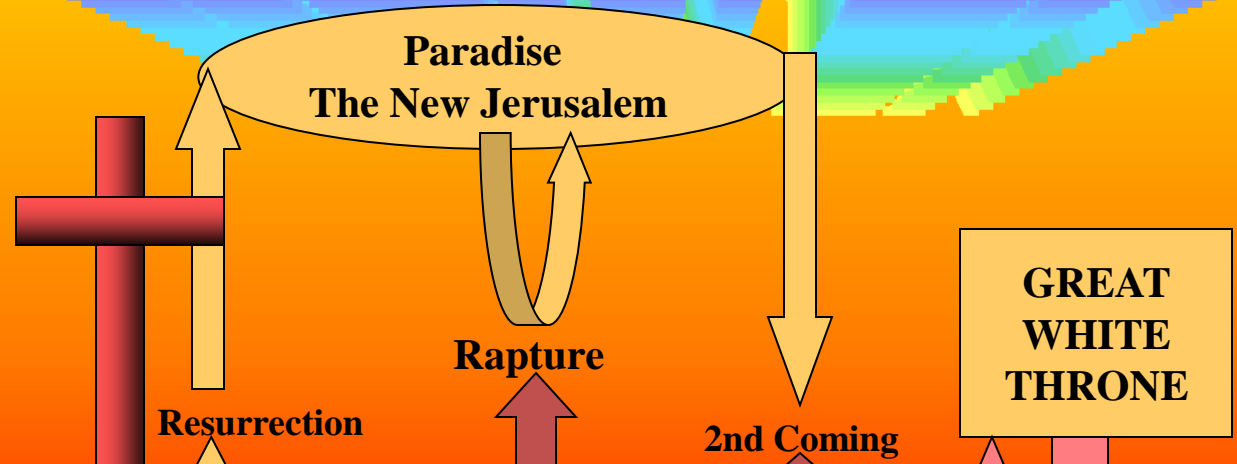


The Places of the Dead The Unseen World

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| 1.) Sheol (OT Hebrew) | 8.) Gehenna (Men & Angels) |
| 2.) Hades (NT Greek) | 9.) Lake of Fire (Descriptive) |
| 3.) Abbadon (OT Lost) | 10.) Abraham's Bosom (NT) |
| 4.) The Pit (Lost Side) | 11.) Paradise (NT) |
| 5.) The Abyss (NT Angels) | 12.) Heaven (Abode of God) |
| 6.) Tartarus (Gen. Angels) | 13.) The New Jerusalem |
| 7.) Hell (Abbadon/Pit) | |

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Bodies of Saved and Lost After Death

CHURCH SAINTS O.T. SAINTS
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Souls/Spirits of The Saved **Bosom of Abraham**

Matthew 27:52-53
Leviticus 23:10-12
Ephesians 4:8-10

Souls/Spirits of The Lost **Abbadon, The Pit (HELL)**

The Abyss (Fallen Angels)

Tartarus (Gen. 6 Fallen Angels)



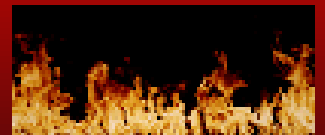
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Hell

To have a correct view of “HELL,” it’s necessary to understand “THE UNDERWORLD”.

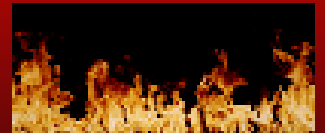
SHEOL is a Hebrew word found 65 times in the Old Testament. It is translated “*hell*” 31 times; “*grave*” 31 times; and “*the pit*” 3 times. The corresponding word in the New Testament is “*Hades*.” It is translated “*hell*” 10 times. “SHEOL” and “HADES” mean “THE UNSEEN STATE,” or the place to which the soul and spirit go between death and resurrection of the body. These are not the “*hell*” of final punishment for the wicked. That is called “*TOPHET*” in the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and “*GEHENNA*” in the Greek of the New Testament. Neither do they denote the “*BOTTOMLESS PIT*” of Revelation 20:1-3, for that is “*ABUSSOS*,” nor the prison house of the fallen angels (2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6), that is “*Tartarus*.” The general meaning of all of these terms is “THE UNDERWORLD.”



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“SHEOL” & “HADES” mean: “a hollow subterranean place”

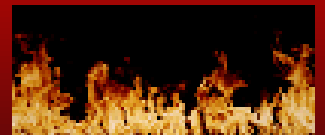
- * It has gates. (Matt. 16:18)
- * Christ has the keys to death and hell. (Rev. 1:18)
- * To get these keys Christ had to descend into the “lower parts of the earth.” (Eph. 4:9)
- * “PARADISE” was in the underworld. (Luke 23:43)
- * Christ unlocked the Paradise side of Hades and led the captives to the Paradise of the third heaven, where they now are. (Eph. 4:8-10) Today, dying believers go directly to heaven.
- * In the account of Lazarus & the Rich Man in the underworld (Luke 16:19-31) we learn:
 - They were conscious: could see, hear, speak, & recognize each other.
 - Lazarus was in the Paradise section, but the Rich Man was in the “Hell” section.
 - There is an impassable gulf fixed between Paradise & Hell. (The Abyss)



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The “ABYSS” or “bottomless pit” is the prison house of the “demons.” (Rev. 9:1-21) This is where Satan will be bound for 1000 years. (Rev. 20:1-3, 7-8) The Old Testament speaks of a place in the underworld called in the Hebrew “ABADDON”; which is translated in the Old Testament “DESTRUCTION.” (Proverbs 27:20; Job 26:6; Psa. 88:11)

- * “*ABADDON*” is part of the underworld. (Rev. 9:1-3, 11)
- * “*ABADDON*” is king of the bottomless pit.
- * In Greek his name is Apollyon; which means *destruction*.
- * The word translated “*bottomless pit*” is “*ABUSSOS,*” or “*ABYSS.*”
- * Nine times in the New Testament is “abyss” used. (Rom. 10:7; Rev. 9:1-2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3) It is the place into which the demons are temporarily confined until they are finally consigned to the lake of fire.

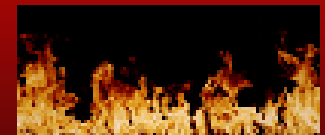


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TARTARUS is the prison house of the fallen angels. (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) Here they will remain until the **“GREAT WHITE THRONE”** judgment.

“GEHENNA” is the **final HELL** or **“LAKE OF FIRE.”**

- * It is prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:12-15)
- * It is called **“TOPHET”** in the Old Testament. (2 Kings 23:10; Isa. 30:33; Jer. 7:31-32)
- * It is called **“GEHENNA”** in the New Testament. (Matt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45-47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6) Five times it is called the **“Lake of Fire.”**
- * It is now unoccupied.
- * The first to be put there will be the **“beast”** and the **“false prophet.”** (Rev. 19:20)
- * The next to be placed there will be Satan & his angels, a 1000 years later. (Rev. 19:20)
- * After the **“GREAT WHITE THRONE”** judgment the **“FALLEN ANGELS”**, now confined in Tartarus, and all the wicked whose names are not found written in the Lamb’s **“BOOK OF LIFE.”** (Rev. 20:12-15)

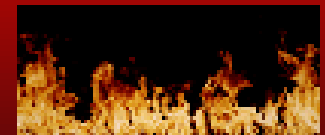


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* **Gehenna** was also the **valley of Hinnom**, a place where in Isaiah’s day the children were made to pass through the fire to the god molech. (2 Kings 23:10)

* This fire was kindled with brimstone. (Isa. 30:33) Afterward it was the garbage dump for the city of Jerusalem where the fire perpetually burned and rotting flesh was continually eaten by worms. Jesus took this valley called *Ge-Hinnom* which came to be called *Gehenna* and made it a type of “Hell” or “Lake of Fire” where “their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:43-48)

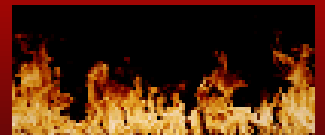


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PURGATORY is **NOT** found in the Bible. It means a place of purification. It was **not** held to be a doctrine until 600 years after Christ. It is the false belief that men go to some intermediate place and wait for a while to be purged of their sin. The instrument of purification is physical suffering. This false doctrine also teaches that the salvation of the individual is dependent upon the prayers and masses said by the living. (THE PURPOSE OF THE DOCTRINE WAS TO SECURE REVENUE FOR THE CHURCH.)

This doctrine is unscriptural:

- * The gulf is impassable.
- * The Bible teaches that **NOW** is the accepted time of salvation. (2 Cor. 6:2)
- * Scripture forbids us to pray for the dead. (Isa. 8:19)
- * There is **NO** second chance. **NOW** is the accepted time.



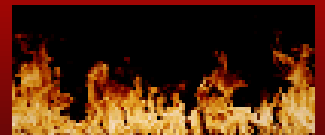
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THE SECOND DEATH

- * The righteous dead, after their resurrection or rapture, can die no more. (Luke 20:36)
- * The wicked dead, after their resurrection, WILL DIE AGAIN. (Rev. 20:12-15)




Their **1st death** was their physical death. Their body was separated from their soul & spirit.

Their **2nd death** will be after the GREAT WHITE THRONE judgment. The wicked will be consigned to the “LAKE OF FIRE” where a physical body would burn; so they “DIE AGAIN,” that is, they are separated from their resurrection body, and only the soul & spirit go into the “LAKE OF FIRE.” The fire is literal, just as Christ taught.

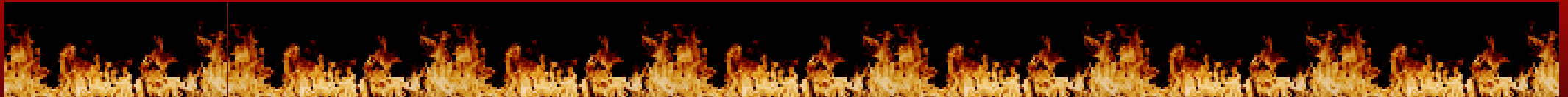


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The doctrine of hell was taught primarily by Christ himself.

-  The wicked shall be cast into the “LAKE OF FIRE.” (Matt. 13:49-50)
-  There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 25:41)
-  The fire is quenchless and their worm will never die. (Mark 9:43-48)

PERHAPS IF THERE WERE MORE PREACHING ABOUT HELL FROM THE PULPIT, THERE WOULD BE FEWER PEOPLE GOING THERE.



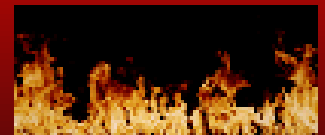
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I. Denial of the doctrine - The very first thing that the unbeliever will deny and the weak believer will question is the doctrine of hell.

1. Rationalism - “There is no God, and therefore there can be no hell.”

2. Ridicule - “There may be a God, but it is silly to speculate about multitudes of disembodied spirits burning in some literal lake of fire somewhere.”

3. Religion - “There is a God, but he is a God of love, and therefore he would not and could not send anyone to hell.”



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Most of the cults have one common ground: the belief that there is no hell.

- * Christian Science church defines hell as “error of mortal mind.”
- * The Jehovah’s Witnesses teach that the wicked will simply be annihilated.
- * The Mormons believe in hell, but not as an endless existence. They teach that life after death involves three levels: celestial, terrestrial, and telestial.
- * The Seventh Day Adventists claim that God will someday blot out all sin and sinners and establish a clean universe again.

Regardless of the doubts and denials of men, however, the Bible clearly declares the existence and reality of a literal and eternal hell.



Hell

II. The background of Gehenna hell

Following the Tribulation and The Millennial Kingdom, all the **unsaved dead will be resurrected from Hades in the heart of the earth to appear before the great white judgment throne.** (Rev. 20:11-15)

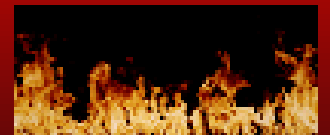
After being judged before the Great White Throne the **unsaved dead will be cast into Gehenna hell forever.** Gehenna is a New Testament word with an Old Testament background. It is found twelve times in the Greek New Testament; eleven of those instances coming from the mouth of the Savior himself. (Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 25:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45; 9:47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6)



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ETYMOLOGY OF THE WORD GEHENNA: In the Old Testament, a **wicked Israelite king named Ahaz** forsook the worship of Jehovah and followed the devil-god Molech. The king actually sacrificed his own children in the fires as burnt offerings to his abominable idol. (2 Chron. 28:1-4 & 2 Kings 23:10) This all took place in a deep and narrow valley to the south of Jerusalem called the **Valley of Hinnom**. It was called this because of its owners, the sons of Hinnom. Jeremiah the prophet also writes about both the Valley of Hinnom and Topheth. (Jer. 7:31-33) Topheth was probably where the **Tyropoeon Valley**, the **Valley of Hinnom**, and the **Valley of Kidron** met. This is where ancient Israel offered sacrifices to the Ammonite god Molech. (2 Chron. 28:3; 33:6) This is also where the **field of Acedama** is located. (Matt. 27:7, 8; Acts 1:18, 19) In Jesus' day the city garbage dump was located there. The fighting between Jews and Romans ended here in A.D. 70. As many as 600,000 bodies of dead Jews, slain in the defense of Jerusalem against the Romans, were carried out through the Dung Gate to be buried in Topheth.

Gehenna hell is God's final dumping-ground and burning place for all unsaved men and fallen angels.



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III. The Location of hell

1. **Hades** is down in the **heart of the Earth** somewhere. (Numbers 16:32, 33)
2. There is a different teaching about **Gehenna**:

*“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into **outer darkness**; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* (Matt. 8:12)

*“Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into **outer darkness**; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* (Matt. 22:13)

*“And cast the unprofitable servant into **outer darkness**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* (Matt. 25:30)

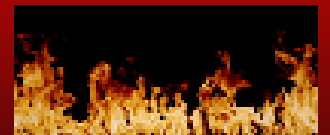


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*“These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest: to whom the **mist of darkness** is reserved for ever.” (2 Peter 2:17)*

*“Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the **blackness of darkness** for ever.” (Jude 13)*

These verses make it clear that **Gehenna hell is located away from this earth**, a place of outer darkness, to be found, perhaps, in some remote spot near the edge of God’s universe.



Hell

IV. The nature and characteristics of hell

1. HELL IS A PLACE OF UNQUENCHABLE FIRE (Matt. 3:12; 13:41, 42; Mark 9:43)

The fire here is literal fire. The same Greek word for fire (*pur*) used in Matthew 13:42 is also found in Matthew 17:15 and Luke 17:29.

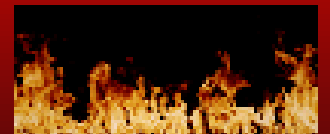
When men developed a material that would not disintegrate in the flame, they selected the Greek word *asbestos*. This is the word used four times in the New Testament of 'unquenchable fire' (Matt. 3:12; Mark 9:43, 45; Luke 3:17). From this we are to understand that unquenchable fire **does not destroy the body**.

2. HELL IS A PLACE OF MEMORY AND REMORSE (Luke 16:19-31)

3. HELL IS A PLACE OF THIRST (Luke 16:24)

4. HELL IS A PLACE OF MISERY AND PAIN (Rev. 14:10, 11)

5. HELL IS A PLACE OF FRUSTRATION AND ANGER (Matt. 13:42; 24:51)



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6. HELL IS A PLACE OF SEPARATION (Rev. 20:6, 14; 21:8)

“Death” in the Bible refers to separation. Thus hell is literally the second death, for the sinner will be forever separated from God, and, inasmuch as Gehenna is a place of darkness, this separation will doubtless isolate him from the companionship of unsaved friends as well. The worst thing about hell is that Jesus Christ will be conspicuously absent.

7. HELL IS A PLACE OF UNDILUTED DIVINE WRATH (Hab. 3:2; Rev.14:10)

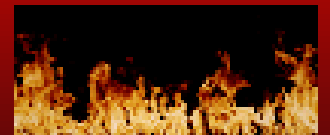
8. HELL IS A PLACE ORIGINALLY PREPARED FOR SATAN AND HIS HOSTS
(Matt. 25:41)

9. HELL IS A PLACE CREATED FOR ALL ETERNITY (Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46; Jude 7)

The most difficult truth to accept even by saved minds is the **duration of hell**.

Hell vividly demonstrates the heinousness of sin and the holiness of God.

The degrees of suffering in hell will vary greatly, being in direct relationship to the sinner’s life on earth. The following verses also bear this out: (Matt. 11:20-24, Luke 12:47, 48, Luke 20:45-47, John 19:10, 11; Romans 2:6, 11)



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V. THE OCCUPANTS OF HELL

1. **SATAN** (Rom. 16:20; Rev. 20:10)
2. **THE ANTICHRIST** (2 Thess. 2:8)
3. **THE FALSE PROPHET** (Rev. 19:20)
4. **FALLEN ANGELS** (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; 1 Cor. 6:3)
5. **JUDAS ISCARIOT** (Acts 1:25)
6. **ALL UNSAVED PEOPLE** (Rev. 21:8)
 - a. The **FEARFUL** (Prov. 29:25, John 12:42, 43) John 9:22 *“These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.”*



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- b. The **unbelieving** (John 3:36) A person can believe there is a God, a Calvary, and a hell, just as Satan does. But to keep those facts in one's head means to die lost. However, **receiving them by faith into one's heart results in eternal salvation!**
- c. The **abominable** (Prov. 6:16-19)
- d. **Murderers** (1 John 3:15)
- e. **Whoremongers** (Eph. 5:5; Heb. 13:4)
- f. **Sorcerers** (Rev. 9:21) The Greek word is *pharmakos*, which refers to an enchanter with drugs. This covers those who commune with Satan through fortune-tellers, mediums, and astrology.



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- g. **Idolaters.** Those who worship something or someone else in place of the true God. (Rom. 1:22, 23)
- h. **Liars** (John 8:44; 1 John 2:22; Rev. 2:2)



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VI. The possible present-day existence of Gehenna hell

There are several scriptural and scientific facts that indicate Gehenna hell is right now in existence. Matthew 25:41 says: *“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”*

The word *prepared* literally means *‘having been prepared,’* suggesting that the lake of fire is already in existence and awaiting its occupants.

The bible is **scientifically accurate**. **First**, we find an eternal fire which cannot burn out. Being of a liquid consistency it is, **secondly**, a lake of fire. In the **third** place, it cannot be quenched, for any quenching material such as water would immediately have its atoms stripped of electrons and be packed in with the rest. In the **fourth** place, the lake of fire has been prepared and is now ready.

THE END

