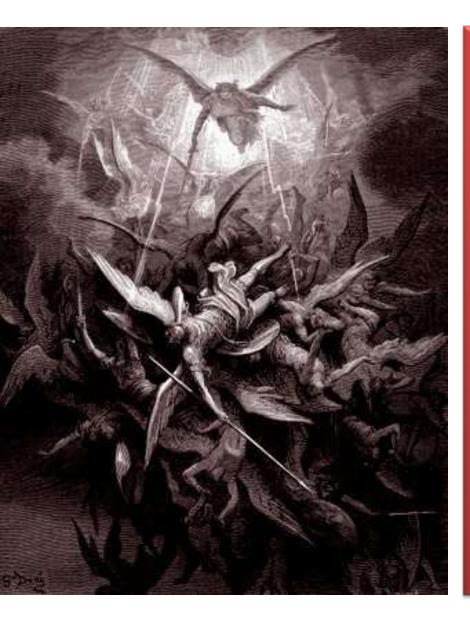


# What is HELL?



## God didn't create us to destroy us II 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.

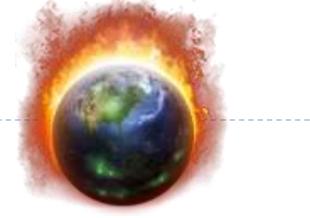


## GOD'S GO&L: DESTROY SIN

#### I JOHN 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

## Who is Hell prepared for?



Matthew 25:41

Then 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:



## Words used for Hell in the Bible

### **Old Testament - Hebrew**

Sheol

### New Testament - Greek

- Hades
- Gehenna
- Tataroo



## Understanding the Context

- The word "Hell" in Scripture does not always meaning a fiery judgment. This may explain some of the confusion on the subject
- Sometimes the word hell is referring to Death and the Grave
- Examples:



## Allusion to **Death**

- David delivered from Saul's hand
- 2 Samuel 22:5-6
- When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
- <sup>6</sup> The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me.
- Word : Sheol is used



Jonah 2:1 Was in the belly of a whale and he compared it to the grave



And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

Jonah obviously was not suffering a torment in "hell" because he was in the belly of a fish. This analogy yet again refers to the grave. (buried alive)

- Isaiah 28:15-
- <sup>15</sup> Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:
- Hebrew: Sheol



## **Christ and the Grave**

#### Psalms 16: 10

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

#### Acts 2:25-31

Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption...

- Revelation 20:14-15
  - Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire

#### What does this mean?



## When does the bible mention HellFire?

Tips:

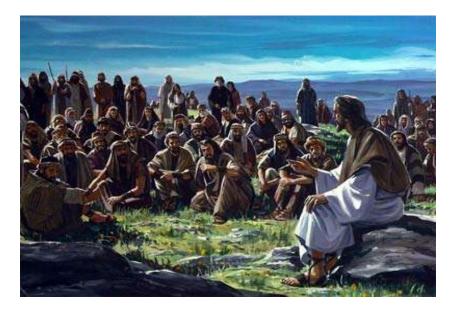
- Look at the context
- If you know the word being used for hell it may help



## How Christ Used the word Hell

- When Jesus spoke about Hell he either used the Greek word
  - 1. "Hades/Sheol" Death/Grave

 2. "Gehenna" –God's Final Judgment



## What does **Gehenna** mean?

## Hebrew: "Gai Ben Hinnom"

# English: "Valley of the Son of Hinnom"

## Valley of the Son of Hinnom- Gehenna

#### Pagan ritual site for Child Sacrifice – outside of Jerusalem



II Chronicles 28:3 – "[Ahaz]...burnt incense in the Valley of the son of Hinnom and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen..."

## Valley of the Son of Hinnom- Gehenna

#### Josiah's reform

II Kings 23:10 – And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.



#### Vile abomination to God

#### Jeremiah 7

31: And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

32: Therefore behold the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter, for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

## What do they have in common?

## Valley of Son of Hinnom



#### Lake of Fire – "Hell"



#### Place of sin becomes the place of their destruction

## Christ use of the word Gehenna

- When Christ spoke of Hellfire he used the term Gehenna
- Matthew 5: 22
  - ...whosever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

#### Matthew 5:30

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

## If not Now, When and How Long....?



## Is Hell Burning Now?

John 5:28 – Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.

Matthew 13:40 - As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.

## Is Hell Burning Now?

New and the Old Testament describe death as a Sleep

Daniel 12: 2- And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

I Thessalonians 4:14 – For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

## Will Hell Burn Forever?

The Catholic Church and the majority of the Christian world has taught this for centuries. Is it true?

Food for Thought: If Hellfire were Eternal that would imply that the souls in hell cannot die, but doesn't the Bible call Hell the **Second Death**. Rev. 20:6



Job 4:18 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

**Psalms 37:10 -** But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they **consume away.** 

## Eternal Fire



Matthew 18: 8

Wherefore if thy hand or foot offend thee, cut them off...it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast in **everlasting fire**.

- Jude 1:7
- Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, 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.

#### Smoke ascending Forever

Rev 14: 11 - And the Smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever...

Jonah 2:6 – I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever; yet has thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.

## Fire shall not be quenched

- Mark 9:48
- Where the worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.



- Jeremiah 17:27
- But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

## Eternal Torment comes from Pagan religions

- Ancient Pagan religions taught this Catholic Church introduced these philosophies into the Christian Church
  - Egyptian Mythology
  - Greek Mythology
  - Babylonian Mythology
  - Roman Mythos
  - Scandanavian Mythos
  - Hindu Mythology





## What do you have to fear?

#### I John

4: 17- Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in the world.

 4:18 – There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.