<u>#1174 The Gates of Hell – Cerberus</u>

Matthew 16:18 (KJV) And I say also unto thee, <u>THAT THOU ART PETER, AND UPON</u> <u>THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH</u>; and <u>THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT</u> <u>PREVAIL AGAINST IT</u>.

Cerberus in Greek mythology. In Greek mythology, Cerberus was a ferocious three-headed dog with a tail of a serpent that guarded the gates of hell. He ensured that spirits could enter hell but not exit.

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Cerberus in the American **Revolutionary War.** The

Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775, at Lexington and Concord. In the meantime, the British had dispatched to America the ship *Cerberus*, named after the mythical three-headed dog that guarded the gates of hell. Aboard the Cerberus were three British generals – John Burgoyne, Henry Clinton, and William Howe – who would have significant roles in the years to come. It arrived on May 25, 1775. The rebel press lampooned the event, realizing that the three generals equated to a three-headed dog. One rhymester of the time wrote:

Behold the Cerberus the Atlantic plough, Her precious cargo Burgoyne, Clinton, Howe, Bow, wow, wow.

Key Understanding: *The gates of hell against America*. From the American spirit and viewpoint, the three British generals aboard the *Cerberus* – John Burgoyne, Henry Clinton,



and William Howe – were representing Great Britain as the three-headed dog Cerberus and the Gates of Hell. The Gates of Hell were unleashed against America.

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