

DOCTRINE OF HELL AND HADES

1. Sheol or Hades:

- a. Sheol - שְׁאוֹל (Heb., noun, common) A subterranean place full of thick darkness where the dead are gathered. (Num. 16:30; Deut. 32:22; Isa. 14:9-11; 38:10, 18; Ps. 86:13; 55:15; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2)
- b. Chedel - חֶדֶל (Heb., noun, masc.) The resting place for the dead. (Isa. 38:11) found only once.
- c. Maveth- מְוֵת (Heb., n., m., const.) The place or abode of the dead (Job 28:22; Ps. 9:13; Prov. 7:27; Isa. 38:18)
- d. Hades - ᾠδης (Gk., n., m.) The underworld as the place of the dead (Matt. 16:18; Lk. 16:23; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13, 14)

2. Compartments of Sheol/Hades: (Luke 16:19-31)

- a. Paradise- παράδεισος (Gk., n., m.)
 - (1) The abode of believers who had died before the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Lk. 23:43)
 - (2) After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, this compartment of Sheol/Hades along with all believers who have ever died were moved into the very presence of God. (2 Cor. 12:4; Eph. 4:8-10; Rev. 2:7; cf. Rom. 10:6, 7)
- b. Abraham's Chest (cavity) - κόλπος - kolpos (Gk., n., m.)
 - (1) Chest - A fold in a garment used as a pocket; bay, gulf
 - (2) "Abraham's Chest (cavity)" (Lk. 16:22, 23) The place of believers who had died prior to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (See: "Paradise," Lk. 23:43)
- c. Torment(s) - βάσανος - basanos (Gk., n., fem.) Torture, torment, great pain. (Lk. 16:23, 28) The place or abode of all unbelievers who have died throughout all human history.
- d. Tartaros - τάρταρος (Gk., noun) From verb - ταρταρώ - to hold captive in tartarus. The prison of some fallen angels (demons). (2 Pet. 2:4; cf. Gen. 6:1-4; Jude 6; cf. 1 Pet. 3:19, 20)
- e. The Bottomless Pit - (τὸ φρέαρ τῆς ἀβύσσου)
 - (1) Pit - φρέαρ - phrear (Gk., noun, neuter) well, pit, shaft (Rev. 9:1, 2)
 - (2) Bottomless - ἀβυσσος - abussos - (Gk., noun, fem.) - unfathomable depth, abyss, underworld abode of the dead (Rom. 10:7; Rev. 11:7; 17:8) and of demons (Lk. 8:31; Rev. 9:1, 2, 11; 20:1, 3)

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(3) Probably refers to “*tartaros*”, the prison of the fallen angels in Lk. 8:31; Rev. 9:1, 2, 11; 20:1, 3 and “*torments*” in Rom. 10:7; Rev. 11:7; 17:8.

3. Hell:

a. Ge' hinnom - גֵּי הַיְּהִינּוֹם (Heb., n.)

(1) Valley of Hinnom, a ravine south of Jerusalem, place of child sacrifice.

(2 Kg. 23:10; Jer. 7:31; 15:8; 19:2-6; cf. Isa. 66:24)

(2) Later, the garbage dump for Jerusalem

(3) A place of eternal fire for punishment of the devil and his angels

(Matt. 25:41) and the unbelieving dead of all human history.

b. Geenna - γέεννα (Gk., noun, fem.) same as (a.) above; (12xNT).

(Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mk. 9:43, 45, 47; Lk. 12:5;

James 3:6)

4. Eight synonyms for “Hell” (the eternal punishment for those who reject God’s Salvation)

a. Gehenna - See: point #3

b. The Lake of Fire - (5xN.T.) - Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14, 15

c. The Second Death (4xN.T.) Rev. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8)

d. Eternal Fire (3xN.T.) - Matt. 25:41; Rev. 14:10, 11

(1) unquenchable fire - Isa. 66:24; Matt. 3:12; Mk. 9:43,48; Lk. 3:17

(2) fire - Mark 9:49; 2 Pet. 3:7; Jude 23

e. Outer Darkness (3xN.T.) - Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30

f. Black Darkness (2xN.T.) 2 Pet. 2:17; Jude 13

g. Resurrection of Judgement (1xN.T.) Jn. 5:29b (cf. unbeliever’s resurrection - Acts 24:15)

h. Eternal Punishment (1xN.T.) Matt. 25:46 (cf. eternal abhorrence, Dan. 12:2)

5. Those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ:

a. They have everlasting life in the presence of God (Jn. 3:15-17, 36; 5:24, 29; John 6:29; 11:25, 26; 20:31; Acts 16:31; 1 Jn. 5:11-13)

b. They do **not ever** enter Hell. (Jn. 3:18; 5: 24; Rom. 8:1; 31-39; 1 Cor. 11:32; Rev. 3:5; 20:15)

c. Resurrection to life (John 5:29a)