

## **Heaven and Hell**

### **Part One**

#### **Heaven**

There are eight different words in Genesis 1:1, and we will focus on the sixth one. The word heaven (singular) is from the Hebrew word shamayim.

Anytime you find the two letters "im" together at the end of a Hebrew word, that always means that that word is plural, but it is translated here as the singular word heaven. The word "heaven" appears 583 times.

#### **Heavens**

The word "heavens" appears 133 times, but it is the same Hebrew word shamayim that is also translated as heaven (Singular).

#### **The firmament he called heaven**

**Genesis 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.**

On day two, God separated waters on the earth, and placed a firmament (called heaven) which separated the waters on the earth from the waters above the earth.

#### **Heaven is described as above the earth**

The earth is described as being under the heaven, which we will call the first heaven, as the scripture points, to more than just one heaven (which we will study later in more detail):

**Genesis 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.**

This would be the open firmament called heaven, which is the realm where the fowls of the air fly, the first heaven:

**Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.**

## **The Second Heaven**

**Genesis 1:14** And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **15** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. **16** And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. **17** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

The second heaven is described as having two great lights in it (the Sun and the Moon) along with the stars. These were all created on day four. A third heaven will be discussed momentarily which is the abode of God.

### **There are hosts in the heavens**

**Genesis 2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **3** And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **4** These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

In Genesis chapter two God is summing up what occurred in chapter one. The word host will be discussed momentarily, but the word has to deal with everything in the heavens. The word host means a company, an army, or a large group, such as angels or planets.

### **The Windows of Heaven**

**Genesis 8:2** The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

Notice that the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. This could mean that because the window of heaven were stopped the rain was restrained, and it could also mean that both the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. I will leave that for you to decide.

### **God is the Possessor of Heaven**

**Genesis 14:19** And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

## **The Angel of the LORD called out of Heaven**

**Genesis 22:11** And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

## **The LORD is the God of Heaven**

**Genesis 24:3** And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

## **The Host of Heaven**

Remember back in Genesis 2:1-4 above that the heavens (plural) were finished, and all the host of them. Just what are the host of the heavens? It is definitely a reference to all the stars, moons, suns, and planets, but is there more to it than just that?

**Deuteronomy 4:19** And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

**Deuteronomy 17:3** And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

## **Angels are also identified as the host of God:**

**Genesis 32:1** And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. **2** And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

## **The Stars (Angels) fought from heaven**

**Judges 5:20** They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

## **The Devil and his Angels will be cast out of heaven**

**Revelation 12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **9** And 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.**

This event happens at the mid-point of the Tribulation Period, and Satan makes war with the saints at this time.

**There is as a paved work of a Sapphire Stone under God's feet in Heaven:**

**Exodus 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.**

**God's holy habitation is in Heaven**

**Deuteronomy 26:15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.**

### **Heavenly**

The word "heavenly" appears 23 times in the scriptures, but never in the Old Testament. It is the Greek word Epouranios and it is also translated as the words "celestial" and "high". It is similar to the word Uranus, which is a planet in the heavens (the second heaven).

It is used to describe things belonging to heaven, or things in heaven, The term "my heavenly Father" implies that Jesus Father is in Heaven (the third heaven).

It is used to describe things in heaven. Heavenly host, heavenly things, heavenly vision, heavenly calling, heavenly places, heavenly gift, heavenly kingdom, and heavenly Jerusalem.

### **Heavenly Places**

The words "heavenly places" appear only 4 times places and all of them are in Paul's epistle to the Ephesians (1:3, 20 2:6, 3:10).

The word "places" is italicized, and is not in the Greek, but is supplied by the translators to give us a better understanding of what is being said. Take the word "places" out of the verse and the verse isn't as clear.

There are principalities and powers (Governmental Structure) in heavenly places that are occupied by angels, both good and fallen, the fallen will be cast out of these positions at the mid-point of the Tribulation Period:

**Ephesians 3:10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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### **The Heaven of Heavens**

**Deuteronomy 10:14** Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

### **The Third Heaven**

**2 Corinthians 12:1** It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. **2** I 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. **3** And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) **4** How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

This third heaven, as we can see, is also called paradise. Much debate over these verses have occurred as to who was it the Paul was speaking about, either himself, or John who wrote the book of the Revelation, Paul clearly states that he is not talking about himself in the later verses, but that is not the real issue here.

The real issue is that there is a third heaven, where the person Paul was speaking about John who was he was caught up to the third heaven, and up into paradise.

### **Far above all heavens**

Scriptures supports a place far above the heavens where Christ ascended up on high as well:

**Ephesians 4:8 Wherefore 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? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)**

### **The heavens opened**

Stephen, by the filling of the Holy Ghost, saw the glory of God, and the place where Christ ascended when the heavens were opened to him:

**Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.**

All the heavens were opened to Stephen's view so that he could see up on high, far above all heavens to the very throne of God.

### **The LORD's throne is in heaven:**

**Psalm 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.**

### **Jesus came from heaven**

**John 3:31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. 32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.**

### **Jesus was sent by God, from heaven**

**John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

### **Jesus went back to heaven and he will return**

**Act 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

### **God's throne is found in the Heavenly places**

**Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

**We are seated in heavenly places**

**Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

As believers in Christ today, we make up his body, and he is the head of that body. Where he is as our head in eternity, there will his body be, because we are in Christ.

This doesn't not mean that we will occupy the exact same space of real estate that Christ is on at every moment. We will not all be sitting on his lap throughout eternity. We, as his body, have roles to accomplish during the millennial kingdom and on out into eternity.

Notice that Ephesians 2:6 it states that we are seated together with Christ, but we are seating in heavenly places (plural, many places), not just seated with him.

**I will shake the heavens**

**Isaiah 13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.**

**Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:**

**Joel 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.**

**Haggai 2:6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;**

Why will the LORD of hosts (angels) shake the heavens? There are some fallen angels in heavenly places that do not want to leave their positions.

When the LORD shakes the heavens, Satan then casts those angels that followed him down to the earth to make war with the saints. It is very clear from these passages that they each speak of a day to come. Not some past event.

Hebrews tells us a little more about this event. Notice Paul does not speak about this event, but the writers to the Hebrews back in the Old Testament do and so does the author of Hebrews here.

**Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.**

Everything in the book of Hebrews, and especially in this chapter is written to the Hebrews. It is written especially for those going through that time when the LORD shakes the heavens and the earth.

That will be during the time of Jacob's Trouble (the seven-year tribulation period) to educate them so they can take the necessary precautions during that time.

### **A throne was set in heaven**

**Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will**



shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Who were the four and twenty elders seated on twenty-four thrones? There are a lot of guesses out there. They are twenty-four Jewish believers first of all who wore white robes, not because it was what everyone wears, but it is the righteousness of the saints, their robes were made white in the blood of the lamb.

Secondly, is there anywhere in all the scripture where the number twenty-four is associated with Israel and worshiping God? Of course, there is.

There were twenty-four courses of priests in the tabernacle and later the temple each with a person over that course found in first Chronicles chapter twenty-four.

They are most likely the original twenty-four priests listed in 1 Chronicles 24:9-17, because one of them asks John who are all those before the throne

who are wearing white robes, thus enlightening us that they themselves are not Tribulation Saints:

**Revelation 7:13** And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

### A New Heaven

**Revelation 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

The new heaven is not new Jerusalem, new Jerusalem is in heaven today, but it will come down out of heaven, (if it comes down out of a place called heaven, it cannot be heaven also). It is called that heavenly city because it was for a while in heaven.

**Hebrews 12:22** But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Many teach that the body of Christ (the church today) is going to be the bride of Christ. This is not so! The Bride, the Lamb's wife is a city, New Jerusalem, technically it is the inhabitants of that city.

You and I in the body of Christ are not believing Israel so we are not the bride, we are the body of Christ. See our study on the Bride of Christ.

Will we have access to the city? Absolutely! We are given celestial bodies and will be able to go anywhere with them. I am currently in Tel Aviv, Israel as I am writing this. I do not live here, but I can travel to and from here, I am a citizen of another country so while I can visit here, I must return home.

My citizenship is in heaven because I have trusted in Christ as my Saviour in this dispensation of grace, but that doesn't mean I am restricted to heaven.

The body of Christ will take up the positions vacated by the fallen angels, and we will rule with Christ from the heaven places.

Faithful Israel will rule and reign with Christ here on the earth. As angels ministered to the nation of Israel and other nations under the Law, so will we have roles in different heavenly places that work in support of what is going on in the kingdom down here on earth.

You will not spend eternity strumming a harp on some cloud, or catching rainbow trout in the Crystal Sea. Reigning with Christ does not just mean we sit around on thrones either.

### **The god of this world**

The new heaven will be just that, a new heaven, free from thousands of years of defilement by Satan and his angels who have been usurping principalities and powers in high places to wage his war against God and his angels, and from where he ruled over this world as the god of this world.

**2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**

### **The End**

### **Heaven Tests**

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### **Heaven Tests 1.25 Credit hours**

1. What is the Hebrew word for heaven(s)?

2. What does "im" at the end of a Hebrew word mean?
3. What did God call Heaven in Genesis chapter one?
4. On what day did God place a firmament to separate the waters below it and above it?
5. Where is heaven describe as being?
6. What is below the first heaven?
7. What creatures have access to the first heaven daily?
8. Is the first heaven an open firmament or a closed firmament according to Genesis chapter one?
9. What are the two great lights in the firmament of the second heaven?
10. What else was made on this day?
11. What are the hosts mentioned as being in the heavens?
12. What does the word host mean?
13. What two things are mentioned from heaven in Genesis 8:2?
14. What two things does Genesis 14 say that God is the possessor of?
15. What are the host of heaven?
16. What else are identified as being the host of heaven in Genesis 32?
17. What does Judges 5 call the angels that fought from heaven?
18. What is under God's feet in heaven?
19. What does Deuteronomy 26 say is in heaven?
20. How often is the word "heavenly" found in the Old Testament?
21. What others words is the Greek word epouranios sometimes translated as instead of the word heavenly?
22. Give five things found in the scriptures along with the word "heavenly":
23. Where are the four occurrences of the words "heavenly places" found in the scripture?
24. What two governmental positions are seen in heavenly places according to Eph 3:10?
25. Where do the rulers of the darkness of this world rule from?

26. Does Deuteronomy 10:14 prove there are more than one heaven?
27. Where in scripture does Paul describe a third heaven?
28. Where does Paul say the person he knew 14 years ago was caught up into when he was in the third heaven?
29. What scripture tells us there is a place far above all heavens?
30. What was opened unto Stephen so he could see Jesus as he was being stoned?
31. What two things are in heaven according to Psalms 11?
32. How did Jesus go to heaven in Acts 1?
33. Where is God's throne according to Ephesians 1:20?
34. Where are we seated at according to Ephesians 2:6?
35. Will we and Christ be seated on his throne non-stop for the whole 1,000 year kingdom, or will be allowed to get up and move around a little bit?
36. What will God do to the heavens in the tribulation period, and why will he do it?
37. Who is the book of "Hebrews" written to?
38. How do we know from Hebrews 12 that the verses in Isaiah, Joel and Haggai are speaking about refer to a time still in the future?
39. What will be cast out of heaven in the tribulation period in Revelation 12?
40. What was "round about the throne" that was set in heaven?
41. What are the four beasts around the throne?
42. Who are most likely the four and twenty elders?
43. Why is that?
44. How do we know the four and twenty elders are not tribulation saints?
45. What will happen to heaven after the 1,000-year kingdom ends?
46. How do we know that New Jerusalem is not heaven according to the scripture?
47. What is the city of New Jerusalem also called in Revelation 21?
48. Who are the inhabitants of New Jerusalem?

49. Is the Church called the bride of Christ or is the city called the bride, the Lamb's wife?
50. Will we have access to New Jerusalem in the Kingdom?
51. Who is the god of this world?

## Part Two

### Hell

Hell is found fifty-four times in the King James Bible. It is translated from the Hebrew word Sheol. Thirteen times it is associated with a literal fire which is burning continually. Most of the time it is used to describe the abode of the dead prior to the dispensation of grace.

Paul never mentions hell. Why? In this present dispensation believers do not go to the abode of the dead (paradise, or Abraham's bosom) as they did in the dispensation of law.

#### What did Jesus believe and teach about hell?

**Luke 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: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, 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 in this flame. **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, and thou art tormented. **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. 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.**

This is not a parable! Nowhere is there any hint of this being a parable. A person has to claim it is a parable to ease their conscience because they do not want to accept that people who die without Christ are tormented in an eternal flame as the story teaches.

This is where we get the name, Abraham's bosom from but that is not its name. Its name is hell and always has been. The side where Lazarus went upon his death was called paradise since the beginning.

Notice it said that Lazarus was there in Abraham's bosom, which simply meant he was there next to Abraham. Notice that the rich man said that he was tormented in this flame.

### **Truths about hell**

One part of hell has fire in it all the way down to its lowest part:

**Deuteronomy 32:22 For 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.**

David was compassed with sorrow as he thought Saul would kill him.

**2 Samuel 22:6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;**

**Hell is as deep as it gets:**

**Job 11:8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?**

The only thing deeper than hell or higher than heaven is God according to Job.

**There is nothing that God does not know about hell:**

**Job 26:6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.**

One part of hell is the abode of the wicked dead and those who have forgotten God.

**Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.**

One day hell will be cast into the lake of fire as its eternal home which will be an eternal torment.

### **Hell was not the eternal abode for the righteous:**

Both David and Christ went to hell as did all before the cross. Believers went to the paradise side while unbelievers went to the side of fire and eternal torment.

**Psalm 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

David went there and so did Christ. David went to the paradise side of hell. Christ went to both sides. One side to deposit our sins there, and the other to preach to the captives in paradise.

**Psalm 18:5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. (Same quote as 2 Samuel 22:6)**

**Psalm 55:15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.**

### **The soul goes to hell**

**Psalm 86:13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.**

Hell has different levels, for differing degrees of punishment. Paradise would be in the highest part of hell (the abode of the dead) while the places of torment would be in the lower parts.

### **More verses on hell from the old testament**

**Psalm 116:3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.**

**Psalm 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**



**Proverbs 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.**

**Proverbs 7:27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.**

**The simple do not know the lost are in hell**

**Proverbs 9:18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.**

\* See the two preceding verses in chapter 9.

**Proverbs 15:11 Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?**

**Proverbs 15:24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.**

**The torment in hell can be avoided**

**Proverbs 23:14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.**

A parent cannot force someone to be saved, but if they raise a child the way he or she should be raised and punish them as commanded when it is necessary they can deliver his soul from hell.

Chastisement gives a child a respect for earthly authorities and ultimately their heavenly authority.

**Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

**Hell enlarges itself**

**Isaiah 5:14 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.**

**Isaiah 14:9 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.**

**Satan shall be brought down to hell during Israel's kingdom.**

**Isaiah 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**

## **Israel made an agreement with hell**

**Isaiah 28:15** 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:

**Isaiah 28:18** And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

Israel will suffer because it broke its agreement with God, but the remnant of believers will be spared the punishment of hell.

**Isaiah 57:9** And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell.

## **What is in hell?**

**Ezekiel 31:16** 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.

One part of hell (the bottomless pit) is where Satan will be cast into while the other part (the nether parts of the earth) are where all the trees of Eden (paradise) are and it is where believers are comforted while those on the other side are tormented.

## **Hell is gone down into**

**Ezekiel 31:17** They 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.

**Ezekiel 32:21** The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

**Ezekiel 32:27** And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

**Amos 9:2** Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

**Jonah died and went to hell (the abode of the dead)**

**Jonah 2:2** 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 died in the fish/whale's belly and was resurrected after three days as is proven by verse two and substantiated by the two preceding verses which tell us that Jonah was in the whale's belly for three days and nights before he decided to pray.

**Jonah 1:17** Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. **2:1** Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

I would have prayed immediately if I was still alive, but Jonah waited for three days. Actually God waited for three days to raise Jonah from the dead, so he could be a better type of Christ.

To attack the resurrection of Jonah is to shed doubt on the resurrection of Christ. Look at what Jesus said about himself and Jonah:

**Matthew 12:40** 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.

Jesus said he was as Jonah was. If you believe that Christ died and was not just lying around in the tomb as some teach waiting for the stone to be rolled away, then Jonah was in the same condition as Jesus was which was dead because he said he was as Jonah was.

Christ was dead so and Jonah was also dead. Don't you believe God could have raised Jonah from the dead? Do you believe he raised Jesus from the dead? I hope so because your eternity rest on the later.

**Hell has enlarged itself**

**Habakkuk 2:5** 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:

## **Hell in the New Testament**

The new testament uses three Greek words to describe hell: Gehenna, hades and tartaroo. Hades is used to describe the abode of the dead in the heart of the earth.

The word Gehenna is used to describe the side of hell/hades where there is the torment of eternal flames, it is the place of punishment where the lost abide.

Tartaroo or tartarus, as some call it, is the abyss were some of the fallen angels are kept for leaving their first estate.

**Matthew 5:22 But 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.**

**Not hell darkness, but hell fire!**

**Matthew 5:29 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. 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.**

**See comments on this below in Mark 9:44-48**

**Matthew 10:28 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.**

**Matthew 11:23 And 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. See comments below concerning the two above verses found in Luke 10:15 and 12:5**

**Hell has gates**

**Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Hell has gates and the very gates of hell shall not prevail against the rock that the kingdom church of which Peter is the chiefest apostle in.

To be a part of that kingdom church one had to believe what Peter professed in Matthew 16:17 that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God.

That was how someone in that day entered into the kingdom church with the same profession as Peter. That is what that church was built on. People who believed what Peter believed and confessed it.

The gates prevented anyone in the torment side of hell from leaving hell because they did not have the profession that Peter had that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God.

There was also the great gulf that separated them. Imagine what that must be like for a moment because the rich man could see Lazarus in Abraham's bosom even though it was far off. What added torment to see others in bliss as you are tormented.

**Matthew 18:9 And 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.**

The entering into life is the entering into the kingdom which follows the seven-year period known as the tribulation period or the time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble.

The type of life they will enter into at the onset of the kingdom is eternal life. For believing Israel to inherit her eternal promises she must have eternal life and she will during the kingdom and beyond.

**Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.**

A doctrine that is wrong concerning salvation will make a person a child of hell (future resident) the more zealous that "child" becomes the more a child of hell he becomes.

**Matthew 23:33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?**

Damnation has varying levels of punishment Matthew 23:14, it is eternal in Mark 3:29.

**Mark 9:43 And 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: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And 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: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 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 fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

The entering into life is the eternal life Jesus promised to Israel in her earthly kingdom. Jesus was not speaking to believers today in the dispensation of grace because we already have eternal life indwelling us from the moment we trusted Christ.

Notice that six times in this teaching on hell that Jesus says there is a fire there that will never be quenched. There is no way anyone can claim this to be a story of a parable!

Jesus is explaining the conditions in one part of hell were all the unbelieving wicked go. Interestingly enough verses 44 and 46 are removed from most modern bibles.

Why do the liberals delete two of these three witnesses from this passage? By the mouth of two or three witnesses shall the matter be established. Deuteronomy 19:15.

Two of the witnesses have been silenced in modern versions so the truth on hell cannot be established from those verses.

The liberal will then quote 2 Peter 1:20 "Knowing this first, No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" as their defense for their justification for a fireless hell. These people are children of their father the devil.

**Luke 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.**

Jesus is not teaching that a city with its houses and lands will thrust down into hell, but rather its unbelieving residents.

**Luke 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.**

God alone has the power to cast someone into hell who did not fear him during their lifetime. To fear him of course means to believe on him as their Saviour.

**Hell is divided by a great unpassable gulf:**

**Luke 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**Luke 16:26 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.**

One side is called paradise for all the believers who died prior to the current dispensation of grace and the other side is simply referred to as hell and as being in torments.

**David went to Hell**

(The paradise side)

**See above on what Jesus taught concerning Hell.**

**Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

**Acts 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

**See Psalm 16:10 above:**

The apostle of the Gentiles does not teach on hell in his epistles because a believer does not go to the paradise side of hell in this present dispensation of grace, they go to heaven immediately upon their death.

God deliberately leaves this teaching out of Paul's epistles, so the student will immediately ask himself "has a change happened in this present dispensation and what is it.

Paul makes it very clear that our eternity is in the heavens and to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

**James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.**

James uses the fire of hell as an example that all the people understood to teach how dangerous the unbridled tongue can be.

Just like a small fire can turn into a large forest fire which can torment everything in its midst as hell does. Why would James use the fire in hell as his example if there was no fire in hell? He would not.

**2 Peter 2:4 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;**

Here we have the only time the Greek word tartaroo is used and translated hell. It is a special compartment in the abode of the dead/hades where the rebellious angels are held in chains of darkness.

This is where some get the idea that hell is just darkness because many of the verses concerning the fire of hell have been intentionally omitted from them.

This verse is speaking of the angels that fell and left their first estate and took unto themselves wives from the daughters of men.

Because of this perversion of God's plan he has reserved them in a special place in hell unlike the rest of hell where they have none of the light that the fire of hell produces, and they are in changes as well.

**Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

It is Jesus Christ who is speaking here, and he alone will have the keys of hell and of death. Hell is mentioned as having gates and here are the keys to those gates are mentioned.

The keys of death are used to release the believing residents, so they may enter into life (eternal life) in the earthly kingdom.

The keys will also be used to open the gates of hell so that its residents may attend the great white throne judgment at the end of the 1,000-year kingdom.



Satan will be loosed for a season and he will deceive the nations to judge all in every age that have rejected God and then they will all be cast into the lake of fire (death and hell included). See Rev 20:14 below.

**Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.**

**Revelation 20:13 And 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. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

Hell is cast into the lake of fire. Ask a liberal that believes there is no fire in hell if he believes there is no fire in the lake of fire and see what he says.

Make sure you can show him this verse. If he still doesn't believe in a literal fire tell him he does not believe the scriptures.

## **The End**

To submit this test simply copy it **along with your answers typed in bold font** and paste them into the body of an email and send it to:

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### **Hell Test 0.75 Credit hours.**

1. How many times is hell is found in the King James Bible?
2. What is the Hebrew word translated as hell?
3. How many times is hell associated with a literal fire which is burning continually?
4. What is hell or Sheol used to describe most of the time prior to the dispensation of grace?
5. Why does Paul never mention hell?
6. Was the story of Lazarus and the rich man a true story, or a parable?

7. What did Jesus believe and teach about hell?
8. What is another name for paradise?
9. Where will hell be one day?
10. Did Jesus and David both go to hell?
11. What 2 verses prove your answer from question 10?
12. Does the body or soul go to hell?
13. Does hell have different levels, for differing degrees of punishment? Give a verse:
14. What is one way to deliver a soul from hell according to Proverbs 23:14?
15. What happens to hell one day according to Isaiah 5:14?
16. What will happen to Satan during the kingdom according to Isaiah 14:15?
17. What does Isaiah 28:15 say Israel did with death and hell?
18. What two places does Ezekiel 31:16 describe?
19. Is hell below us, or in space somewhere?
20. Where does Jonah say he cried from?
21. Did Jonah die and resurrect after 3 days in the whale's belly?
22. What happens to hell's size eventually?
23. What three Greek words does the new testament use to describe hell?
24. From the answers from question number one which one describes the "abode of the dead"?
25. From the answers from question number one which one describes the Abyss?
26. What does Jesus say a person shall be in danger of in hell in Matthew 5:22?
27. What do we learn from Matthew 16:18 that hell has?
28. What two things prevented people from leaving hell?
29. Does the Bible say the people in paradise could see the people in hell or even hear them?
30. In Matthew 18:9 what is meant by entering into life?

31. What do Mark 9:44 and 46 say in the NIV bible about hell?
32. What is meant by Capernaum being thrust down to hell in Luke 10:15?
33. Who alone has power to cast someone to hell?
34. What divides hell according to Luke 16?
35. Did Jesus go to hell according to Acts 2:27?
36. Did the apostle of the Gentiles ever teach on hell?
37. Why or why not?
38. What does Peter tell us about the angels that sinned in 2 Peter 2:4?
39. What is special about the Greek word used in 2 Peter 2:4?
40. Who holds the keys of hell and of death according to Revelation 1:18?
41. What are the keys of death used to release?
42. Where are death and hell cast into after the judgment? Revelation 20:14
43. What is that called according to the same verse?