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STUDY VERSE SECTION - Matthew 16:18–19, HCSB - ¹⁸ *And I also say to you that you are Peter [Gk: Πέτρος (PET-ros), lit., a stone], and on this rock [Gk: πέτρα (PET-ra) lit., a ledge or wall of stone; most scholars believe that this word, “petra,” refers NOT to Peter but to his confession, “You are the Messiah (or “the Christ”), the Son of the living God.”] I will build My church, and the forces of Hades [both the place and activity of Hell] will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven.” [In the simplest understanding, we are to be in harmony with Heaven/Jesus.]*

Four Statements about The Church Jesus Built:

1. Christ OWNS the church.
2. Christ BUILDS the church.
3. Christ PROTECTS the church.
4. Christ EMPOWERS the church.

HERE IS
THE POINT

The church—the bride of Christ—represents the highest priority on God’s agenda and is His blueprint for completing His plans on the earth. [It is His Plan A]

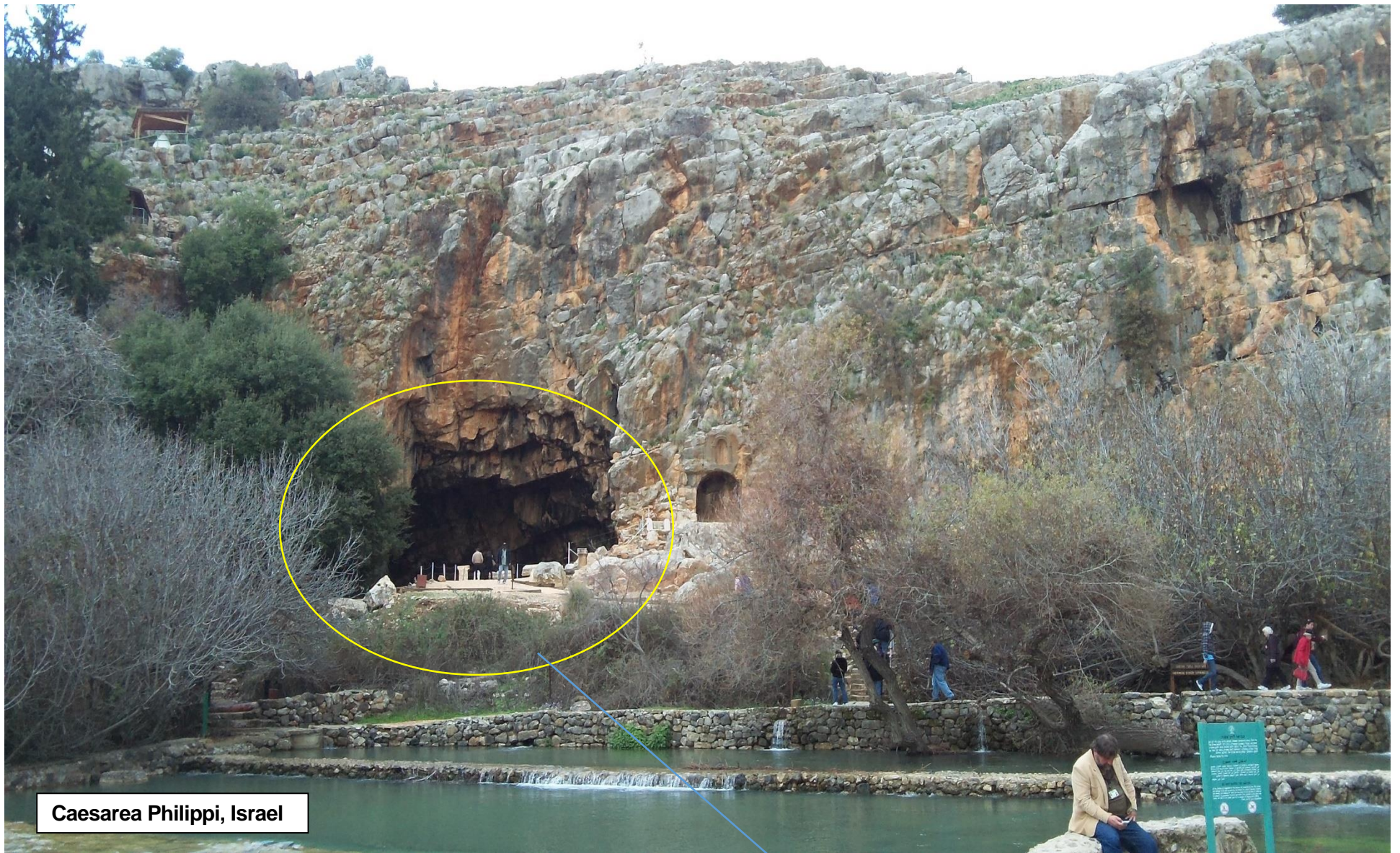
Four reasons to join a local church:

Biblical—“*Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.*” - Eph. 5:25

Social—it is an antidote to an uncommitted world.

Practical—we need to know who we can count on.

Personal—you need the church.



Caesarea Philippi, Israel

According to the mythology of Pan, the guardian of the underworld, this is the "Gate to Hell".