

Hell and the Judgment

Hell- By Definition

Old Testament

H7585 שׂוֹל שׂוֹל sh'ôl sh'ôl *sheh-ole', sheh-ole'* (Used 31 times mostly in reference to the grave)

From [H7592](#); *hades* or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean *retreat*), including its accessories and inmates: - grave, hell, pit.

New Testament

G86 ᾗδης hadēs *hah'-dace* (Used 10 times)

From [G1](#) (as a negative particle) and [G1492](#); properly *unseen*, that is, “Hades” or **the place (state) of departed souls**: - grave, hell. (a.k.a. **the realm of the dead until the judgment**)

G1067 γέεννα geenna *gheh'-en-nah* (Used 12)

Of Hebrew origin ([[H1516](#)] and [[H2011](#)]); *valley of* (the son of) *Hinnom*; *gehenna* (or *Ge-Hinnom*), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for **the place (or state) of everlasting punishment**: - hell.

Thayer Definition: 1) Hell is the place of the future punishment call “Gehenna” or “Gehenna of fire”. This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

G5020 τάρταρος tartaroō *tar-tar-o'-o* (Used 1 time - 2 Pet 2:4)

From [Tάρταρος](#) Tartarōs (**the deepest abyss of Hades**); to *incarcerate* in eternal torment: - cast down to hell.

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Hades

[Mat 16:15](#) He saith unto them, **But Whom say ye that I am?** [16](#) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. [17](#) And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.** [18](#) And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell (*Gk.86- Hades*) shall not prevail against it.**

[Act 8:36](#) And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? [37](#) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **24** Whom God hath raised up, having **loosed the pains of death**: because it was **not possible that He should be holden of it**. **25** For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before My face, for He is on My right hand, that I should not be moved: **26** Therefore did My heart rejoice, and My tongue was glad; moreover also My flesh shall rest in hope: **27** Because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell (*Gk.86- Hades*), neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

Mat 27:50 Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; **52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, **53** And came out of the graves **after His resurrection**, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (*But these all died again.*)

Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead **dieth no more; death hath no more dominion** (*Gk.2961- rule*) **over Him**.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luk 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: **20** And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, **21** And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into **Abraham's bosom** (*Gk.2859- bosom; by analogy a bay*) [*Rev 4:6; 15:2 "sea of glass"*]: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** And in hell (*Gk.86- Hades*) he lift up his eyes, being in torments (*Gk.931- [through the notion of going to the bottom]; a touch stone, that is, [by analogy] torture*), and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented (*Gk.3600- to grieve*) in this flame (*Gk.5395- a blaze*). **25** But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted (*Gk.3870- to call near, that is, invite, invoke [by consolation]*), and thou art tormented. **26** And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf (*Gk.5490- a "chasm" or vacancy [impassable interval]*) fixed (*Gk.4741- to set fast*): so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence. **27** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: **28** For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. **29** Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. **30** And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. **31** And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though One rose from the dead.

- First: let's look at Lazarus. At his death he was "*carried by the angels*". They came for him to bear him away to "*Abraham's bosom*". (*It's interesting to note that "bosom" in the Greek has to do with a body of water, like the "sea of glass" upon which the righteous dead stand. Rev 15:2*) How comforting to think of angels awaiting the saints when they die to carry us off to a place of rest.

Heb 1:14 Are they (*angels*) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

 1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God bring (*back*) with Him.

To sleep in **Jesus** would be to exist in a state of suspended animation; to be alive yet sleeping in the spirit realm only to be awakened at the last trumpet sound when all the faithful dead will rise up at that same moment as though just having fallen asleep.

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is **passed from death unto life**.

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- Next: let's look at the rich man. We need to understand there's nothing wrong with being wealthy in and of itself unless greed becomes a factor.

1Ti 6:10 For the **love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Luk 12:20 But God said unto him, *Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. **He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**

- It's when we ignore those who are less fortunate, as did the rich man here in overlooking this poor **Lazarus** at his main entrance. (*He now recognized Lazarus when he might have something to offer.*) We cannot forget that all the wealth we possess ultimately came from **God Who** gives to us with the idea of our being good stewards of these blessings in order to take care of those needy brethren in our midst.

Act 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather **let him labour**, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, **that he may have to give to him that needeth.**

- But even the poor have an obligation to work and not be a burden on others.

2Th 3:7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; **8** Neither did we eat any man's bread for

nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, **that we might not be chargeable to any of you:** 9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that **if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

*Lev 19:9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt **leave them for the poor and stranger:** I am the LORD your God. (Example of welfare [a.k.a. workfare because they weren't just given the food] in the Old Testament)*

- Notice that the rich man was just buried and is not named as was **Lazarus**. Like a nameless tombstone. Probably because of his infamy, his name was not mentioned.

Pro 22:1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. 2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all. (Death is not a respecter of personal wealth. We all die.)

Ecc 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

- Death-day to the faithful saint is always better than our birthday because that's when we rest from our labors.

Psa 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

- But notice also how the rich man was cognizant of his surroundings. There was no rest for him then as there is no rest for him even now. But, as of yet, he has not received his final reward.

Tartaros

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell (*Gk.5020-Tartaros- [the deepest abyss of Hades]; to incarcerate in eternal torment*), and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, **to be reserved unto judgment;...(as though the holding cell wasn't bad enough)** 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to **reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath **reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment** of the great day.

- As **Christ** showed in **His** appearance before **His** disciples in **His** spiritual, immortal body and later **John** states how we all at the resurrection will be like **Him**, it should be understood that whether in **Heaven** or in **Hell**, the resurrected body will experience either bliss or torment for all eternity.

Luk 24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38 And He said unto them, **Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?** 39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have. 40 And when He had thus spoken, He

shewed them *His* hands and *His* feet. 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, **Have ye here any meat?** 42 And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43 And He took *it*, and did eat before them.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, **we shall be like Him**; for we shall see Him as He is.

 Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from Whose face **the earth and the heaven fled away**; and there was found no place for them.

2Pe 3:10 *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.*

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell (*Gk.86- Hades*) delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake (*Gk.3041- a pond [small or large]*) of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (*This is the only place where separation from God will exist after the judgment.*)

Gehenna

Mar 9:47 **And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell (*Gk.1067*) fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the **first resurrection**: on such the **second death** hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

- The thousand years, as has been said before, is the **Christian dispensation (*age*)** and **Christians** presently reign on the earth. Also known as the last days.

Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past** unto the fathers **by the prophets**, 2 Hath in these **last days** spoken unto us by *His* Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds;

- The first resurrection is experienced by those who have been raised up from the watery grave of baptism (*immersion*) having died to the old person and the old way of sin. The second and last resurrection is the general resurrection when **God** will judge, by the words of **Jesus**, the works of men.

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we are buried (*died*) with Him by baptism **into death**: that like as Christ was raised up (*resurrected*) from the dead by the glory of the Father, even

so we also should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been planted (*buried*) together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also (*presently*) in the likeness of His resurrection: **6** Knowing this, that our old man (*of sin*) is crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Act 17:31 Because He hath appointed **a day**, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by *that* Man Whom He hath ordained; *whereof* He hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in **the last day** (*also known as judgment day*).

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 2:38** ..."repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"...

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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