

# Realms of Death: Hell and Its Environs

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## Strong's Definitions

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### BRIMSTONE

**OT:1614 gophriyth** (gof-reeth'); probably feminine of **OT:1613**; properly, cypressresin; by analogy, sulphur (as equally inflammable): KJV-brimstone.

**OT:1613 gopher** (go'-fer); from an unused root, probably meaning to house in; a kind of tree or wood (as used for building), apparently the cypress: KJV-gopher.

**NT:2303 theion** (thi'-on); probably neuter of **NT:2304** (in its original sense of flashing); sulphur: KJV-brimstone.

**NT:2304 theios** (thi'-os); from NT:2316; godlike (neuter as noun, divinity): KJV-divine, godhead.

### FIRE

**OT:784 'esh** (aysh); a primitive word; fire (literally or figuratively): KJV-burning, fiery, fire, flaming, hot. **NT:4442 pur** (poor); a primary word; "fire" (literally or figuratively, specifically, lightning): KJV-fiery, fire.

**GEHENNA** (translated as *hell* 11 times in the NT by NKJV)

**NT:1067 geena** (gheh'-en-nah); of Hebrew origin [**OT:1516** and **OT:2011**]; valley of (the son of) Hinnom; ge-henna (or Ge-Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment: KJV-hell.

**OT:1516 gay'** (gah'-ee); or (shortened) gay (gah'-ee); probably (by transmutation) from the same root as **OT:1466** (abbreviated); a gorge (from its lofty sides; hence, narrow, but not a gully or winter-torrent): KJV-valley.

**OT:1466 gevah** (gay-vaw'); the same as **OT:1465**; exaltation; (figuratively) arrogance: KJV-lifting up, pride.

**OT:1465 gevah** (gay-vaw'); feminine of **OT:1460**; the back, i.e. (by extensive) the person: KJV-body.

**OT:1460 gev** (gave); from **OT:1342** [corresponding to OT:1354]; the back; by analogy, the middle KJV--+ among, back, body.

**OT:1342 ga'ah** (gaw-aw'); a primitive root; to mount up; hence, in general, to rise, (figuratively) be majestic: KJV-gloriously, grow up, increase, be risen, triumph.

**OT:2011 Hinnom** (hin-nome'); probably of foreign origin; Hinnom, apparently a Jebusite: KJV-Hinnom.

**GRAVE** (translated from *sheol* to indicate *the grave* as a place of spiritual existence)

**OT:6913 qeber**, (keh'-ber); or (feminine) qibrah (kib-raw'); from **OT:6912**; a sepulchre: KJV-burying place, grave, sepulchre. \*\*\*. qeburah. See **OT:6900**.

**OT:6912 qabar** (kaw-bar'); a primitive root; to inter: KJV-X in any wise, bury (-ier).

**OT:6900 qebuwrah** (keb-oo-raw'); or qeburah (keb-oo-raw'); feminine passive participle of OT:6912; sepulture; (concretely) a sepulchre: KJV-burial, burying place, grave, sepulchre.



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## HADES, HELL

**NT:86 haides** (hah'-dace); from **NT:1** (as negative particle) and **NT:1492**; properly, unseen, i.e. "Hades" or the place (state) of departed souls: KJV-grave, hell.

**NT:1 a** (al'-fah); of Hebrew origin; the first letter of the alphabet; figuratively, only (from its use as a numeral) the first: KJV-Alpha. Often used (usually an, before a vowel) also in composition (as a contraction from NT:427) in the sense of privation; so, in many words, beginning with this letter; occasionally in the sense of union (as a contraction of NT:260).

**NT:1492 eido** (i'-do); a primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent NT:3700 and NT:3708; properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perf. only) to know: KJV-be aware, behold, X can (+not tell), consider, (have) know (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot. Compare NT:3700.

**NT:5020 tartaroo** (tar-tar-o'-o); from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment: KJV-cast down to hell. (*This word is used only in 2 Peter 2:4*)

## PIT

**OT:7845 shachath** (shakh'-ath); from **OT:7743**; a pit (especially as a trap); figuratively, destruction: KJV-corruption, destruction, ditch, grave, pit.

**OT:7743 shuwach** (shoo'-akh); a primitive root; to sink, literally or figuratively: KJV-bow down, incline, humble.

**OT:953 bowr** (bore); from **OT:952** (in the sense of **OT:877**); a pit hole (especially one used as a cistern or a prison): KJV-cistern, dungeon, fountain, pit, well.

**OT:952 buwr** (boor); a primitive root; to bore, i.e. (figuratively) examine: KJV-declare.

**OT:877 bo'r** (bore); from OT:874; a cistern: KJV-cistern.

**NT:12 abussos** (ab'-us-sos); from **NT:1** (as a negative particle) and a variation of **NT:1037**; depthless, i.e. (specially) (infernally) "abyss": KJV-deep, (bottomless) pit.

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**NT:1037 buthos** (boo-thos'); a variation of **NT:899**; depth, i.e. (by implication) the sea: KJV-deep.

**NT:899 bathos** (bath'-os); from the same as **NT:901**; profundity, i.e. (by implication) extent; (figuratively) mystery: KJV-deep (-ness, things), depth.

**NT:901 bathus** (bath-oos'); from the base of **NT:939**; profound (as going down), literally or figuratively: KJV-deep, very early.

**NT:939 basis** (bas'-ece); from baino (to walk); a pace ("base"), i.e. (by implication) the foot: KJV-foot.

**SHEOL** (translated as *hell* or *the grave* 66 times in the OT by the NKJV)

**OT:7585 she'owl** (sheh-ole'); or sheol (sheh-ole'); from **OT:7592**; Hades or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates: KJV-grave, hell, pit.

**OT:7592 sha'al** (shaw-al'); or sha'el (shaw-ale'); a primitive root; to inquire; by implication, to request; by extension, to demand: KJV-ask (counsel, on), beg,



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borrow, lay to charge, consult, demand, desire, X earnestly, enquire, + greet,  
obtain leave, lend, pray, request, require, + salute, X straitly, X surely, wish.

## **“The Grave”**

(Old Testament references)

But if I look to Sheol (the unseen state) as my abode, if I spread my couch in the darkness, **If I say to the grave and corruption**, You are my father, and to the worm [that feeds on decay], You are my mother and my sister [because I will soon be closest to you], Where then is my hope? And if I have hope, who will see [its fulfillment]? Job 17:13-15 AMP

For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength, like one set loose among the dead, **like the slain that lie in the grave**, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Psalms 88:3-7 ESV

**Shall Your steadfast love be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in Abaddon** (Sheol, as a place of ruin and destruction)? Psalms 88:11 AMP

## **“The Pit”**

(Old Testament references)

Then he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings, that he may turn man aside from his deed and conceal pride from a man; **he keeps back his soul from the pit**, his life from perishing by the sword. Job 33:16-18 ESV

Yes, **his soul draws near to the pit, And his life to the destroyers**. "If there is beside him an angel, An interpreter, one among a thousand, To show to man what is right for him; Then God is gracious to him, and says, '**Deliver him from going down to the pit**, I have found a ransom.' Job 33:22-24 WEB

[God] has **redeemed my life from going down to the pit [of destruction]**, and my life shall see the light! [Elihu comments] Behold, God does all these things twice, yes, three times, with a man, **To bring back his life from the pit [of destruction]**, that he may be enlightened with the light of the living. Job 33:28-30 AMP

O Lord my God, I cried to You and You have healed me. O Lord, You have brought my life up from Sheol (the place of the dead); You have kept me alive, **that I should not go down to the pit (the grave)**. Psalms 30:2-3 AMP

For the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, **that he should live on forever and never see the pit**. Psalms 49:8-9 ESV



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My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, Come with us; let us lie in wait [to shed] blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause [and show that his piety is in vain]; Let us swallow them up alive as does Sheol (the place of the dead), and **whole, as those who go down into the pit [of the dead].** Proverbs 1:10-12 AMP

But you are brought down to Sheol, **to the far reaches of the pit.** Isaiah 14:15 ESV

Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but **in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction,** for you have cast all my sins behind your back. For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:17-18 ESV

Then I will make you go down **with those who go down to the pit,** to the people of old, and I will make you to dwell in the world below, among ruins from of old, **with those who go down to the pit,** so that you will not be inhabited; but I will set beauty in the land of the living. I will bring you to a dreadful end, and you shall be no more. Though you be sought for, you will never be found again, declares the Lord God." Ezekiel 26:20-21 ESV

They shall bring you **down to the pit [of destruction]** and you shall die the [many] deaths of all the Tyrians that are slain in the heart of the seas. Ezekiel 28:8 AMP

I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it **down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit.** And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the world below. Ezekiel 31:16 ESV

Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt and cast them down, even her and the daughters of the famous and majestic nations, to the netherworld, **with those who go down to the pit.** Ezekiel 32:18 AMP

"Assyria is there, and all her company, its graves all around it, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, **whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit;** and her company is all around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living. "Elam is there, and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised into the world below, who spread their terror in the land of the living; **and they bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.** They have made her a bed among the slain with all her multitude, her graves all around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for terror of them was spread in the land of the living, and they **bear their shame with those who go down to the pit;** they are placed among the slain. Ezekiel 32:22-25 ESV

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, **I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.** Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. Zechariah 9:11-12 ESV



# Sheol

(Old Testament references)

For **a fire is kindled by my anger, and it burns to the depths of Sheol**, devours the earth and its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains. Deuteronomy 32:22 ESV

"For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me; **the cords of Sheol entangled me**; the snares of death confronted me." 2 Samuel 22:5-6 ESV

"Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? It is higher than heaven—what can you do? **Deeper than Sheol**—what can you know? Job 11:7-8 ESV

"**Oh that you would hide me in Sheol**, That you would keep me secret, until your wrath is past, That you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! Job 14:13 WEB

**But if I look to Sheol (the unseen state) as my abode**, if I spread my couch in the darkness, If I say to the grave and corruption, You are my father, and to the worm [that feeds on decay], You are my mother and my sister [because I will soon be closest to you], Where then is my hope? And if I have hope, who will see [its fulfillment]? Job 17:13-15 AMP

Drought and heat snatch away the snow waters; **so does Sheol those who have sinned**. The womb forgets them; the worm finds them sweet; they are no longer remembered, so wickedness is broken like a tree.' Job 24:19-20 ESV

The shades of the dead tremble underneath the waters and their inhabitants. **Sheol (the place of the dead) is naked before God**, and **Abaddon (the place of destruction)** has no covering [from His eyes]. Job 26:5-6 AMP

For in death there is no remembrance of You; **in Sheol (the place of the dead) who will give You thanks?** Psalms 6:5 AMP

The wicked shall be turned back [headlong into premature death] **into Sheol (the place of the departed spirits of the wicked)**, even all the nations that forget or are forgetful of God. Psalms 9:17 AMP

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol**, or let your holy one see corruption. Psalms 16:9-10 ESV

The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; **the cords of Sheol entangled me**; the snares of death confronted me. Psalms 18:4-5 ESV

O Lord my God, I cried to You and You have healed me. O Lord, **You have brought my life up from Sheol (the place of the dead)**; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit (the grave). Psalms 30:2-3 AMP



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O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; **let them go silently to Sheol.** Psalms 31:17 ESV

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah **Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;** Death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. **Their form shall be consumed in Sheol,** with no place to dwell. **But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,** for he will receive me. Psalms 49:13-15 ESV

Let death steal over them; **let them go down to Sheol alive;** for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. Psalms 55:15 ESV

For my soul is full of troubles, and **my life draws near to Sheol.** I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength, like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Psalms 88:3-7 ESV

For great is your steadfast love toward me; **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.** Psalms 86:13 ESV

The snares of death encompassed me; **the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;** I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!" Psalms 116:3-4 ESV

If I ascend to heaven, you are there! **If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!** Psalms 139:8 ESV

My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, Come with us; let us lie in wait [to shed] blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause [and show that his piety is in vain]; **Let us swallow them up alive as does Sheol (the place of the dead),** and whole, as those who go down into the pit [of the dead]. Proverbs 1:10-12 AMP

For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; **her steps follow the path to Sheol;** she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it. Proverbs 5:3-5 ESV

For many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. Her **house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.** Proverbs 7:26-27 ESV

"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" And to him who lacks sense she says, "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." But he does not know that the dead are there, **that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.** Proverbs 9:16-18 ESV

There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way; whoever hates reproof will die. **Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord;** how much more the hearts of the children of man! Proverbs 15:10-11 ESV





The path of life leads upward for the prudent, **that he may turn away from Sheol beneath.** Proverbs 15:24 ESV

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, **you will save his soul from Sheol.** Proverbs 23:13-14 ESV

**Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied**, and never satisfied are the eyes of man. Proverbs 27:20 ESV

The leech has two daughters; "Give" and "Give," they cry. Three things are never satisfied; **four never say, "Enough": Sheol**, the barren womb, the land never satisfied with water, and the fire that never says, "Enough." Proverbs 30:15-16 ESV

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, **for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.** Ecclesiastes 9:10 ESV

Set me as a seal on your heart, As a seal on your arm; For love is strong as death. **Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol**; Its flashes are flashes of fire, A very flame of Yahweh. Song of Solomon 8:6 WEB

Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge; their honored men go hungry, and their multitude is parched with thirst. **Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure**, and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude will go down, her revelers and he who exults in her. Isaiah 5:13-14 ESV

**Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come**; it rouses the shades to greet you, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations. All of them will answer and say to you: 'You too have become as weak as we! You have become like us!' **Your pomp is brought down to Sheol**, the sound of your harps; maggots are laid as a bed beneath you, and worms are your covers. "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God. I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' **But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.** Isaiah 14:9-15 ESV

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem! Because you have said, "**We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement**, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter." Isaiah 28:14-15 ESV

Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and **your agreement with Sheol will not stand**; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, you will be beaten down by it. Isaiah 28:18 ESV

A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: I said, In the middle of my days I must depart; **I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.** I said, I shall not see the Lord, the Lord in the land of



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the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world. Isaiah 38:9-11  
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Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. **For Sheol does not thank you**; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:17-18 ESV

You journeyed to the king with oil and multiplied your perfumes; **you sent your envoys far off, and sent down even to Sheol**. Isaiah 57:9 ESV

"Thus says the Lord God: On the day the cedar went **down to Sheol** I caused mourning; I closed the deep over it, and restrained its rivers, and many waters were stopped. I clothed Lebanon in gloom for it, and all the trees of the field fainted because of it. I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall, **when I cast it down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit**. And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the world below. **They also went down to Sheol with it**, to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were its arm, who lived under its shadow among the nations. Ezekiel 31:15-17 ESV

**Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol?** Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? **O Sheol, where is your sting?** Compassion is hidden from my eyes. Hosea 13:14 ESV

**"If they dig into Sheol**, from there shall my hand take them; if they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down." Amos 9:2 ESV

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; **out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice**. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Jonah 2:1-3  
ESV

"Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. **His greed is as wide as Sheol**; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples." Habakkuk 2:5 ESV

## **The Outer Darkness**

(New Testament references)

"I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while **the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness**. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 8:11-12 ESV

And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, **'Bind him hand and foot and**



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**cast him into the outer darkness.** In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:12-14 ESV

The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. **In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** Matthew 24:50-51 ESV

So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And **cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**' Matthew 25:28-30 ESV

But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' **In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,** when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. Luke 13:27-29 ESV

## **The Bottomless Pit and the Abyss**

(New Testament references)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And **they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.** Luke 8:30-31 ESV

But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or **"Who will descend into the abyss?"** (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). Romans 10:6-7 ESV

And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given **the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.** He opened **the shaft of the bottomless pit,** and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. Revelation 9:1-2 ESV

They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. They have as king over them **the angel of the bottomless pit.** His name in Hebrew is **Abaddon,** and in Greek he is called **Apollyon.** Revelation 9:10-11 ESV

And when they have finished their testimony, **the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them** and conquer them and kill them, and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. Revelation 11:7-8 ESV

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about **to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction.** And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. Revelation 17:8 ESV



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Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And **he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him**, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. Revelation 20:1-3 ESV

## Hades

(New Testament references)

And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? **You will be brought down to Hades.** For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you." Matthew 11:23-24 ESV

And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and **the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it** [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]. Matthew 16:18 AMP

"And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? **You shall be brought down to Hades.** "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." Luke 10:15-16 ESV

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and **in Hades, being in torment**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am **in anguish in this flame**.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, **between us and you a great chasm has been fixed**, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' Luke 16:22-26 ESV

Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **For you will not abandon my soul to Hades**, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Acts 2:26-28 ESV

Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that **he was not abandoned to Hades**, nor did his flesh see corruption. Acts 2:30-31 ESV

But when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "Death, where is your sting? **Hades, where is your victory?**" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 1 Corinthians 15:54-56 WEB



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When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, **and I have the keys of Death and Hades.** Revelation 1:17-18 ESV

When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And **its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him.** And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. Revelation 6:7-8 ESV

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them,** and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then **Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.** This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:13-15 ESV

## Hell

(New Testament references)

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and **whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.** Matthew 5:21-22 ESV

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members **than that your whole body be thrown into hell.** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members **than that your whole body go into hell.** Matthew 5:27-30 ESV

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. **Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.** Matthew 10:26-28 ESV

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to **be thrown into the eternal fire.** And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye **than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.** Matthew 18:7-9 ESV



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"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, **you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.** Matthew 23:15 ESV

Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, **how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?** Matthew 23:31-33 ESV

And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame **than with two feet to be thrown into hell.** And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye **than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,** 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' Mark 9:43-48 ESV

"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: **fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell.** Yes, I tell you, fear him! Luke 12:4-5 ESV

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, **but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment...** then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. 2 Peter 2:4, 9-10ESV

## **The Fire of Hell**

(New Testament references)

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is **cut down and thrown into the fire.** "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, **but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.**" Matthew 3:10-12 ESV

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is **cut down and thrown into the fire.** Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Matthew 7:19-23 ESV

**Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire,** so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and **they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace.** In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the



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sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. Matthew 13:40-43  
ESV

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and **separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace**. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:47-50 ESV

"Then he will say to those on his left, **'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels**. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Matthew 25:41-43 ESV

It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye **than with two eyes to be thrown into hell**, 'where their worm does not die and **the fire is not quenched**.' Mark 9:47-48 ESV

"Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. **Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**" Luke 3:8-9 ESV

His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, **but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.**" Luke 3:17 ESV

Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, **fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all**—so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:28-30 ESV

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and **the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned**. John 15:6 ESV

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because **it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done**. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, **though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire**. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 ESV

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can **extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one**; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. Ephesians 6:16-18 ESV

And to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven **with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance** on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.



They will suffer **the punishment of eternal destruction**, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 ESV

Beloved, **do not be surprised at the fiery trial** when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12 ESV

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and **a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries**. Hebrews 10:26-27 ESV

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, **setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell**. James 3:5-6 ESV

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are **stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly**. 2 Peter 3:5-7 ESV

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which **the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved**, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:11-13 ESV

And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, **serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire**. Jude 6-7 ESV

And have mercy on those who doubt; **save others by snatching them out of the fire**; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. Jude 22-23 ESV

And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates **the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur**, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, **and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths**. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, **by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths**. Revelation 9:17-18 ESV

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and **he will be tormented with fire and sulfur** in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And **the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever**, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name." Revelation 14:9-11 ESV





And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and **burn her up with fire**, for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:16-18 ESV

For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and **she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.**" And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her **when they see the smoke of her burning.** Revelation 18:8-9 ESV

## **The Lake of Fire**

(New Testament references)

And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. **These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.** Rev 19:20 ESV

And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and **the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were**, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:9-10 ESV

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then **Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.** This is **the second death, the lake of fire.** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, **he was thrown into the lake of fire.** Revelation 20:13-15 ESV

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, **their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**" Revelation 21:7-8 ESV



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