

WHAT ABOUT HELL

THE BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION

*"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."*

~ Revelation 1:18

1. Hell in Derision

- a. Universalists use exaggerated descriptions of hell b/c they hold it in derision.
- b. Muslims (7 layers, hot water), Greek monsters, Buddhists (Bardo 33x), Naraka (28)
 - i. No-hellers - JW's, Mormons, 7th Day Adventists <-- Christian cultists
- c. Hell is held in ridicule by modern sophisticated people (e.g. Gary Larson)
- d. Hell in a handbasket, hell or highwater, hell freezes over, go to hell, hell break loose
- e. Satan as CEO, Dante inferno, Sam Smith Grammy, medieval torture, fiery furnace
- f. Hell has cultural connotation, religious depiction that no-hellers use against the Bible
 - i. *What does the Bible say about hell? How is it described by scripture?*

2. Hellish Words

- a. Hell ~*def.* The place for souls of the dead and damned reserved for judgment
- b. Teachers revert to Hebrew/Greek when they want to change a clear truth in English
 - i. Sheol (Hebrew H7585), Gehenna (Jerusalem burn pit), Hades (Greek/pagan)
 - ii. Grave and hell connected in English, too - Eze 31:15-17, Ps 16:10, 49:15
 - iii. Hell is not just a grave, because God is there, too - Psalm 139:8
 - iv. Death leads not just to the grave. Paul said for him it was gain - Phi 1:21-24
 - v. No soul goes to 'hell' in OT of ESV, NIV, NASB, but body & soul in Matt 10:28
 - vi. OT and NT words are the same - Psalm 16:10, Acts 2:27
- c. Bible believers believe in 'hell' - a word used in every popular translation.

3. What About Hell

- a. The first mention includes dimension, fire, devour, destruction, terror - Deu 32:22-24
- b. It is a place with depths (like heaven is high) - Pro 9:18,15:24, Job 11:8, Isa 14:15
- c. God is there, it is open (not hidden) to him - Pro 15:11, Job 26:6, Amo 9:2, Lk 12:5
- d. Darkness, fire, lightning (e.g. storms, forest fires, coals) - 2 Sam 22:6-15
- e. Unquenchable fire - Isa 1:28-31, 66:24, Matt 5:22, 18:8-9, Mark 9:43-47
- f. It has gates and keys, inhabitants, contents - Matt 16:18, 23:15, Rev 20:13
- g. Chains of darkness, reserved for judgment - 2 Pet 2:4, 17, Jude 6,7,13, Heb 10:27

4. What Hell is Like

- a. The Bible describes the soul in hell as conscious.
- b. It concerns the soul in death, distress, pain w/o hope - Ps 16:10-11, 86:13, 116:3-4
- c. No knowledge of God, starved, thirsty, enlarged by sin - Isa 5:13-14

- d. Wicked men have made their bed in hell - Isa 50:11, Ps 9:15-17, Rom 2:5-9
- e. Weeping, wailing, gnashing of teeth - Matt 22:13, 13:42, 50
- f. Can you burn without literal fire? (e.g. capsaicin, chemical, bush, spiritual)
- g. Torment (pain, anguish, misery) - 4x Luke 16:23, 24, 25, 28
 - i. Devils in torment - Luke 8:28-31 (Rev 9:1-2, 20:1-3, 14)
 - ii. No rest day nor night - Rev 14:10-11
- h. Hell is a place of darkness, loneliness, boredom, fury, regret, fear, anger.

5. Hell Exists

- a. Despite its duration, how many are there, can you get out, we must know hell exists
- b. Starting in God's love and going back to hell is inconceivable.
- c. God is not willing that any should perish - 2 Pet 3:9, 1 Tim 2:4
- d. The Lord Jesus Christ came and conquered it receiving its keys - Rev 1:18
- e. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus - Romans 8:35-37
- f. Jesus Christ came to save us from sin, death, and hell - Romans 8:38-39