

HELL

NOTE: There are four words in the Bible that have been translated into the English word Hell. The Hebrew word Sheol is found 65 times in the Old Testament and is rendered "hell" 31 times, "grave" 31 times, and "pit" 3 times.

HOW MANY WHO DIE GO TO SHEOL?

What man is *he that liveth*, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of *the grave [sheol]*? *Psalm 89:48*

WHO IS NOT LEFT IN SHEOL?

For thou wilt not leave my soul *in hell [sheol, the grave]*; neither wilt thou suffer *thine Holy One* to see corruption. *Psalm 16:10*

NOTE: This is a prophecy of the resurrection of Jesus.

THE N. T. FULFILLMENT USES THE GREEK WORD HADES.

Because thou wilt not leave my soul *in hell [hades]*, neither wilt thou suffer *thine Holy One [Jesus]* to see corruption. *Acts 2:27*

NOTE: The Greek word Hades is found 11 times in the New Testament and is translated as both hell and grave.

WHAT DOES JESUS HOLD THE KEYS TO?

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the *keys of hell [hades, grave] and of death*. *Revelation 1:18*

WHAT DOES THE WORD HADES REFER TO?

O death, where is thy sting? O *grave [hades]*, where is thy victory? *1 Corinthians 15:55*

NOTE: The Greek word Gehenna is used 12 times and is always translated hell. It is a compound of two words meaning "valley of hinnom" (a place where the garbage or refuse was dumped and burned) and is used figuratively as a place where the wicked are destroyed by fire at the end of the world.

WHAT IS GEHENNA CALLED?

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of *hell fire [gehenna]*. *Matthew 5:22*

WHAT IS CAST INTO GEHENNA?

And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy *whole body* should be *cast into hell [gehenna]*.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy *whole body* should be cast into hell. *Matthew 5:29, 30*

WHAT HAPPENS TO BOTH BODY AND SOUL IN GEHENNA?

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to *destroy both soul and body in hell.* *Matthew 10:28*

NOTE: Hellfire is not something that torments, but rather destroys the wicked.

WHERE WERE THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS CAST?

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but *cast them down to hell*, and delivered them into chains of darkness, *to be reserved unto judgment.* *2 Peter 2:4*

NOTE: The Greek word Tartarus (translated hell) is found only here in the New Testament and refers to the place where Satan and his angels were cast when expelled from heaven.

WHERE DOES THE BIBLE SAY THEY WERE CAST?

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: *he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him....*

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. *Revelation 12:9, 12*

WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY HAPPEN TO THIS EARTH?

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, *the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

Seeing then that *all these things shall be dissolved*, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? *2 Peter 3:10-12*

WHEN WILL THIS DESTROYING “HELLFIRE” TAKE PLACE?

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against *the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.* *2 Peter 3:7*

WHEN ARE THE WICKED PUNISHED IN THE LAKE OF FIRE?

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto *the day of judgment to be punished:* *2 Peter 2:9*

WHEN WILL THIS DAY OF JUDGMENT BE?

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be *in the end of this world.*

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire:* there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. *Matthew 13:40-42*

HOW CONSUMING WILL THIS FIRE BE?

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and *all*

that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for *they shall be ashes* under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. *Malachi 4:1-3*

WHAT WILL THIS FIRE DO TO SATAN?

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and *thou hast sinned*: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and *I will destroy thee*, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; *therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth* in the sight of all them that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and *never shalt thou be any more*. *Ezekiel 28:14-19*

WHAT WILL BE CAST INTO THIS LAKE OF FIRE?

And *death and hell* were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And *whosoever was not found written in the book of life* was cast into the lake of fire. *Revelation 20:14, 15*

WILL THE FIRE BURN THROUGHOUT ETERNITY?

Behold, *they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them*; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it*. *Isaiah 47:14*

WHAT WILL GOD THEN CREATE?

For, behold, I create new heavens and *a new earth*: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. *Isaiah 65:17*

KNOWING THIS WILL HAPPEN, WHAT SHOULD WE BE?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, *be diligent* that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. *2 Peter 3:13, 14*