

Hell

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1. Introduction

This study is a bit complex as there is one Strong's number in the Old Testament for Hell, occurring 31 times in these scriptures. It is H7585. In the New Testament there are 3 different Strong's Numbers. First G1067 occurs 12 times, the second G86 occurs 10 times and the third G5020 occurs once. First we will start examination of the word Hell in the Old Testament.

2. Old Testament H7585

Strong's number H7585 in Hebrew is Sheol and also is referred to as the name Hades. It means a world of the dead, a subterranean holding area, a grave or pit that contains inmates.

A general description of understanding the location or position of Hell is given in the following verses. Heaven is high and Hell is deep or low in the earth. Two extreme locations.

Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

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

More understanding is given to us in the following, Hell is a location that contains the wicked. It is a place where all Nations that forget the LORD will end up.

Psa 9:16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

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

Further we are told it is the place where it is the soul of a person that dies is contained there. The following is telling us Yeshua when He died and went down and visited Hell, that His soul was not left there.

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

Those that die and are descended into Hell and held there are those that are unrighteous as we are told in Psa 9:17 above.

The dead that are held in Hell are guests that will await until being called to the second resurrection for their judgment.

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

There are many scriptures that tell us when one dies that one sleeps in the earth until they are called to a resurrection. This includes all people, the righteous and the unrighteous. The following scripture makes this clear.

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

In order to obtain a complete understand of where the dead reside and sleep in the earth, we are given the following picture as a special example from Yeshua. The unrighteous dead are residences in Hell while the righteous dead are residences in Abraham's bosom. The unrighteous and the righteous sleep in the earth in two separate and different locations. Both groups sleep until a time when they are called forth at either the first or second resurrection.

Luk 16:22 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;

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

In death all sleep until called but in two different places deep in the earth.

3. New Testament G1067

The first Strong's Number of Hell is G1067 in the New Testament and is the Greek word Geenna that means the valley of Hinnom, a valley south of Jerusalem that was used initially as a place of child sacrifice and worship of Molach and Baal. It used fire to burn children as sacrifices to the gods. Much later it was used as a dump for bodies of criminals and various animals. These were burned along with other burnable trash. It became looked at as a replicate of Hell deep within the earth but seen physically as a place on earth being the representation of everlasting punishment with fires continually burning and evil people being burned up. It became referred to in a general way of being an equivalent of Hell fire on the earth giving people a visual of their thoughts of Hell deep in the earth.

It also was known as the the places of Tophet as well as the valley of Hinnom, but the LORD gives it a new name called the valley of slaughter.

Jer 7:31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded *them* not, neither came it into my heart.

Jer 7:32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place

Jer 7:33 And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray *them* away.

In Isaiah Chapter 66 it refers to the end of the Tribulation and the beginning of the Millennium. The dead bodies of those that transgressed against the LORD at the end of the Tribulation are gathered and burnt likely in the valley of slaughter, Isa 66:24. This scripture also tells us these people will experience everlasting fire at the final resurrection, where their worm dieth not.

Isa 66:24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Even Yeshua made reference to it in Mat 5:29 and Mat 10:28 as it gave a visual that could be easily related too as representing being thrown into the Lake of Fire at Judgment Day.

Mat 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.

Mat 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.

This physical location near Jerusalem had fire, smoke and foul smell coming from it continually with dead bodies and other garbage. It gave a visual and stimulation to other senses such as heat and smell, along with birds feasting on dead carcasses, a place where the fire never went out. The place stirred up thoughts of evil and punishment in a person's mind that was viewing it.

4. New Testament G86

Strong's Number G86 is used to refer to the Greek word Hades. A place where the departed souls of the dead reside somewhere within the depths of the earth. A place where they are held until Judgment Day. This is the same description as the Old Testament H7585 Strong's Number.

The use of Hell in this context is used by Yeshua in the following two verses.

Mat 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.

Mat 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.

A deeper understanding is given to us in the following verse by Yeshua.

Rev 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.*

This verse tells us both Hell and Death are spiritual related conditions that are located deep within the earth and that Yeshua has overcome them and has the keys to them or power and control over them.

Later we are given information as to what happens to these spiritual conditions, they are throw into the Lake of Fire.

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

In the spiritual realm these are real conditions or locations for lack of better words to define them.

5. New Testament G5020

The last Strong's Number in the New Testament is G5020 and is the Greek name Tartaroo and means the deepest abyss of Hell as well as to be incarcerated in eternal torment. This being a very special location reserved for evil angels placed there at the time of Noah.

2Pe 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;

These angels will be held in this location until Judgment Day.

6. Summary

The word Hell has one Strong's Number of definition in the Old Testament. In the New Testament there are three different definitions, one of which corresponds to the same description as used in the Old Testament. This defines a location deep in the earth that retains the souls of unrighteous people that have died. These dead people are contained in this location asleep awaiting a time to be called forth for final Judgment.

In the New Testament there are two other definitions. The one being a valley near Jerusalem where bodies were burned along with garbage and serves as a visual of Hell occurring on earth as representing the location of Hell deep in the earth and the consequence of evil after Judgment,

which is being thrown into the Lake of Fire. The other location of Hell is a special location deep in the earth, where evil angels at the time of Noah were collected and retained in until Judgment day.

We are told some details of the Lake of Fire, it contains brimstone and those thrown in are tormented day and night forever. Not only is the Devil, the Beast and the False Prophet thrown into the Lake of Fire, but also all people that are judged as unrighteous along with unbelievers. In addition all those that took the Mark of the Beast end up in the Lake of Fire. Smoke occurs along with brimstone as given to us in many other scriptures. Note in Rev 14:11 that the smoke of those in the Lake of Fire is their torment that ascends up forever.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev 14:11 And **the smoke of their torment** ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

The following is an additional use of the word Hell as given to us from Yeshua, as a special warning. It is contained in the verses that follow.

Mar 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:

Mar 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mar 9:45 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:

Mar 9:46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mar 9:47 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**:

Mar 9:48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

The word Hell in these verses is referred by Strong's Number as that of the physical location in a valley near Jerusalem. However the message is that if you sin and are Judged as evil, you will be thrown into the Lake of Fire forever and this is the second death. Yeshua refers to it as being a special Hell to any person that ends up in the Lake of Fire, it is a Hell fire that is never quenched. Those thrown into this Lake are alive and awake as spirit forever, in a jail where there is no hope or release ever. It is a place of continually burning fire. The Lake of Fire fits totally with man's visual perception of Hell and it is used and reinforced in that same context used by Yeshua. The Lake of

Fire is in fact a special location and is an active place of torment, fire, and smoke occurring forever. It is a special Hell, where people are awake and contained forever. It is a place where all that are contained in it experience torment forever.

The message throughout the Bible is very clear, obey the LORD and walk in righteousness so that you do not end up in the Lake of Fire where your worm dieth not. It is a place of fire, smoke, torment for all those that are placed in it. It is in fact an active place of Hell.

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