

REFERENCE POSTINGS USED IN REFUTING JDS

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Hillsbororiver posting:

"#86. Hades, from 1 (as negative particle) and 1492; properly unseen, i.e. 'Hades' or the place (state) of departed souls—Hell, grave."

Again, "Hell and grave" would be acceptable if we understand "Hell" to mean "conceal or cover" rather than, "a place where sinners are tortured with Satan and devils in literal fire for eternity."

The "grave" is the common denominator in all verses regarding Sheol. But why didn't the writers use the Hebrew 'qeber qibrah' which most definitely means grave? Why are both terms used if what is always meant is "the grave?"

ANSWER: The Hebrew 'qeber qibrah' always has reference to the geographical location and vessel of internment for the body. For example, is the body buried on the top of a mountain in a cave, down in the valley in the ground, or maybe in a garden in a tomb? The first time qeber qibrah is used in the Scriptures is a perfect example:

"And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave [Heb: qeber qibrah]: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave [qeber qibrah] unto this day" (Gen. 35:20).

Here's another:

"My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die [am dying] in my grave [Heb: qeber qibrah—grave, sepulcher, burying place or tomb] which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, THERE shall they bury me" (Gen. 50:5).

Okay then, if the "qeber qibrah—grave" is the location and type of burying place, what does "Sheol—grave" mean? Does Sheol then fit the description and definition of a grave? Yes, it does, but with an added dimension. The "Sheol—grave" addresses not so much the location or type of burying place, but rather the CONDITIONS surrounding the person(s) entombed.

Here are just some of the things associated with Sheol as a grave:

- darkness, corruption, worms, rest in dust (Job 17:13-16)
- down to Sheol is DEATH and up from Sheol is to MAKE ALIVE (I Sam. 2:6)
- a CHANGE must come to live again (Job 14:14)
- no thanks in Sheol (Psalm 6:5)
- it is silent in Sheol (Psalm 31:17)
- the DEAD are in Sheol (Psalm 9:18)
- souls are REDEEMED from Sheol (Psalm 49:15)
- there is no work, device, knowledge or wisdom in Sheol (Ecc. 9:10)
- no praise in Sheol (Isa. 38:18—not even from the RIGHTEOUS who are there)
- God will RANSOM souls from Sheol (Hosea 13:14)
- Sheol is a place of DEATH (Psalm 55:15)
- the DEAD are in Sheol (Psalm 139:8)
- God is in Sheol (Psalm 139:8)
- God will DESTROY Sheol (Hosea 13:14)

Now seriously and honestly and Scripturally, is there ANY torture in fire going on in Sheol? Is there ANY human activity whatsoever going on in Sheol? Is there even consciousness in Sheol? Of course not—SHEOL IS DEAD! But Christians ASSURE us that Sheol/hades/Hell is a place of extreme activity, pain, screaming, torture, fire, demons, Satan, etc., etc., etc. Let me make this so simple a child can understand it. Remember the Christian definition of Hell in our dictionary:

The American Heritage Collegiate Dictionary:

"Hell, the abode of condemned souls and devils... the place of eternal punishment for the wicked after death, presided over by Satan... a state of separation of God... a place of evil, misery, discord or destruction... torment, anguish."

Okay then, here are ten bold key words which define "Hell." If these are the proper words and phrases to describe and define "Hell" in our English Bibles, then we should find these ten words scattered all through the verses of Scripture which speak of Sheol/grave/Hell.

Let us now go through all 31 verses of Scripture in which the translated Sheol into the English word Hell, and count all of the times that we find the words: condemned souls, devils, eternal punishment, Satan, separation of God, evil, misery, discord or destruction, torment, anguish.

1. Condemned souls is found ZERO times
2. Devils ZERO times
3. Eternal punishment (or punish alone) ZERO times
4. Satan ZERO times
5. Separation of God ZERO times
6. Evil ZERO times
7. Misery ZERO times
8. Discord or destruction ZERO times
9. Torment ZERO times
10. Anguish ZERO times

TOTAL: ZERO!

WildOlive posting:

What I did was take all words that are translated "Hell" in the KJV and found the strong numbers for them.

65 times (7585) she'ôl she'ôl sheh-ole', sheh-ole'

12 times (1067) geenna gheh'-en-nah

11 times (86) hadēs hah'-dace

1 time (5020) tartaroō tar-tar-o'-o

I then looked up each time each word was used with the strong number. Then read each verse. This will give you the Bible has to say about Hell. Next to each word is a number, the KJV does not always translate the original word the same.

(Gen 37:35) And all3605 his sons1121 and all3605 his daughters1323 rose up6965 to comfort5162 him; but he refused3985 to be comforted;5162 and he said,559 For3588 I will go down3381 into the grave7585 unto413 my son1121 mourning.57 Thus his father1 wept1058 for him.

(Gen 42:38) And he said,559 My son1121 shall not3808 go down3381 with5973 you; for3588 his brother251 is dead,4191 and he1931 is left7604 alone:905 if mischief611 befall7122 him by the way1870 in the which834 ye go,1980 then shall ye bring down3381 (853) my gray hairs7872 with sorrow3015 to the grave.7585

(Gen 44:29) And if ye take3947 (853) this2088 also1571 from4480, 5973 me,6440 and mischief611 befall7136 him, ye shall bring down3381 (853) my gray hairs7872 with sorrow7451 to the grave.7585

(Gen 44:31) It shall come to pass,1961 when he seeth7200 that3588 the lad5288 is not369 with us, that he will die:4191 and thy servants5650 shall bring down3381 (853) the gray hairs7872 of thy servant5650 our father1 with sorrow3015 to the grave.7585

(Num 16:30) But if518 the LORD3068 make1254 a new thing,1278 and the earth127 open6475 (853) her mouth,6310 and swallow them up,1104, (853) with all3605 that834 appertain unto them, and they go down3381 quick2416 into the pit;7585 then ye shall understand3045 that3588 these428 men376 have provoked5006 (853) the LORD.3068

(Num 16:33) They,1992 and all3605 that834 appertained to them, went down3381 alive2416 into the pit,7585 and the earth776 closed3680 upon5921 them: and they perished6 from among4480, 8432 the congregation.6951

(Deu 32:22) For3588 a fire784 is kindled6919 in mine anger,639 and shall burn3344 unto5704 the lowest8482 Hell,7585 and shall consume398 the earth776 with her increase,2981 and set on fire3857 the foundations4146 of the mountains.2022

(1Sa 2:6) The LORD3068 killeth,4191 and maketh alive:2421 he bringeth down3381 to the grave,7585 and bringeth up.5927

(2Sa 22:6) The sorrows2256 of Hell7585 compassed me about;5437 the snares4170 of death4194 prevented6923 me;

(1Ki 2:6) Do6213 therefore according to thy wisdom,2451 and let not3808 his hoar head7872 go

down3381 to the grave7585 in peace.7965

(1Ki 2:9) Now6258 therefore hold him not guiltless:408, 5352 for3588 thou859 art a wise2450 man,376 and knowest3045 (853) what834 thou oughtest to do6213 unto him; but his (853) hoar head7872 bring thou down3381 to the grave7585 with blood.1818

(Job 7:9) As the cloud6051 is consumed3615 and vanisheth away:1980 so3651 he that goeth down3381 to the grave7585 shall come up5927 no3808 more.

(Job 11:) It is as high1363 as heaven;8064 what4100 canst thou do?6466 deeper6013 than Hell;4480, 7585 what4100 canst thou know?3045

(Job 14:13) O that4310 thou wouldst5414 hide6845 me in the grave,7585 that thou wouldst keep me secret,5641 until5704 thy wrath639 be past,7725 that thou wouldst appoint7896 me a set time,2706 and remember2142 me!

(Job 17:13) If518 I wait,6960 the grave7585 is mine house:1004 I have made7502 my bed3326 in the darkness.2822

(Job 17:16) They shall go down3381 to the bars905 of the pit,7585 when518 our rest5183 together3162 is in5921 the dust.6083

(Job 21:13) They spend3615 their days3117 in wealth,2896 and in a moment7281 go down5181 to the grave.7585

(Job 24:19) Drought6723 and1571 heat2527 consume1497 the snow7950 waters:4325 so doth the grave7585 those which have sinned.2398

(Job 26:6) Hell7585 is naked6174 before5048 him, and destruction11 hath no369 covering.3682

(Psa 6:5) For3588 in death4194 there is no369 remembrance2143 of thee: in the grave7585 who4310 shall give thee thanks?3034

(Psa 9:17) The wicked7563 shall be turned7725 into Hell,7585 and all3605 the nations1471 that forget7913 God.430

(Psa 16:10) For3588 thou wilt not3808 leave5800 my soul5315 in Hell;7585 neither3808 wilt thou suffer5414 thine Holy One2623 to see7200 corruption.7845

(Psa 18:5) The sorrows2256 of Hell7585 compassed me about:5437 the snares4170 of death4194 prevented6923 me.

(Psa 30:3) O LORD,3068 thou hast brought up5927 my soul5315 from4480 the grave:7585 thou hast kept me alive,2421 that I should not go down4480, 3381 to the pit.953

(Psa 31:17) Let me not408 be ashamed,954 O LORD;3068 for3588 I have called upon7121 thee: let the wicked7563 be ashamed,954 and let them be silent1826 in the grave.7585

(Psa 49:14) Like sheep⁶⁶²⁹ they are laid⁸³⁷¹ in the grave;⁷⁵⁸⁵ death⁴¹⁹⁴ shall feed⁷⁴⁶² on them; and the upright³⁴⁷⁷ shall have dominion⁷²⁸⁷ over them in the morning;¹²⁴² and their beauty⁶⁶⁹⁷ shall consume¹⁰⁸⁶ in the grave⁷⁵⁸⁵ from their dwelling.^{4480, 2073}

(Psa 49:15) But³⁸⁹ God⁴³⁰ will redeem⁶²⁹⁹ my soul⁵³¹⁵ from the power^{4480, 3027} of the grave:⁷⁵⁸⁵ for³⁵⁸⁸ he shall receive³⁹⁴⁷ me. Selah.⁵⁵⁴²

(Psa 55:15) Let death⁴¹⁹⁴ seize⁵³⁷⁷ upon⁵⁹²¹ them, and let them go down³³⁸¹ quick²⁴¹⁶ into Hell:⁷⁵⁸⁵ for³⁵⁸⁸ wickedness⁷⁴⁵¹ is in their dwellings,⁴⁰³³ and among⁷¹³⁰ them.

(Psa 86:13) For³⁵⁸⁸ great¹⁴¹⁹ is thy mercy²⁶¹⁷ toward⁵⁹²¹ me: and thou hast delivered⁵³³⁷ my soul⁵³¹⁵ from the lowest⁸⁴⁸² Hell.^{4480, 7585}

(Psa 88:3) For³⁵⁸⁸ my soul⁵³¹⁵ is full⁷⁶⁴⁶ of troubles:⁷⁴⁵¹ and my life²⁴¹⁶ draweth nigh⁵⁰⁶⁰ unto the grave.⁷⁵⁸⁵

(Psa 89:48) What⁴³¹⁰ man¹³⁹⁷ is he that liveth,²⁴²¹ and shall not³⁸⁰⁸ see⁷²⁰⁰ death?⁴¹⁹⁴ shall he deliver⁴⁴²² his soul⁵³¹⁵ from the hand^{4480, 3027} of the grave?⁷⁵⁸⁵ Selah.⁵⁵⁴²

(Psa 116:3) The sorrows²²⁵⁶ of death⁴¹⁹⁴ compassed⁶⁶¹ me, and the pains⁴⁷¹² of Hell⁷⁵⁸⁵ got hold upon⁴⁶⁷² me: I found⁴⁶⁷² trouble⁶⁸⁶⁹ and sorrow.³⁰¹⁵

(Psa 139:) If⁵¹⁸ I ascend up⁵²⁶⁶ into heaven,⁸⁰⁶⁴ thou⁸⁵⁹ art there:⁸⁰³³ if I make my bed³³³¹ in Hell,⁷⁵⁸⁵ behold,²⁰⁰⁹ thou art there.

(Psa 141:7) Our bones⁶¹⁰⁶ are scattered⁶³⁴⁰ at the grave's⁷⁵⁸⁵ mouth,⁶³¹⁰ as when³⁶⁴⁴ one cutteth⁶³⁹⁸ and cleaveth¹²³⁴ wood upon the earth.⁷⁷⁶

(Pro 1:12) Let us swallow them up¹¹⁰⁴ alive²⁴¹⁶ as the grave;⁷⁵⁸⁵ and whole,⁸⁵⁴⁹ as those that go down³³⁸¹ into the pit:⁹⁵³

(Pro 5:5) Her feet⁷²⁷² go down³³⁸¹ to death;⁴¹⁹⁴ her steps⁶⁸⁰⁶ take hold⁸⁵⁵¹ on Hell.⁷⁵⁸⁵

(Pro 7:27) Her house¹⁰⁰⁴ is the way¹⁸⁷⁰ to Hell,⁷⁵⁸⁵ going down³³⁸¹ to⁴¹³ the chambers²³¹⁵ of death.⁴¹⁹⁴

(Pro 9:18) But he knoweth³⁰⁴⁵ not³⁸⁰⁸ that³⁵⁸⁸ the dead⁷⁴⁹⁶ are there;⁸⁰³³ and that her guests⁷¹²¹ are in the depths⁶⁰¹¹ of Hell.⁷⁵⁸⁵

(Pro 15:11) Hell⁷⁵⁸⁵ and destruction¹¹ are before⁵⁰⁴⁸ the LORD:³⁰⁶⁸ how much more then^{637, 3588} the hearts³⁸²⁶ of the children¹¹²¹ of men?¹²⁰

(Pro 15:24) The way⁷³⁴ of life²⁴¹⁶ is above⁴⁶⁰⁵ to the wise,⁷⁹¹⁹ that⁴⁶¹⁶ he may depart⁵⁴⁹³ from Hell^{4480, 7585} beneath.⁴²⁹⁵

(Pro 23:14) Thou⁸⁵⁹ shalt beat⁵²²¹ him with the rod,⁷⁶²⁶ and shalt deliver⁵³³⁷ his soul⁵³¹⁵ from Hell.^{4480, 7585}

(Pro 27:20) Hell7585 and destruction10 are never3808 full;7646 so the eyes5869 of man120 are never3808 satisfied.7646

(Pro 30:16) The grave;7585 and the barren6115 womb;7356 the earth776 that is not3808 filled7646 with water;4325 and the fire784 that saith559 not,3808 It is enough.1952

(Ecc 9:10) Whatsoever3605, 834 thy hand3027 findeth4672 to do,6213 do6213 it with thy might;3581 for3588 there is no369 work,4639 nor device,2808 nor knowledge,1847 nor wisdom,2451 in the grave,7585 whither834, 8033 thou859 goest.1980

(Son 8:6) Set7760 me as a seal2368 upon5921 thine heart,3820 as a seal2368 upon5921 thine arm:2220 for3588 love160 is strong5794 as death;4194 jealousy7068 is cruel7186 as the grave:7585 the coals7565 thereof are coals7565 of fire,784 which hath a most vehement flame.7957

(Isa 5:14) Therefore3651 Hell7585 hath enlarged7337 herself,5315 and opened6473 her mouth6310 without1097 measure:2706 and their glory,1926 and their multitude,1995 and their pomp,7588 and he that rejoiceth,5938 shall descend3381 into it.

(Isa 14:9) Hell7585 from beneath4480, 8478 is moved7264 for thee to meet7122 thee at thy coming:935 it stirreth up5782 the dead7496 for thee, even all3605 the chief ones6260 of the earth;776 it hath raised up6965 from their thrones4480, 3678 all3605 the kings4428 of the nations.1471

(Isa 14:11) Thy pomp1347 is brought down3381 to the grave,7585 and the noise1998 of thy viols:5035 the worm7415 is spread3331 under8478 thee, and the worms8438 cover4374 thee.

(Isa 14:15) Yet389 thou shalt be brought down3381 to413 Hell,7585 to413 the sides3411 of the pit.953

(Isa 28:15) Because3588 ye have said,559 We have made3772 a covenant1285 with854 death,4194 and with5973 Hell7585 are we at6213 agreement;2374 when3588 the overflowing7857 scourge7752 shall pass through,5674 it shall not3808 come935 unto us: for3588 we have made7760 lies3577 our refuge,4268 and under falsehood8267 have we hid ourselves:5641

(Isa 28:18) And your covenant1285 with854 death4194 shall be disannulled,3722 and your agreement2380 with854 Hell7585 shall not3808 stand;6965 when3588 the overflowing7857 scourge7752 shall pass through,5674 then ye shall be1961 trodden down4823 by it.

(Isa 38:10) I589 said559 in the cutting off1824 of my days,3117 I shall go1980 to the gates8179 of the grave:7585 I am deprived6485 of the residue3499 of my years.8141

(Isa 38:18) For3588 the grave7585 cannot3808 praise3034 thee, death4194 can not celebrate1984 thee: they that go down3381 into the pit953 cannot3808 hope7663 for413 thy truth.571

(Isa 57:9) And thou wentest7788 to the king4428 with ointment,8081 and didst increase7235 thy perfumes,7547 and didst send7971 thy messengers6735 far off,5704, 4480, 7350 and didst debase8213 thyself even unto5704 Hell.7585

(Eze 31:15) Thus3541 saith559 the Lord136 GOD;3069 In the day3117 when he went down3381 to the grave7585 I caused a mourning:56 I covered3680 (853) the deep8415 for5921 him, and I restrained4513

the floods5104 thereof, and the great7227 waters4325 were stayed:3607 and I caused Lebanon3844 to mourn6937 for5921 him, and all3605 the trees6086 of the field7704 fainted5969 for5921 him.

(Eze 31:16) I made the nations1471 to shake7493 at the sound4480, 6963 of his fall,4658 when I cast him down3381, (853) to Hell7585 with854 them that descend3381 into the pit:953 and all3605 the trees6086 of Eden,5731 the choice4005 and best2896 of Lebanon,3844 all3605 that drink8354 water,4325 shall be comforted5162 in the nether parts8482 of the earth.776

(Eze 31:17) They1992 also1571 went down3381 into Hell7585 with854 him unto413 them that be slain2491 with the sword;2719 and they that were his arm,2220 that dwelt3427 under his shadow6738 in the midst8432 of the heathen.1471

(Eze 32:21) The strong410 among the mighty1368 shall speak1696 to him out of the midst4480, 8432 of Hell7585 with854 them that help5826 him: they are gone down,3381 they lie7901 uncircumcised,6189 slain2491 by the sword.2719

(Eze 32:27) And they shall not3808 lie7901 with854 the mighty1368 that are fallen5307 of the uncircumcised,4480, 6189 which834 are gone down3381 to Hell7585 with their weapons3627 of war:4421 and they have laid5414 (853) their swords2719 under8478 their heads,7218 but their iniquities5771 shall be1961 upon5921 their bones,6106 though3588 they were the terror2851 of the mighty1368 in the land776 of the living.2416

(Hos 13:14) I will ransom6299 them from the power4480, 3027 of the grave;7585 I will redeem1350 them from death:4480, 4194 O death,4194 I will be165 thy plagues;1698 O grave,7585 I will be165 thy destruction:6987 repentance5164 shall be hid5641 from mine eyes.4480, 5869

(Amo 9:2) Though518 they dig2864 into Hell,7585 thence4480, 8033 shall mine hand3027 take3947 them; though518 they climb up5927 to heaven,8064 thence4480, 8033 will I bring them down:3381

(Jon 2:2) And said,559 I cried7121 by reason of mine affliction4480, 6869 unto413 the LORD,3068 and he heard6030 me; out of the belly4480, 990 of Hell7585 cried7768 I, and thou heardest8085 my voice.6963

(Hab 2:5) Yea637 also, because3588 he transgresseth898 by wine,3196 he is a proud3093 man,1397 neither3808 keepeth at home,5115 who834 enlargeth7337 his desire5315 as Hell,7585 and is as death,4194 and cannot3808 be satisfied,7646 but gathereth622 unto413 him all3605 nations,1471 and heapeth6908 unto413 him all3605 people:5971

(Mat 5:22) But1161 I1473 say3004 unto you,5213 That3754 whosoever3956 is angry3710 with his848 brother80 without a cause1500 shall be2071 in danger1777 of the3588 judgment:2920 and1161 whosoever3739, 302 shall say2036 to his848 brother,80 Raca,4469 shall be2071 in danger1777 of the3588 council:4892 but1161 whosoever3739, 302 shall say,2036 Thou fool,3474 shall be2071 in danger1777 of1519 Hell1067 fire.4442

(Mat 5:29) And1161 if1487 thy4675 right1188 eye3788 offend4624 thee,4571 pluck it out,1807, 846 and2532 cast906 it from575 thee:4675 for1063 it is profitable4851 for thee4671 that2443 one1520 of thy4675 members3196 should perish,622 and2532 not3361 that thy4675 whole3650 body4983 should

be cast906 into1519 Hell.1067

(Mat 5:30) And2532 if1487 thy4675 right1188 hand5495 offend4624 thee,4571 cut it off,1581, 846 and2532 cast906 it from575 thee:4675 for1063 it is profitable4851 for thee4671 that2443 one1520 of thy4675 members3196 should perish,622 and2532 not3361 that thy4675 whole3650 body4983 should be cast906 into1519 Hell.1067

(Mat 10:28) And2532 fear5399 not3361, (575) them which kill615 the3588 body,4983 but1161 are not3361 able1410 to kill615 the3588 soul:5590 but1161 rather3123 fear5399 him which is able1410 to destroy622 both2532 soul5590 and2532 body4983 in1722 Hell.1067

(Mat 18:9) And2532 if1487 thine4675 eye3788 offend4624 thee,4571 pluck it out,1807, 846 and2532 cast906 it from575 thee:4675 it is2076 better2570 for thee4671 to enter1525 into1519 life2222 with one eye,3442 rather2228 than having2192 two1417 eyes3788 to be cast906 into1519 Hell1067 fire.4442

(Mat 23:15) Woe3759 unto you,5213 scribes1122 and2532 Pharisees,5330 hypocrites!5273 for3754 ye compass4013 sea2281 and2532 land3584 to make4160 one1520 proselyte,4339 and2532 when3752 he is made,1096 ye make4160 him846 twofold more1362 the child5207 of Hell1067 than yourselves.5216

(Mat 23:33) Ye serpents,3789 ye generation1081 of vipers,2191 how4459 can ye escape5343, (575) the3588 damnation2920 of Hell?1067

(Mar 9:43) And2532 if1437 thy4675 hand5495 offend4624 thee,4571 cut it off:609, 846 it is2076 better2570 for thee4671 to enter1525 into1519 life2222 maimed,2948 than2228 having2192 two1417 hands5495 to go565 into1519 Hell,1067 into1519 the3588 fire4442 that never shall be quenched:762

(Mar 9:45) And2532 if1437 thy4675 foot4228 offend4624 thee,4571 cut it off:609, 846 it is2076 better2570 for thee4671 to enter1525 halt5560 into1519 life,2222 than2228 having2192 two1417 feet4228 to be cast906 into1519 Hell,1067 into1519 the3588 fire4442 that never shall be quenched:762

(Mar 9:47) And2532 if1437 thine4675 eye3788 offend4624 thee,4571 pluck it out:1544, 846 it is2076 better2570 for thee4671 to enter1525 into1519 the3588 kingdom932 of God2316 with one eye,3442 than2228 having2192 two1417 eyes3788 to be cast906 into1519 Hell1067 fire:4442

(Luk 12:5) But1161 I will forewarn5263 you5213 whom5101 ye shall fear:5399 Fear5399 him, which after he hath killed615 hath2192 power1849 to cast1685 into1519 Hell;1067 yea,3483 I say3004 unto you,5213 Fear5399 him.5126

(Jam 3:6) And2532 the3588 tongue1100 is a fire,4442 a world2889 of iniquity;93 so3779 is2525 the3588 tongue1100 among1722 our2257 members,3196 that it defileth4695 the3588 whole3650 body,4983 and2532 setteth on fire5394 the3588 course5164 of nature;1078 and2532 it is set on fire5394 of5259 Hell.1067

(Mat 11:23) And2532 thou,4771 Capernaum,2584 which art exalted5312 unto2193 heaven,3772 shalt be brought down2601 to2193 Hell:86 for3754 if1487 the3588 mighty works,1411 which have been done1096 in1722 thee,4671 had been done1096 in1722 Sodom,4670 it would have remained3306 until3360 this day.4594

(Mat 16:18) And1161 I say also2504, 3004 unto thee,4671 That3754 thou4771 art1488 Peter,4074 and2532 upon1909 this5026 rock4073 I will build3618 my3450 church;1577 and2532 the gates4439 of Hell86 shall not3756 prevail against2729 it.846

(Luk 10:15) And2532 thou,4771 Capernaum,2584 which art exalted5312 to2193 heaven,3772 shalt be thrust down2601 to2193 Hell.86

(Luk 16:23) And2532 in1722 Hell86 he lifted up1869 his848 eyes,3788 being5225 in1722 torments,931 and seeth3708 Abraham11 afar off,575, 3113 and2532 Lazarus2976 in1722 his846 bosom.2859

(Act 2:27) Because3754 thou wilt not3756 leave1459 my3450 soul5590 in1519 Hell,86 neither3761 wilt thou suffer1325 thine4675 Holy One3741 to see1492 corruption.1312

(Act 2:31) He seeing this before4275 spake2980 of4012 the3588 resurrection386 of Christ,5547 that3754 his846 soul5590 was not3756 left2641 in1519 Hell,86 neither3761 his846 flesh4561 did see1492 corruption.1312

(1Co 15:55) O death,2288 where4226 is thy4675 sting?2759 O grave,86 where4226 is thy4675 victory?3534

(Rev 1:18) (2532) I am he that liveth,2198 and2532 was1096 dead;3498 and,2532 behold,2400 I am1510 alive2198 forevermore,1519, 165, 165 Amen;281 and2532 have2192 the3588 keys2807 of Hell86 and2532 of death.2288

(Rev 6:) And2532 I looked,1492 and2532 behold2400 a pale5515 horse:2462 and2532 his846 name3686 that sat2521 on1883 him846 was Death,2288 and2532 Hell86 followed190 with3326 him.846 And2532 power1849 was given1325 unto them846 over1909 the3588 fourth part5067 of the3588 earth,1093 to kill615 with1722 sword,4501 and2532 with1722 hunger,3042 and2532 with1722 death,2288 and2532 with5259 the3588 beasts2342 of the3588 earth.?1093

(Rev 20:13) And2532 the3588 sea2281 gave up1325 the3588 dead3498 which were in1722 it;846 and2532 death2288 and2532 Hell86 delivered up1325 the3588 dead3498 which were in1722 them:846 and2532 they were judged2919 every man1538 according2596 to their848 works.2041

(Rev 20:14) And2532 death2288 and2532 Hell86 were cast906 into1519 the3588 lake3041 of fire.4442 This3778 is2076 the3588 second1208 death.2288

(2Pe 2:4) For1063 if1487 God2316 spared5339 not3756 the angels32 that sinned,264 but235 cast them down to Hell,5020 and delivered3860 them into chains4577 of darkness,2217 to be reserved5083 unto1519 judgment;2920

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The doctrine of hell and the truth of the Bible that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world cannot both be true at the same time. The Bible is the Word of God and it does not contradict itself. It is the doctrine of hell which is false and unbiblical.

The Bible, in the original Hebrew and Greek Manuscripts, does not mention hell or everlasting punishment in any way whatsoever. Hell is a mistranslation. Jesus Christ did not believe in hell and He did not preach hell.

God mightily used Apostle Paul to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul was a Universalist through and through. He preached the Good News of Universal Salvation and Reconciliation to all of the churches where he ministered in his thirty-two years of ministry. The following scriptures show and prove that Apostle Paul preached the Gospel of Universal Salvation and Reconciliation:

Romans 5:18-19, 11:26,32, 1 Corinthians 15:22-23, 2 Corinthians 5:15-19, Galatians 3:8-9, Ephesians 1:7-10, Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 1:15-20, 1 Timothy 2:3-6, 4:9-10 and Titus 2:11-12.

There is only one statement made by Apostle Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 1:9, that speaks of 'everlasting (*aiōnios*) destruction', but this is a mistranslation of the Greek word *aiōnios*, as we explain in Chapter 17.

Of course, Apostle Paul fully understood that God will not allow any unrighteous person to enter the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9), but Paul also fully understood that God's power, His love and justice will not allow any unrighteous person to remain unrighteous forever. Ultimately, in God's time and order, all without a single exception will come to believe in the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, as we have clearly shown from Scripture in Chapter 12.

Apostle Paul's ministry reached thousands of early Christians in many regions, cities, towns and villages including Damascus, Cilicia, Jerusalem, Antioch, Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Lycaonia, Galatia, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Malta and Rome.

We can be sure that the early Christians believed in Universal Salvation and Reconciliation, just like Apostle Paul. History confirms that Universalism was the belief of the very early Christians following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The concept of eternal torment in hell is nowhere to be found in the original Hebrew and Greek Manuscripts of the Bible, but it is found in the writings of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. For example, Plato (427-347 BC) discusses the concept of hell in his dialogue '*Gorgias*' where he speaks of eternal punishment.

There can be no doubt that belief in eternal punishment in hell was a pagan belief embraced and Christianised by the church in Rome in the early years of the history of Christianity. Consider this quote from The Schaff-Herzog Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge, vol. 12, page 96: Retrieved April 29, 2007.

"During the first five centuries of Christianity, there were six theological schools, of which four (Alexandria, Antioch, Caesarea, and Edessa, or Nisibis) were Universalist; one (Ephesus) accepted conditional mortality; one (Carthage or Rome) taught endless punishment of the wicked."

It was indeed the Church at Rome which first taught the pagan doctrine of endless punishment of the wicked, under the umbrella of Christianity. The Roman Catholic Latin Church Fathers, Tertullian (160-220 AD), Jerome (347-420 AD) and Augustine (354-430 AD), all strongly believed in the doctrine of hell. These early Latin Church Fathers are highly venerated Roman Catholic saints who believed that God's punishment of unbelievers (all those who reject Roman Catholicism) would be in a hell of everlasting torment.

In 382 AD, Pope Damasus commissioned Jerome to make a revised translation of the Bible in Latin. Jerome, a Roman Catholic by birth, believed in the doctrine of hell and he produced the revised translation of the complete Bible in Latin known as the Latin Vulgate (circa 405 AD).

Jerome mistranslated and misinterpreted several key Hebrew and Greek words into the Latin Vulgate in support of the already established doctrine of hell in the Roman Catholic Church. We expose and highlight these translation and interpretation errors in the next two chapters, Chapters 16 and 17.

The Latin Vulgate became the official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church, and to this very day, it is regarded to be free from any doctrinal errors by the Roman Catholic Church. The Latin Vulgate reigned supreme for over a thousand years and the doctrine of hell became deeply entrenched into the psyche of the Christian world as if it were a true biblical doctrine. This was because of the complete dominance of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the Middle Ages, from the 5th to the 16th century.

From circa 590-1517 AD, the Roman Church reigned supreme and dominated the western world where it controlled religion, philosophy, morals, politics, the arts and education, and became a very wealthy institution. This was the dark ages for true Christianity. The vital doctrines of Biblical Christianity had, from all appearances, disappeared from the scene.

During these Dark Middle Ages, the Roman Catholic Church refused to allow Scripture to be available in any language other than Latin. Those in possession of non-Latin Scriptures were persecuted and sometimes even killed. Only priests were educated to understand Latin, and this gave the church ultimate power. Power to control and rule the masses without question. The Roman Catholic Church capitalised on this enforced ignorance of the peoples for over a thousand years.

The first hand-written English language Bible translation was produced circa 1380 AD by John Wycliffe, an Oxford professor, scholar and theologian. Wycliffe translated it from the Latin Vulgate, which was the only source text available to him. Pope Martin V was so infuriated by the activities of Wycliffe and his translation of the Bible into English such that 44 years after Wycliffe's death, he ordered the bones of Wycliffe to be dug-up, crushed and scattered in a river!

In 1517 AD, Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic German monk, openly confronted the unbiblical practices of Roman Catholicism. Luther famously posted his 95 theses (in Latin) to display his displeasure with the abuses of Roman Catholicism, most notably the sale of indulgences. This revolt by Martin Luther changed the course of western civilisation by initiating the Protestant Reformation.

Martin Luther abandoned many of the unbiblical teachings and practices of Roman Catholicism. He had a degree of understanding of the biblical truth of Righteousness by Faith. Sadly however, Luther failed to see and believe the really Good News of the Gospel that ultimately, God will grant the gift of God's Righteousness to all people in God's time and order, extending beyond this age, through God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther could not break loose from one of the greatest Roman Catholic heresies of all time, the doctrine of hell. This was because of the supremacy of the Latin Vulgate and the profound influence of Augustinian theology. Sadly, Martin Luther died without knowing the full extent of the love and forgiveness of God towards all people whom He created in His own image. Luther left this life with an intense hatred and unforgiveness in his heart towards Jews.

Some of the most influential figures in Christendom; Tertullian, Constantine, Jerome, John Chrysostom, Augustine, Martin Luther and John Calvin, all believed in the doctrine of hell and were anti-Semitic, and they also all believed in a false Trinitarian son of God of human invention. They were all unbelievers. God did not reveal to them the true Gospel of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the sins of the whole world and He will indeed save the whole world.

It is not surprising that the translators of the King James Version (1611 AD) were greatly influenced, both directly and indirectly, by the Latin Vulgate, and they simply copied many of the translation errors made in the Latin Vulgate, in support of the doctrine of hell. Do you know that the KJV was originally published with the spurious books of the Apocrypha, as contained in the Latin Vulgate?

The KJV was the standard version of the Bible for Protestant Christianity for nearly 350 years and it has been translated into many languages. The KJV has had a major influence on formulating the traditional Protestant Christian doctrine of hell, which is of course similar to the Roman Catholic doctrine of hell.

Many subsequent versions of the Bible have corrected the translation errors found in the KJV to varying degrees. However, the most popular versions of the Bible like the NIV, NKJV, NAS, RSV and others have still retained the basic translation errors, which support the doctrine of hell.

However, thankfully there are some versions of the Bible like Young's Literal Translation, Rotherham's Emphasised Bible and the Emphatic Diaglott Greek /English Interlinear Bible, which make no mention of hell in their translations. This group of Bible versions are literal translations of the original Hebrew and Greek Manuscripts of the Bible.

The teaching of the false unbiblical pagan doctrine of hell is a heresy of the greatest proportion. It changes the great and glorious victory won by Jesus Christ on the cross over sin and death for all people into an unimaginably massive and horrendous defeat for most people. It makes the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross for the salvation of the whole world out to be a huge failure.
