NASB95) — **16** Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

1 Corinthians 3:9–11 (NASB95) — **9** For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. **10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. **11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 10:4 (NASB95) — 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock [ledge] which followed them; **and the rock [ledge] was Christ.**

Matthew 23:13 (NASB95) — 13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you **shut off the kingdom of heaven** from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

John 20:23 (NASB95) — 23 “If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.”

THE KINGDOM IS EVERYTHING

2 Corinthians 4:1–6 (HCSB) — 1 Therefore, since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy, we do not give up. **2** Instead, we have *renounced* shameful secret things, not walking in deceit or distorting God’s message, but **commending ourselves to every person’s conscience in God’s sight by an open display of the truth.**

3 But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** **In their case, the *god of this age* has blinded the minds of the *unbelievers* so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

5 For we are not proclaiming ourselves but **Jesus Christ as Lord**, and ourselves as your slaves because of Jesus. **6** For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7–18 (HCSB) — 7 Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.

8 We are pressured in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; **9** we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

10 We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. **11** For we who live are always given over to death because of Jesus, so that Jesus' life may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. **12** So death works in us, but life in you.

13 And since we have the same spirit of faith in keeping with what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we also believe, and therefore speak. **14** We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and present us with you. **15** Indeed, everything is for your benefit, so that grace, extended through more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to increase to God's glory.

16 Therefore **we do not give up**. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, **our inner person is being renewed day by day**.

17 For our **momentary** light affliction is producing for us an absolutely **incomparable eternal** weight of *glory*.

18 So we do not focus on **what is seen**, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but **what is unseen is eternal**.

To “bind” (δησις [*dēsēis*]) in rabbinical language is to forbid, to “loose” (λυσις [*lusēis*]) is to permit. Peter would be like a rabbi who passes on many points. Rabbis of the school of Hillel “loosed” many things that the school of Schammai “bound.” The teaching of Jesus is the standard for Peter and for all preachers of Christ. Note the future perfect indicative (ἔσται δεδεμενον, ἔσται λελυμενον [*estai dedemenon, estai lelumenon*]), a state of completion. All this assumes, of course, that Peter’s use of the keys will be in accord with the teaching and mind of Christ.¹

Matthew 16:18 has caused considerable controversy, but verse 19 has been even more fiercely debated. Nothing in either verse, however, suggests the possibility that Peter or any of the apostles were given authority to forgive sins. The words *bind* and *loose* are rabbinic terms meaning *to forbid* and *to permit*. *Keys* were the symbol of knowledge or the fruit of the scribal or teaching office. This is clearly shown in Luke 11:52 where Jesus says to the lawyers, “Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge.” Peter and the apostles were given the “keys of the kingdom”; that is, the gospel of Christ that would loose those who received it and bind those who did not.²

The expressions “will be bound in heaven” and “will be loosed in heaven,” as rendered in Matthew 16:19, are examples in Greek of the periphrastic future perfect passive construction and should, therefore, be translated “will have been bound already” and “will have been loosed already” in heaven. In other words, Peter’s pronouncement of “binding” or “loosing” is dependent upon what heaven has already willed, rather than earth’s giving direction to heaven. It’s illogical and unscriptural to think that heaven is subject to earth and must follow what it directs; earth is always subject to heaven, and only that which heaven has already willed can be done on earth.³

¹ Robertson, A. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Mt 16:19). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

² Freeman, J. M., & Chadwick, H. J. (1998). *Manners & customs of the Bible* (355–356). North Brunswick, NJ: Bridge-Logos Publishers.

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