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One of “missiles” conspicuously absent from the arsenals of a lot of today’s evangelistic preaching is the subject of Hell. Within the soothing halls and auditoriums of many (Laodicean-style [lukewarm or half-hearted, indifferent]) Baptist churches, Hell is considered a distasteful doctrine, one which will only scare people away. It is a subject looked on condescendingly as a relic of some long-gone, unsophisticated hell-fire and damnation era. Surely the “modern way” is to focus on the love of God in order to bring sinners to Christ!

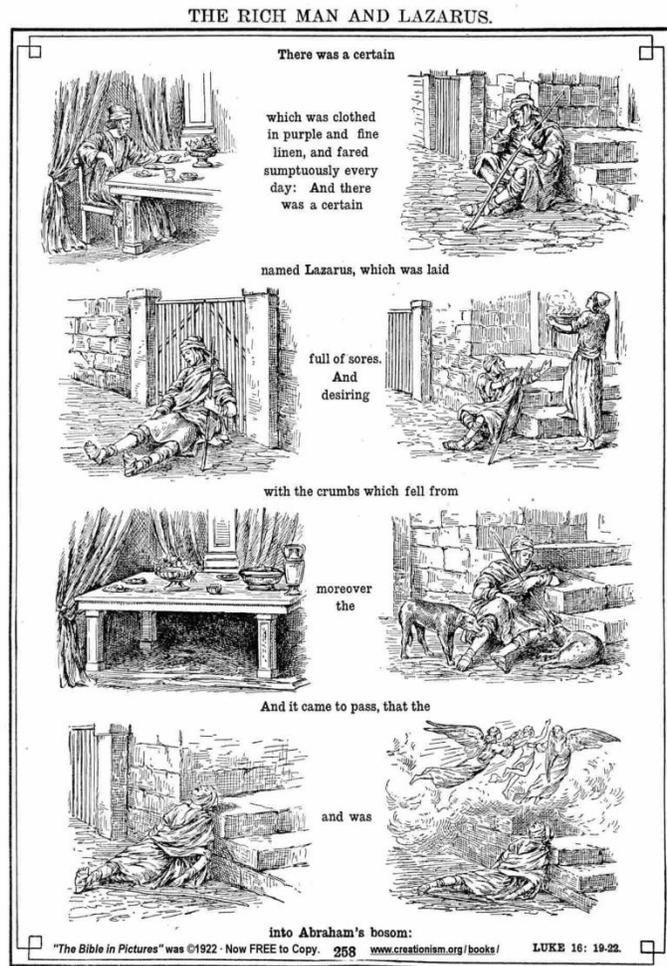
Yet it was the love of God which sent the Son of God to this sin cursed planet to save men from Hell. Read Proverbs 15:11 ¹¹*Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?* [even death and destruction hold no secrets from the LORD. How much more does he know the human heart!]

- The Word of God declared there is a Hell. Read Matthew 5:29 ²⁹*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.*

- The Holiness of God demands there be a Hell. Read:
 - Psalm 7:11b ⁷*For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; **his countenance doth behold the upright.***
 - Psalm 9:17a ¹⁷***The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.***

- The Love of God delivers sinners from Hell. Read (Jesus speaking to Nicodemus) John 3:16 ¹⁶*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

The most detailed passage in the Bible on the subject of Hell is found in Luke 16:19-31. ¹⁹There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: ²⁰And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, ²¹And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; ²³And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴And 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 in this flame. ²⁵But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. ²⁶And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. ²⁷Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: ²⁸For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.



That this is NOT a parable (as some claim) is seen from the fact that it does not have customary preamble of a parable (cf. Luke 12:16, 13:6, 14:7, 15:3; etc.). [Read for example the beginning of the Rich Man's Folly parable in Luke 12:16 ¹⁶And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth

plentifully: 17And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?...

Luke 16:19-31 is NOT said to be a parable and even mentions names of people which **no** other parable of Christ does. When Jesus said, “*and in hell he lifted up his eyes*” (verse 23) He was speaking of a literal place of flame and torment – the region of the damned! A place just as real as Heaven (read John 14:2 ²*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*)!

Because Hell IS a real place, we must preach it. Preached not with glee but with tears; not sanctimoniously, but with trembling; not with callousness, but with compassion. It is our solemn duty. Read:

- Ezekiel 33:8 ⁸*When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.*
- Matthew 3:7c ⁷*But when he [John the Baptist] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

Quote from Spuregon: “*Warn the boatman before he enters the current – then if he’s swept down the rapids he destroys himself. Warn the man before he drinks the cup of poison; tell him it’s deadly – then if he drinks, his death lies at his door.*”

I The Designations of Hell.

The Bible uses a number of terms to refer to the place that is generally called “Hell.”

- A. **HELL** - Read Matthew 10:28 (Jesus speaking) ²⁸ *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.*

Also read

- a. *Psalm 9:17* ¹⁷ *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*
- b. *Luke 16:23* ²³ *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*
- B. **Lake of Fire** – Read from Revelation:
- *19:20* ²⁰ *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*
 - *20:10* ¹⁰ *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
 - *20:14-15* ¹⁴ *And death and hell were cast into the lake 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.*
- C. **PIT** - Read Numbers 16:30 ³⁰ *But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the **pit**; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.*
- D. **BOTTOMLESS PIT** - Read Relation 9:1 and more: ¹ *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.* ² *And he opened the bottomless pit; and*

there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. ...

Also from Revelation 9:¹¹ *And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

From Revelation 17:8 ⁸The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- E. **Chains of darkness** - Read 2 Peter 2:4 ⁴*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;*

It is helpful to understand some Hebrew and Greek words pertaining to this subject.

- The Hebrew word “sheol” is found 65 times in 63 verses of the Old Testament. It is translated 31 times as “hell” and 31 times as “grave” and 3 times as “pit.” The word literally means “region of the departed.”
- The Greek word “hades” is found 11 times in 11 verses of the New Testament. It is translated 10 times as “hell” and once as “grave.” It is the Greek equivalent of sheol – Acts 2:27 (hades) quotes Psalm 16:10 (sheol).
- The Greek word “gehenna” is found 12 times in 12 verses in the New Testament and is translated as “hell.” The word is derived from the name given to the Valley of Hinnom – the garbage dump of Jerusalem.

II The Divisions of Hell.

While we usually speak of Hell in general terms (referring to the place of torment), the subject is actually somewhat more complex. To understand the Bible doctrine, we must consider the following:

- A. The Meaning of ‘Sheol’ and ‘Hades’:

1. As mentioned above, the fundamental meaning of these words is “the region of the departed” – Both saved and lost! They do not necessarily refer exclusively to a place of fire and brimstone.
2. This explains why:
 - a. David (a saved man) could write ⁸If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
 - b. Christ (the Son of God) went to Hell but was not left there.

Read Acts 2:31 ²⁹Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. ³⁰Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; ³¹He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. ³²This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Note: The teaching that the Lord Jesus Christ went to Hell to suffer for our sins is blatantly unscriptural. His death on the cross was totally sufficient (read John 19:30c ³⁰When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.)

B. Death and Hell BEFORE the Ascension of Christ.

The following study of Abraham will explain what happened to the Old Testament saints upon their death (see # 7 below for a summary):

1. Genesis 25:8a ⁸***Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.*** – Abraham gave up the ghost (his spirit). Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit from the body. Also read Ecclesiastes 12:7 ⁷Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**
2. Genesis 25:8e ⁸***Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.*** Read Genesis 49:33 for an explanation of this expression: and was gathered to his people ³³***And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.*** Genesis 50: ²***And***

Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. The expression “gathered unto his people” cannot mean being buried in a grave because that act is noted separately. He (his soul and spirit) went to the region of the departed.

3. Mark 12:27 The God of Abraham is the God of the living. ²⁷He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.
4. Luke 16:22 ²²*And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **Since Abraham was able to converse with Lazarus and was in close proximity, he was alive.***
5. Luke 23:43 ⁴³*And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
6. Acts 2:31 ³¹*He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. Jesus went to hell in the time between His death and resurrection.*

SINCE Jesus just announce he would be going to paradise just minutes before His death, this must be the section of Hell set aside for **the saved**.

7. Putting it all together: We concluded that the “region of the departed,” most commonly referred to as HELL, has three (3) major compartments (as identified in Luke 16):
 - a. Place of torment – region of the damned (Gehenna).
 - b. Tartarus – region of fallen angels (?)
 - c. Paradise – region of the saved.
 - d. The great gulf Luke 16:26 ²⁶*And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*

8. The Bottomless Pit is another section of Hell, because:

- Proverbs 15:11 *¹¹Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more than the hearts of the children of men?*
- Proverbs 27:20 *²⁰Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.*

Both verses link hell (sheol) and destruction (abaddon) a name associated with the Bottomless Pit.

Read Revelation 9:11 *¹¹And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.)*

9. Read II Peter 2:4 *⁴For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [“Tartarus” in Greek], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

Associated with Hell is a place where certain angels are held in chains of darkness. Since “chains” are associated with the Tartarus section of Hell and the Bottomless Pit Section of Hell, they are either one-in-the-same place or are located in the same proximity.

[Tartarus: Some Evangelical Christian commentaries distinguish Tartarus as a place for wicked angels and Gehenna as a place for wicked humans. Other Evangelical commentaries, in reconciling that some fallen angels are chained in Tartarus, yet some not, attempt to distinguish between one type of fallen angel and another]

Read Rev 20:1-3 *¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, ...*

Summary of Death and Hell **before** the ascension of Christ:

- Place of torment – region of the damned (Gehenna).
- Tartarus – region of fallen angels
- Paradise – region of the saved.
- The great gulf.

C. Death and Hell SINCE the Ascension of Christ.

1. Hell has GATES. Read Matthew 16:18 ¹⁸And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
2. Jesus has the keys to Hell (it's gates). Read Revelation 1:18 ¹⁸I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
3. When Jesus ascended back to His Father, He led captivity captive.

Ephesians 4:8-9 ⁸Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

[Commentary: Jesus triumphed over all his enemies, Satan, sin, and death, which had before enslaved all the world: alluding to the custom of ancient conquerors, who led those they had conquered in chains after them. And, as they also used to give donatives to the people, at their return from victory, so he gave gifts to men - Both the ordinary and extraordinary gifts of the Spirit.]

Note: Christ first descended (to Hell) before He ascended (to Heaven).

4. About 10 years AFTER the resurrection of Christ, The apostle Paul is caught up into paradise. This means something happened to the Paradise Section of Hell... It was emptied out by Jesus, its captives (the spirits of the saved) taken with Him to glory!!

Read II Corinthians 12:2-4 ²I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. ³And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) ⁴How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. ⁵Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

5. Saved people go to the Lord when they die: Now, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Read II Corinthians 5:8 ⁸We are

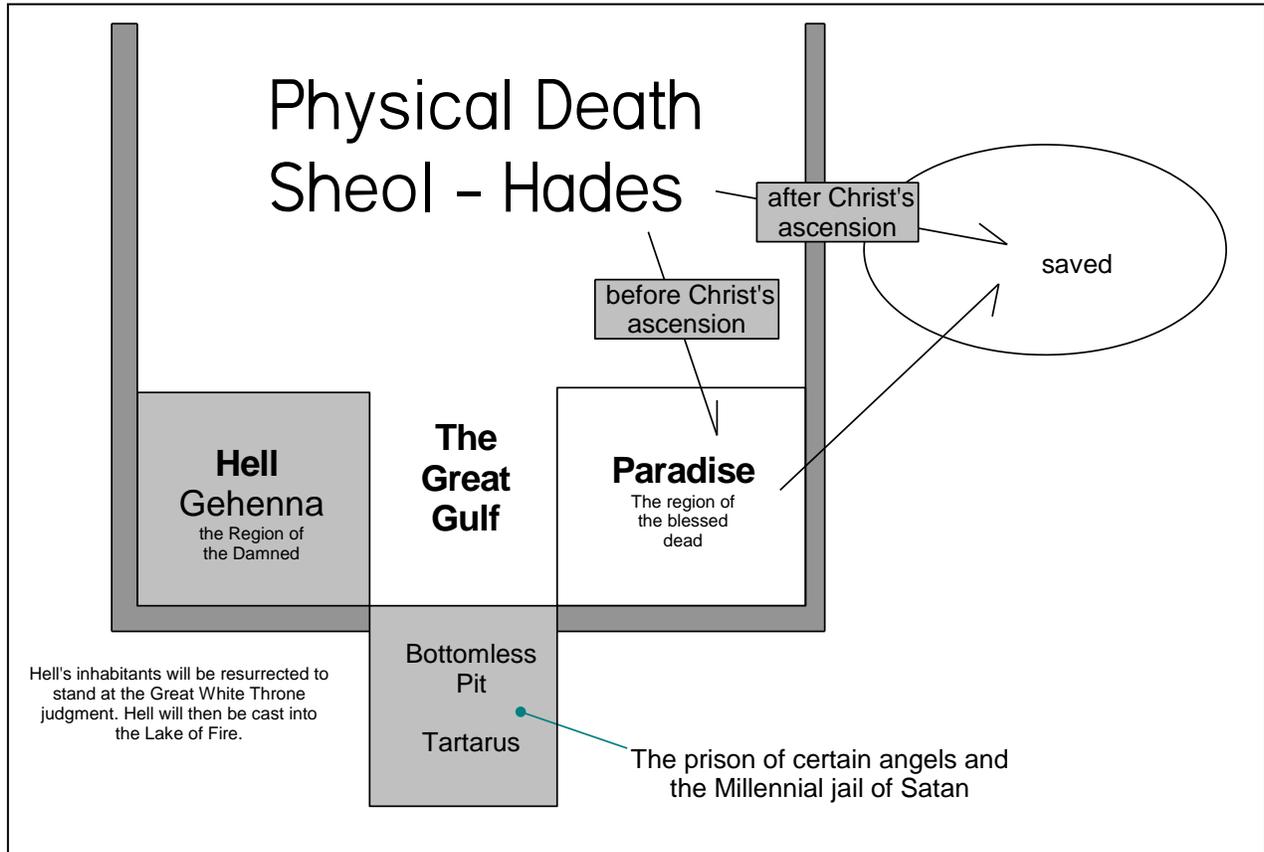
confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

D. Death and Hell AFTER the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.

1. At the Great White Throne judgment, death and Hell will deliver up their inhabitants to be judged. This **CANNOT include saved people** because they are with the Lord.

Revelation 20:13 (from verse 11) ¹¹And 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. ¹²And 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. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

2. Revelation 20:14 – death and Hell are cast into the Lake of Fire. Note: the "place of torment" section of Hell (Gehenna) may be likened to a "lock up" where the guilty are remanded. God is a God of Justice, and every lost sinner will have his day in court. The Great White Throne judgment is a TRAIL, while the Lake of Fire is the PENITENTAURY.
3. The chained angels are reserved for the great Day of Judgment.
 - II Peter 2:4 *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell ["Tartarus" in Greek], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*
 - Jude 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.*
 - I Corinthians 6:3 *Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?*



III The Description of Hell.

A. The Location of Hell.



1. The direction of Hell is **DOWN**. Read:
 - a. Psalm 55:15 ¹⁵Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.
 - b. Proverbs 7:27 ²⁷Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.
 - c. Isaiah 14:15 ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
 - d. Ezekiel 31:17 ¹⁷They also went down into hell with him unto *them that be* slain with the sword; and *they that were* his arm, *that* dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.

- e. **Matthew 11:23** ²³And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

[According to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the Galilean villages of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum did not repent in response to Jesus's teaching so Jesus declared their damnation to Hades

- f. **Luke 10:15** ¹⁵And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.
- g. **II Peter 2:4** ⁴For 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. Read Ephesians 4:9 ⁹(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)
3. Hell is located in the nether (lower) parts of the Earth. Read: Ezekiel 31:16-18 ¹⁶*I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. ¹⁷They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen. ¹⁸To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.*
4. Korah and his rebellious cohorts went DOWN. Read: Numbers 16:30-35 ³⁰But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. ³¹And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: ³²And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. ³³They, and all that appertained to them, went **down alive into the pit**, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. ³⁴And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also. ³⁵And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

5. As Heaven is high, Hell is deep. According to Job 11:8 ⁸*It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?*
6. Hell is beneath. Read:
 - a. Proverbs 15:24 ²⁴*The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.*
 - b. Isaiah 14:9 ⁹*Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.*
7. According to Amos 9:2 (²*Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:*), if one were to search for Hell's location one would have to "dig" for it.

[The Book of Amos is set in a time when the people of Israel have reached a low point in their devotion to the God of Israel - the people have become greedy and have stopped following and adhering to their values. The wealthy elite are becoming rich at the expense of others. Peasant farmers who once practiced subsistence farming are being forced to farm what is best for foreign trade, mostly wine and oil. (Amos 6:6) God speaks to Amos, a farmer and herder, and tells him to go to Samaria, the capital of the Northern kingdom. Through Amos, God tells the people that he is going to judge Israel for its sins, and it will be a foreign nation that will enact his judgment.]

B. The Dimensions of Hell.

While no physical dimensions of Hell are given (in comparison, Heaven's measurements are given: Rev 21:16 ¹⁶*And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. The Earth's land area = 150,000,000 km² which means if Heaven's surface area was the same as Earth's, the ceiling is about 58 miles... see calculations to right), the Word of God has three interesting things to say about the size of the place.*

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1 - Heaven Size

1. There will never be a "Sorry we're full" sign hung on the infernal gates. Read Isaiah 5:14 ¹⁴*Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*
2. Hell is continually enlarging as suggested by Habakkuk 2:5 ⁵*Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who*

enlargeth his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

3. Hell has DEPTH: Read

- a. Proverbs 9:18 ¹⁸But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the **depths** of hell.
- b. Deuteronomy 32:22 ²²For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the **lowest** hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- c. Revelation 9:1-2 ¹*And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the **bottomless** pit.* ²*And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*

C. The Fire of Hell.

Hell is a place of literal fire (Scientifically, this would certainly be consistent with the location of Hell!)

1. It was called "Hell Fire" by Jesus. Read:

- a. Matthew 5:22 ²²But 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**.
- b. Matthew 18:9 ⁹And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into **hell fire**.
- c. Mark 9:47 ⁴⁷And 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 fire**:

2. Jesus said (twice) Hell is a FIRE that shall NEVER be QUENCHED. Read Mark 9:43-45 ⁴³And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: ⁴⁴Where their worm dieth not, and the **fire is not quenched**. ⁴⁵And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the **fire that never shall be quenched**:

3. Jesus said Hell consists of everlasting fire.
 - a. Matthew 18:8 ⁸Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

 - b. Matthew 25:41 ⁴¹Then 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:

4. Hell is called a furnace of fire. Read
 - a. Matthew 13:42 ⁴²And shall cast them into a **furnace of fire**: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

 - b. Matthew 13: 50 (from verse 47 for context): ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ⁴⁸Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. ⁴⁹So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰And shall cast them into the **furnace of fire**: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Jesus saith unto them, **Have ye understood all these things?** They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

5. The Rich man was tormented in Hell's flame, Read Luke 16:24 ²⁴And 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 in this **flame**.

6. The Lake of Fire consists of fire and brimstone (sulfur). Read:
- a. Revelation 19:20 ²⁰And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
 - b. Revelation 20:10 ¹⁰And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
 - c. Revelation 21:8 ⁸But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Note: It was with this same substances that God poured out His judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah (read Genesis 19:24 ²⁴Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;)

Jude calls this substance ETERNAL FIRE. Read Jude 7: ⁷Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

7. According to Revelation 14:11, the fire of Hell produces smoke of torment: ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

D. The Darkness of Hell.

Hell is an infinitely dark place. There is absolutely no light there.

1. The angels that sinned were cast down to Hell are bound in Chains of Darkness. Read 2 Peter 2:4 ⁴For 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. People will be cast into the outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Read:
 - a. Matthew 8:12 ¹²But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 - b. Matthew 22:13 ¹³Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
3. False Profits and false teachers have as their destiny the “mist of darkness”. Read:
 - a. 2 Peter 2:1 ¹But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
 - b. 2 Peter 2:17 ¹⁷These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
4. Read Jude 13 ¹³Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.,

God has reserved the DARNNESS for all reprobates.

IV The Duration of Hell.

Perhaps the saddest fact about Hell is that it is FOREVER! Scripture makes this clear.

A. Hell is an Everlasting Place.

1. Everlasting FIRE:
 - a. Matthew 18:8 ⁸Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into **everlasting** fire.
 - b. Matthew 25:41 ⁴¹Then 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:
2. Everlasting Punishment: Matthew 25:46 ⁴⁶And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.
3. Everlasting vengeance: II Thessalonians 1:8-9 ⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
4. Everlasting contempt: Daniel 12:2 ²And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
5. Eternal damnation: Mark 3:29 ²⁹But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

Note: the same words are used for the saved: everlasting life, eternal life.

B. Hell is For Ever (already read several times but let's review):

1. Jude 13 ¹³Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever
2. Revelation 14:11 ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

3. Revelation 20:10 ¹⁰And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
4. NO WAY OUT.
 - a. Read Luke 16:26 ²⁶And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence
 - b. Proverbs 11:7 ⁷When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

The Devil's choir will one day have only one song to sing: one word, one tune, one note, and one key – "FOREVER!"

V The Design (and History) of Hell.

- A. Hell was originally prepared for the Devil and his angels. Read Matthew 25:41 ⁴¹Then 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:
- B. The ultimate end of Lucifer is seen in the following passages:
 1. Read Isaiah 14:12-15 ¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
 2. Revelation 12:7-9 ⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And 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.

3. Revelation 20:1-3 ¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
 4. Revelation 20:10 ¹⁰And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- C. The Devil's angels are those spirit beings which evidently followed him (Satan) in rebellion. These would comprise:
1. DEVILS - Note: what devils said to Jesus in Matthew 8:28-32 ²⁸And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. ²⁹And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? ³⁰And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. ³¹So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. ³²And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. ³³And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. ³⁴And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.
 2. Angels that have sinned. Read:
 - a. 2 Peter 2:4 ⁴For 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

- b. Jude 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. [angels gave up their rank or position, in addition to their "habitation" (residence – 1st estate) in exchange for some wicked thing they desired. Now, as a result, they are enjoying their 2nd estate-- in chains.

Scripture does not tell us the nature or details of the angel’s sin(s).

VI The Damnation of Hell.

Jesus spoke of the damnation of Hell (for Jewish Pharisees) in Matthew 23:33b ³³Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

The word damnation means “condemnation” or “judgment.” **In most cases it refers to eternal judgment in Hell** (read Mark 3:29 ²⁸Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: ²⁹But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.) [“speaking blasphemy against” the Holy Spirit is when someone one knowingly and deliberately *as a legal witness* attributes the works, operations and/or gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Devil or attributes the works, operations of the Devil to the Holy Spirit. The Pharisees did this when Jesus was casting out demons by the power of the Holy Spirit. They proclaimed: “He cast out demon spirits by the power of Beelzebub!”]

In some cases, it applies to God’s **chastisement** of an erring saint [saved person].
Read

- I Corinthians 11:29-32 ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. ²⁹For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and **drinketh damnation to himself**, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. ³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.
- I Timothy 5:11-13 (from verse 9 for context) ⁸But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. ⁹Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man. ¹⁰Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the

saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. ¹¹But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; ¹²Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. ¹³And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. ¹⁴I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. ¹⁵For some are already turned aside after Satan. ¹⁶If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

What is the damnation of Hell?

A. **Physical Torment.** Read Luke 16:24 ²⁴And 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 in this flame.

1. The rich man was tormented in the fire.
2. The rich man begged for a drop of water.

Note: the rich man in Hell possessed the physical senses – sight, taste, and hearing.

Note: A glimpse of the **physical agonies** of Hell can be seen in the effects of God's judgments to be poured out upon the Earth Daniel's 70th week. Read Revelation 18:8-11 ⁸And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. ⁹And men were **scorched with great heat**, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they **repented not to give him glory**. ¹⁰And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and **they gnawed their tongues for pain**, ¹¹And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and **repented not** of their deeds.

3. The "Worm that Dieth Not" – Read Mark 9:44-48 (from verse 43 spoken by Jesus) ⁴³And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: ⁴⁴Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁵And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never

shall be quenched: ⁴⁶Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁷And 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 fire: ⁴⁸Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Worms (maggots) are associated with physical decay after death, but, evidently, there is an ENTERNAL worm that exists in Hell to bring continual physical torment.

There is a 2nd resurrection “of damnation”. Read:

- Daniel 12:2 (from verse 1 for context) ¹And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. ²And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- John 5:28-29 (verses 23-29, spoken by Jesus) ²⁴Verily, 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. ²⁵Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. ²⁶For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; ²⁷And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

[Compare/contrast with Revelation 20:6 ⁶Blessed 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.] *Also: some interpret the Book of Revelation as requiring two resurrections of the dead, one is before the Millennium (saints), the other after it (damned).*

At the 2nd resurrection (of the damned) Death and Hell deliver up their dead to be judged. Read Revelation 20:13 (from verse 7 for context)

⁷And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. ⁹And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And 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. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Resurrection presupposes a body; however there is no evidence the UNSAVED dead will receive a gloried body like that of the saved. The damned will receive corruptible bodies, subject to every ailment, aggravation, and agony we all experience in this life.

It “worm” is prophesized for the Antichrist in Isaiah 14:11 (read from verse 9 to 12 for context)

⁹Hell from beneath is moved for thee [Satan] to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ¹⁰All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? ¹¹Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. ¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

4. More physical torment... endless wailing and gnashing of teeth. Read Matthew 13:42 ⁴²And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

What indescribable physical torments are in hell? Scorching fire, black darkness, gnawing worms, unquenchable thirst, endless pain, screaming and crying – forever!

B. Mental Torment.

1. Read Daniel 12:2 ²And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and **some to shame and everlasting contempt.**
2. Read Luke 16:25 ²⁵But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

**What indescribable mental torments there are in Hell:
Endless shame, endless guilt, and endless memory!**

C. Spiritual Torment.

1. The the Bible, death means separation. The 2nd death is to be everlastingly separated from God. Read Matthew 7:23 (from verse 21) ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: **depart from me**, ye that work iniquity.
2. Read Revelation 22:11 ¹¹He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
 - a. “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still.”
 - b. “He that is filthy, let him be filthy still.”

NO CHANGE, NO REBILIHITAION, NO REPENTANCE, NO HOPE - FOREVER

Finish reading a part of Revelation 22:

¹²And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. ¹³I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. ¹⁴Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. ¹⁵For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. ¹⁶I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. ¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. ¹⁸For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

VII The Degrees of Hell.

All sin must and will be punished by a thrice–Holy God, but just as there are degrees of sin as show below:

- John 19:11d (Jesus speaking to Pontius Pilate) *¹¹Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee **hath the greater sin.***
- I John 5:16-17 *¹⁶If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death [All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to {physical} death], he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.*

So there will be degrees of damnation. WHY?

- God is a just God. Isaiah 45:21i *²¹Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath*

*told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; **a just God** and a Saviour; there is none beside me.*

- The Judge of all the earth will do right? Genesis 18:25 ²⁵That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?
- The judgment of God through His Son will be just. Read:
 - John 5:22 ²²For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
 - John 5:30 ³⁰I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

A sinner will be turned into Hell for not believing in the Son of God. Read John 3:17-18 ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

However, just as our criminal justice system metes out different sentences for different crimes, so the justice system (which is absolutely just) will have varying degrees of punishment in Hell. The degree of eternal punishment is based upon:

A. The Amount of Light Received.

1. Every man has received light. Read John 1:9 ⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth **every** man that cometh into the world.
2. ALL MEN ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE, according to Romans 1:18-20 ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ¹⁹Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse:**

3. Nevertheless, it will be more tolerable... Read: Matthew 11:22-24 ²²But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. ²³And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.
4. According to Matthew 23:14, the religious Pharisees of Jesus' day will receive the greatest damnation. ¹⁴Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
5. Read Hebrews 10 verses (there is much fiery punishment for those who willfully reject the light of the Gospel.)
 - a. 26-29 ²⁶*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,* ²⁷*But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.* ²⁸*He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:* ²⁹*Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*
 - b. 38-39 ³⁸Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. ³⁹But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

B. The Nature and Number of Sins Committed.

1. God Hates Some Sins More Than Others.
 - a. Any sin is a sin in God's eyes, but according to Proverbs 6:16-19, there are seven sins He hates more than others. Read Proverbs 6:16-19 ¹⁶These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

- b. Some sins are an abomination to the Lord (i.e. they are particularly dimmable in God's sight). Read:
- (i) Deuteronomy 7:25-26²⁵The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. ²⁶Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.
 - (ii) Deuteronomy 17:1¹Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.
 - (iii) Deuteronomy 18:10-12¹⁰There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. ¹¹Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
 - (iv) Deuteronomy 22:5⁵The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.
 - (v) Deuteronomy 23:17-18¹⁷There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. ¹⁸Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God. [i.e., offerings made from the money of ill-gotten gains are an abomination.]
 - (vi) Deuteronomy 24:4⁴Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.
 - (vii) Deuteronomy 25:15-16¹⁵But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. ¹⁶For

all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

- (viii) Proverbs 11:1 ¹A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.
 - (ix) Proverbs 12:22 ²²Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.
 - (x) Proverbs 16:5 ⁵Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
 - (xi) Proverbs 17:15 ¹⁵He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.
 - (xii) Proverbs 20:10 ¹⁰Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.
 - (xiii) Proverbs 20:23 ²³Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.
2. Read Hebrews 2:2 ²*For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;*
With God, EVERY transgression and disobedience will receive a just recompense.
 3. Read Revelation 20:12 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.*
At the Great White Throne Judgment, condemned sinners will be judged according to their WORKS.
 4. Read Revelation 18:5-6 ⁵*For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.* ⁶*Reward her even as she rewarded you,*

and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Certain works will receive **double** damnation. Also read Isaiah 40:2

²Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

5. According to Isaiah 30:1, it is possible to compound sin. *¹Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:*

VIII The Denizens (inhabitant, resident, person who frequents a place) of Hell

Many lost sinners flippantly say, "I don't care if I go to Hell I'll have lots of company with my friends; we'll have one big party down there!" Sadly, the Bible offers no such hope. It gives no intimation that the unsaved will recognize or know one another in that awful place.

Who will be in Hell? The Bible lists the company of the damned:

A. The Intended Habitants of Hell. Read:

1. Revelation 20:10 *¹⁰And the **devil** that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
2. Revelation 19:20 *²⁰And the **beast was taken, and with him the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*
3. II Peter 2:4 *⁴For 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;*
4. Matthew 8:28-29 *²⁸And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with **devils**, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. ²⁹And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?*

B. The Unintended Habitants of Hell. [Why unintended? - Read 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.]

Read:

1. Psalm 9:17 ¹⁷The **wicked** shall be turned into hell, and all the **nations that forget God**.
2. Revelation 21:8 ⁸But the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and the **abominable**, and **murderers**, and **whoremongers**, and **sorcerers**, and **idolaters**, and all **liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
3. Revelation 21:27 ²⁷And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that **defileth**, neither whatsoever **worketh abomination**, or **maketh a lie**: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.
4. Revelation 22:15 ¹⁵For without are dogs, and **sorcerers**, and **whoremongers**, and **murderers**, and **idolaters**, and whosoever **loveth and maketh a lie**.
5. Proverbs 5:3-5 ³For the lips of a **strange woman** drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: ⁴But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. ⁵Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
6. **Judas**
 - a. John 17:12 ¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition [**Judas**]; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
 - b. John 6:20 ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?
 - c. Acts 1:25 ²⁵That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which **Judas** by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

7. Read I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11:

- **Fornicators shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** This term refers to those who engage in sexual activity which God has declared sinful.
- **Idolaters shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** Those who offer to others what belongs unto God are idolaters.
- **Adulterers shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** Adultery seems to be more specific a term than fornication. It is usually limited to sexual unfaithfulness to a marriage partner. Adultery will keep one from entering heaven.
- **The effeminate shall not enter the kingdom of God.** When we see this word, we think of a sissy. But the word goes beyond that. It refers to one who is soft, specifically, to the passive partner in a homosexual relationship. Being effeminate will keep one from entering heaven.
- **Homosexuals shall not enter the kingdom of God.** This word is used twice in the New Testament; in the text we are examining as well as I TIMOTHY 1:10. It denotes one who would take the leading role in a homosexual relationship. It is not fashionable today to suggest that such activity is unrighteous and will keep one out of the kingdom of God, but that is what the Covenant of Jesus Christ says. Practicing homosexuality will keep one from entering heaven.
- **Thieves shall not enter the kingdom of God.** There is no excuse for taking that which rightfully belongs to another. Whether its shoplifting, pilfering, short-changing or armed robbery, fraud and extortion, it is thievery. Whether the person doing the stealing is rich or poor it will still keep one from entering heaven.
- **The covetous will not enter the kingdom of God.** This has to do with having an uncontrollable desire to possess a certain thing. It motivates one into committing sin in order to satisfy greed. Coveting that which belongs to another will keep one from entering heaven.
- **Drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** Children of God have no need to cloud their perspectives nor dull their senses. We must be able to think and reason clearly.
- **Revilers shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** There are many to speak boldly about things that they know little about. Many men and women of God have had to endure reproach for their faith. Not even the Son of God escaped verbal abuse. But they will not have to endure it forever because there will be no revilers in heaven.
- **Swindlers shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** Seducers and smooth talkers of all kinds are included here. The religious con-man belongs to this group as well as the secular. Those who prey on others by trying to take advantage of their misfortune would also be included.

IX The Denials of Hell.

There are many who deny the existence of a literal, burning, and everlasting Hell – either directly by their outright rejection of the Word of God, or their substitute unscriptural theories, or indirectly by their careless living (both lost and saved!)

The five (5) common Hell-denying theories are:

<p>A. Universalism: “All men will be saved.” This modernistic theory absolutely denies the plain teaching of the Bible. Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 7:13-14 ¹³Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. • Matthew 7:21-23 ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. • II Thessalonians 2:10-12 ¹⁰And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 	<p>B. Annihilationism: The wicked dead are or will be annihilated, and are or will be no more.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many cults (Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventists, Christadelphians, etc.) teach this theory, which is a denial of an everlasting Hell. • Read Mark 9:43-48 ⁴³And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: ⁴⁴Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁵And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: ⁴⁶Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁷And 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 fire: ⁴⁸Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
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C. Purgatory:

“The dead all go to Purgatory to be purified and made fit for Heaven.”
This is one of the most important doctrines of Roman Catholicism.

1. THERE IS NO Biblical teaching of a Purgatory, or ANY kind of second chance of salvation after death. Read Hebrews 9:27 ²⁷And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
2. Our eternal destiny and condition are determined (and set) in this life by what we do with Jesus Christ. Read Revelation 22:11 ¹¹He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
3. This blasphemous and damnable teaching denies the complete work of Christ.

Read John 19:30c ³⁰When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Hebrews 10:10 ¹⁰By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

D. Hell is on Earth:

Perhaps the most common view among so-called evangelicals and popular religion today.

- “A person is in hell when he has lost his self-esteem” – Robert Schuller.
- “Hell... [is]... not fire but something worse, a thirst for God that cannot be quenched.” – Billy Graham.
- “The essence of hell is surely an inner misery of helpless remorse... an eternity of self-absorbed unwillingness to receive and respond to divine goodness.” – J. I Packer
- “The Bible does not teach we experience hell after we die, we experience it before we die.” – Ruth Carter Stapleton
- Hell is... “the state of those who freely and definitely separate themselves from God... the pain, the frustration and emptiness of life without God.” – Pope John Paul II

These lies deny the literal and plain teaching of the Word of God. In many cases, they are attempts to make the doctrine of Hell palatable.

E. Hell is the Grave.

This is the favorite “explanation” of the Hell-denying Russellites (Jehova Witnesses).

Pointing to the 31 times the Hebrew word “Sheol” is translated ‘grave’ in the Authorized KJB, they assert that is all Hell really is – the grave, a hole in the ground.

This is a figure of speech where the part stands for the whole.

However:

1. No one ever purchases Sheol. Read Genesis 23:4 ⁶Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.
2. No one ever digs a Sheol. Read Genesis 50:5 ⁵My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.
3. No living person ever touches a Sheol. Read: Numbers 19:16 ¹⁶And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.
4. No one will find bones in a Sheol. Read I Kings 13:31: ³¹And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

The word “grave” in these passages is “qeber” or “qebuwrah”, elsewhere translated as sepulcher or burying place. (the word qeber is found 68 times and qebuwrah 13 times in the Old Testament. It is always a physical grave... never Hell.

X The Demand of Hell

There is a cry from Hell that cannot be ignored – an urgent cry that demands that **the Gospel be preached to sinners while there is still time.**

A. The Love of God Demands It.

1. God is not willing that ANY should perish. Read II Peter 3:9 ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
2. God sent HIS Son into the world so that all who would believe in Him should not perish. John 3:16 ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
3. Hell and destruction lie open before the Lord... how much more the hearts of men. Read: Proverbs 15:11 ¹¹Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men? [Death and Destruction lie open before the LORD--how much more the hearts of men!]

B. Duty Demands It.

1. Read Proverbs 24:11-12 ¹¹If thou **forbear** [refrain, hold back, deny, not do] to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; ¹²If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

Study of Verse 11 - If thou see the innocent taken by the hand of a lawless power or superstitious zeal, and they are about to be put to death, you should rise up in their behalf, boldly plead for them, testify to their innocence when thou know it; and thus you will not be guilty of blood; which thou would be, if, through any pretense, you should neglect to save the life of a man unjustly condemned.

Study of Verse 12 – this denounces the tendency to hush up a wrong with the false plea of ignorance. **God's retributive justice cannot be avoided by professed ignorance. Neglect of known duty is sin (Read James 4:17 ¹⁷Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.)**

2. Read II Corinthians 5:11a ¹¹Knowing therefore **the terror** of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

C. The Lost in Hell Cry For It.

Read Luke 16:27-31 ²⁷Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: ²⁸For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

1. The rich man in Hell begged for Lazarus be sent back to his father's house to witness to his five brethren.
2. He feared they also would come to the same place of torment (Hell).
3. Abraham's solemn reply:
 - a. They have Moses and the prophets (i.e.; The Word of God)
 - b. Men will **not be persuaded to believe except** they hear the Word of God.

**This demonstrates the POWER OF THE
WORD OF GOD.**