

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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HELL



The New Testament Greek word “gehenna,” usually translated as “hell,” comes from the Hebrew phrase “gey’hinom,” which means the “valley of wailing.” It’s an actual valley on the south side of Jerusalem.

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valley of wailing



Leviticus 18:21 AMP

“You shall not give any of your **children** to offer them [by fire as a sacrifice] to Molech [the god of the Ammonites], nor shall you profane the name of your God [by honoring idols as gods]. I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 20:2 AMP

“You shall also say to the sons of Israel: ‘Any man from the sons of Israel or from the **aliens** sojourning in Israel who gives any of his offspring to Molech, shall surely be put to **death**; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.’”

It is believed that idols of Moloch were giant metal statues of a man with a bull’s head. Each image had a hole in the abdomen and outstretched forearms that made a kind of ramp to the hole. A fire was lit in or around the statue and babies were placed in the statue’s arms or in the hole. When a couple sacrificed their firstborn, they believed that Moloch would ensure financial prosperity for the family and future children. It was a custom to beat drums and play music loudly. Some believe this was done to drown out the babies’ screams from reaching the ears of their parents.

2 Chronicles 28:1-3 NLT

“Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. He did not do what was **pleasing** in the sight of the Lord....He offered sacrifices in the valley of Ben-Hinnom, even sacrificing his own **sons** in the fire. In this way, he followed the detestable practices of the pagan nations the Lord had driven from the land ahead of the Israelites.”

2 Chronicles 33:5-6, 9 NLT

“He built these altars for all the **powers** of the heavens in both courtyards of the Lord’s **Temple**. Manasseh also sacrificed his own sons in the fire in the valley of Ben-Hinnom. He practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and he consulted with mediums and psychics. He did much that was evil in the Lord’s sight, arousing his

anger....Manasseh led the people of Judah and Jerusalem to do even **MORE** evil than the pagan nations that the Lord had destroyed when the people of Israel **ENTERED** the land.”

FROM Jeremiah 19:1-2, 4, 10

“This is what the Lord said to me: ‘Go and buy a clay **jar**...go out through the Gate of Broken Pots to the garbage dump in the valley of Ben-Hinnom, and give [the leaders and the priests] this message.... Israel has forsaken me and turned this **valley** into a place of wickedness. The people burn incense to foreign gods....they have filled this place with the blood of innocent children....I will **shatter** the people of Judah and Jerusalem beyond all hope of repair.’”

Darzana crater in southern Russia [Turkmenistan], 230’ wide and 100’ deep, and has been burning over 40 years, when engineers set it on fire to prevent emission of poisonous gases.

Mark 9:43-44 ESV

“If your **hand** causes you to stumble, [you might as well] cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into [gehenna] hell, into the unquenchable fire, where their **worm** does not die, and the **fire** is not quenched.

James 3:5:6 NLT

“...the tongue is a flame of fire....corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole **life** on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.”

2 Peter 3:10 NIV

“But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a **roar**; the elements will be destroyed by **fire**, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.”

FROM John 5:24 MEV

[Jesus] “Whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has **eternal** life and shall **not** come into condemnation, but has passed from death into life.”