



# FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

## Hell in the Bible

*A Real Destination with Eternal Consequences*

### 1. Topics to consider with this discussion of hell:

- a. God. Eternal existence & attributes of holiness: righteousness, justice & love
- b. Satan. Fallen cherubic creature cast from mount of God with fallen angels
- c. Man. Eternal creation of God (spirit, soul, body), free will & responsibility for choice
- d. Sin. Entered by Adam, fallen nature of humanity & perpetual sin problem against God
- e. Man's Soul. Eternal part of man, separated from his body at death, reunited at resurrection – Gen2:7; 1Thess5:23; Mt10:28; Jn5:29; Ac24:15
- f. Eternal Judgment. Man dies, judgment follows – Heb6:2; 9:27; Ac17:31; Rom2:16
- g. Hell (location). Prepared by God (heart of the earth, compartments) – Mt12:40; Jon2:2-6; Lu16:22-26; 2Pet 2:4; 1John 3:10; Jude 1:6; Rev 12:7-9
- h. Heaven (location). 3-levels (sky, space, God's throne) “the third heaven” – 2Cor12:2; Gen1:1,6-8; Ps11:4; Isa66:1; Mt5:34-35

### 2. Verses describing the eternal, everlasting punishment or torment to God's enemies:

Matt 25:41; Dan 12:2; Mark 9:44; Mark 9:46; Mark 9:48; Mark 9:49; Luke 16:26; John 5:29; 2Thess 1:9; Rev 14:10; Rev 14:11; Rev 20:10; Rev 20:15; Rev 21:8

**Note:** When we sinners, deserving of hell by our very nature, understand the following verses it should bring about awe and thankfulness for what Christ accomplished for us willingly:

#### 1. Isaiah Prophecies of punishment for transgressors of the LORD:

*“And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: **for their worm shall not die**, neither shall their fire be quenched;” – Isa66:24*

#### 2. Jesus, speaking of those going into hell, the fire that never shall be quenched:

*“Where **their worm dieth not**, and the fire is not quenched...” – Mk9:44,46,48*

#### 3. Messianic Psalm:

*“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?...**But I am a worm**, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people...thou has brought me into the dust of death...they pierced my hands and my feet...They part my garments among them, and cast lots on my vesture.” – Ps22:1,6,15,18*

#### 4. Jonah cries from the belly of hell to the LORD:

*“**out of the belly of hell cried I**...For thou hadst cast me into the deep...the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet thou brought up my life from corruption” – Jon2:2,3,6*

#### 5. Jesus, replying to the scribes and Pharisees seeking a sign:

*“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights **in the heart of the earth**.” – Mt12:39,40*

#### 6. Paul, stating Christ descended into the lower parts of the earth before ascending:

*“(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)” – Eph4:9,10*

#### 7. Moses, quoting the law speaks of the consequence of a sinner worthy of death:



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*"And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance." – Deut21:23,23*

**8. Paul, stating that Christ was made a curse for us:**

*"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:" – Gal3:13*

**9. Christ, God manifest in the flesh, took the punishment we deserved willingly:**

*"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." – Phil2:8*

**10. The preaching of the cross is the gospel of the grace of God:**

*"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. – 1Cor1:17-18*

## Running the numbers:

1. Mentioned 55x total in the Bible
2. Mentioned 47x in the OT (includes OT books of MML)
3. Mentioned 8x in the NT Hebrew epistles
4. Not mentioned in the Pauline epistles (this does not mean that it doesn't exist)
5. Jesus speaks of Hell more than any other person in the Bible (16 of 55x = 29%)

## Hell in the Old Testament

1. God's anger and fire will burn to the lowest hell and consume the earth to the foundation – Deut32:22
2. Associated with dead things, has inhabitants, is under waters & in God's clear view – Job26:6,7; Prov15:11
3. Frequently associated with destruction – Prov15:11; Job26:7; Prov27:20
4. Is never full, and hath enlarged itself – Prov27:20; Isa5:14; Hab2:5
5. Hell is located beneath, is moved to meet Lucifer at his coming, stirs up the dead located there, and referred to as the pit – Isa14:9,15
6. Waves of death and sorrow compassing, snares of death prevented – 2Sam22:6; Ps18:5
7. Is used in contrast to heaven's height..."deeper than hell..." – Job11:8
8. Location for the wicked nations to be sent for forgetting God, judgment – Ps9:17
9. David prays for his **soul to not be left in hell**, nor for corruption to occur – Ps16:10
10. Death and quick descent into hell for wicked enemies – Ps55:15
11. Soul deliverance from the lowest hell – Ps86:13
12. Pain associated, deliverance of soul prayed for – Ps116:3
13. God is omnipresent, including hell – Ps139:8
14. Contrasted with the path of life...a path of death – Prov5:5, 7:27, 9:18
15. Associated with a lowly region/path for ungodly souls – Prov15:24, 23:14
16. Ungodly make covenants with death and hell to forgo punishment – Isa28:15
17. Israel's fornication and debasement with other nations leads to hell – Isa57:9
18. Pharaoh cast down to hell with others in the nether parts of the earth, slain by sword – Eze31:16
19. Slain, uncircumcised supporters of Egypt speak from hell; graves set aside the pit – Eze32:21
20. Hell is used in reference to digging into the earth – Amos9:2
21. Jonah cried from the belly of hell: the deep, floods compassed about, cast out of God's sight, bottoms of the mountains; the earth's bars were about him forever; life brought up from corruption; soul fainted – Jonah2:1-9



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## Jesus on Hell

1. Killing, angry thoughts, "thou fool" are in danger of hell fire – Mt5:21,22
2. Those members that offend, cut off to save the whole body being cast into hell – Mt5:29,30
3. Fear God that is able to **destroy both soul and body** in hell – Mt10:28; Lu12:5
4. Those cities that did not repent for the mighty works done, were to be brought down – Mt11:23; Lu10:15
5. Hell has a gate (i.e. power and dominion) will not prevail the kingdom of heaven – Mt16:18
6. Everlasting hell fire for offenders – Mt18:8,9
7. Greater, inescapable damnation for hypocritical, blind guides (i.e. children of hell) – Mt23:14,15,33
8. Unquenchable fire in hell where their worm dies not – Mk9:43-48
9. Man buried, tormented in hell fire with a gulf separating Abraham's bosom (i.e. paradise?) in sight – Lu16:22-31
10. Man in hell is aware of setting, has sense of pain and knowledge of previous life – Lu16:22-31

## Hell in the New Testament

1. Peter quotes David's prophecy of Jesus' future resurrection, soul not remaining in hell – Acts2:27,31
2. The tongue defiles the whole body and sets on fire of hell – Jas3:6
3. Angels that sinned are in chains of darkness in hell until judgment & punishment – 2Pet2:4
4. Christ has the keys of hell and death – Rev1:18
5. During the great tribulation, the fourth seal is opened and Death rides on a horse with Hell following him – Rev6:4
6. Death and hell give up population of dead in them for judgment – Rev20:13
7. Death and hell are cast into lake of fire (i.e. second death) – Rev20:14

## Lake of Fire

1. Only mentioned in Revelation (4x)
2. The beast, false prophet, devil, death, hell and those not found in the book of life cast alive into the lake of fire for eternal torment – Rev19:20; 20:10,14,15; 21:8; Mt25:41; Jude1:6,7

## Other terms associated, worthy of study:

### The Pit

1. Job describes the pit being below and having bars – Job17:16
2. God can keep souls from the pit – Job33:18
3. Deliverance from the pit (or grave) is a product of graciousness, based on ransom – Job33:24

Eternal Damnation – Mk3:29

Eternal Fire – Jude1:7

Everlasting Destruction: flaming fire and vengeance from the presence of the Lord – 2Thess1:8,9

Everlasting Contempt – Dan12:2

Everlasting Punishment – Mt25:46

Damnation

Everlasting Fire – Mt18:8; 25:41

Fiery oven – Ps21:9

Fiery furnace – Dan3

Fiery judgment & indignation – Heb10:27

Fiery trial – 1Pet4:12

Eternal judgment – Heb6:2

Fiery Judgment

Land of the Living

The Grave