

as a translation of the Hebrew *kasal*, which ~~xxxx~~ means the congregation of the people of Israel. And perhaps the fact that *ecclesia* sounds a little like *kasal*, has something to do with their selection of this particular word from among the Greek words which might be ~~suitable~~ suitable to represent this Hebrew word. We don't know. But it is used commonly in the Septuagint for the gathering of the people of God. And ~~Steen~~^{Steen}, in Act, quotes from the Septuagint where he speaks of the church in the wilderness. The gathering together of Christian people of God, the *ecclesia*.

Just like the gathering together of the people fo Athens was the *ecclesia* of Athens.....(end of record)

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In the Gospel of Matthew it is used in two passages. The word *ecclesia*. The word *koreapon* is never used. But the word *ecclesia* is used three times in the ~~xxxx~~ Gospels, all three being in Matthew 16 to 18. So those of you who have that passage will be much interested, whatever your idea of the development of the Christian church before and after the death of Christ, which from any viewpoint, I don't care who you are, how extreme you are in one direction or the other, we all agree that there is a different ~~xxxx~~ dispensation before the death of Christ and that which is after. All Christians agree on that. What ever they may say, all Christians are dispensationalists to that extent. But, whatever you ~~xxxx~~ think about that, the use of the word *ecclesia* in Matthew is of great importacne to church ogvt. And it is used in these two chapters, 16 to ~~xx~~ 18, and in chap. 16, upon this rock I will byild my church. He doesn't say ~~xx~~ my churches, He says my church. I will build my church. ^{does or} And surely what ever else this verse ~~xxxxxx~~ does not teach, it ~~x~~ teaches that there is something which is a unti, which is one thing, which can be called the church of Christ. It surely teaches that. It surely teaches of the invisible, universal catholic church. My church is built upon ~~x~~ ^z this rock. It does not mean a lot of separate churches. Whatever you find elsewhere, this use here shows that there is one church which Christ built, which is the church of Christ, and there is only one church which is the church of Christ in this century. ~~x~~