

**The Gates of Hell shall not Prevail**  
**Acts 12**  
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Voltaire and the Geneva Bible Society.

At Caesarea Philippi Jesus said, “on this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

What does “on this rock” mean?

Tell me about Caesarea Philippi.

**Sin has brought division and warfare to God’s creation.**

We should expect conflict, *but we should also expect victory.*

**Who was Herod (Agrippa 1)?**

Marcus Julius Agrippa, 10BC - 44Ad

As king, he eagerly sought the approval of the Jewish people.

Herod martyred James, and Peter was next.

Peter was in prison securely guarded. Why? (Acts 5:17-21)

**The Church's response to Persecution from the State**

Earnest Prayer v 5

**Angel Comes to Peter**

Wakes him up, on the day before his execution.

**Peter Goes to Church**

Rhoda reports that Peter is here, no one believes her.

**Herod Reacts**

Searches for Peter, kills the guards and runs off to Caesarea.

**Herod, and Tyre and Sidon**

Herod at a feast rose to give a speech to those from Tyre and Sidon.

The Spiritual Autopsy determined the cause of death; pride. Isa 14:17

Our text closes with these familiar words throughout the book of Acts, “the Word of God increased and multiplied:

**We are at war - and we shall prevail!**

The gates of hell shall not stand against the triumph of God through his church.