

A Study of Hell

The Enemy's Secret Strategy Against The Word of God

Man left alone to the stubbornness of his own heart will never consent to the reality of Hell! The King James bible has been under the constant attack of the enemy since 1881. Why 1881? This is when fifty scholars from Great Britain and America revised the King James bible using a different set of manuscripts primarily from Alexandria, Egypt. Now there was nothing new about revising the King James bible! The revisers had done it many times before. The Authorized King James Version Bible was first published in 1611, and subsequent printings of the text corrected a number of translation errors and spellings to reflect the modern vernacular; these revisions or updates occurred in the following years: 1612, 1613, 1616, 1629, 1638, 1660, 1683, 1727, 1762, 1769, and 1873. However, there was something different this time around. The manuscripts chosen this time were thought to be older, better and closer to the original manuscripts penned by the Apostles and Prophets through the Holy Spirit. Although very ancient, these manuscripts proved to be on the most part, unused, heavily revised, and corrupt. In fact, the monks that formerly had them in their possession had no real use for them at all because they were corrupt, and contained additions and subtractions, omitted sentences and entire sections of the biblical text, and were corrected by the hands of different monks down through the centuries. Before some of these so-called better manuscripts ever came to be known to the public they sat in their perspective monasteries; one rotting away on a bookshelf for centuries, called the "Codex Vaticanus": while leaves (pages) from the other, called the "Codex Sinaiticus", were casted into a wastebasket, only to be used as fuel for a fire to help keep a bunch of monks warm on those cold days and wintry nights inside their monastery. The flames should have consumed these corrupt manuscripts, then they would have only been a small footnote in the history of biblical scholarship, but instead they were rescued from the fire, and have become the basis and foundation for every new, and modern bible translation that has ever come out to date. As stated before these monks had no real use for these manuscripts. Isn't it ironic that other men's garbage has become the treasure of the modern bible translators? These new bibles are read in Christian homes and churches every Sunday. What a cunning work Satan has done on the so-called Christian church!

The crooked scholars who discovered these ancient and corrupt manuscripts had a hidden agenda: they were hell-bent on destroying and replacing the long and illustrious legacy of the widely accepted Byzantine (i.e. the Majority text) and Received Text (i.e. the Textus Receptus) family of manuscripts used to translate the King James version and other bibles of the Reformation! The Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus manuscripts have primarily now formed a new and modern foundation for *an eclectic Greek text* based solely on the corrupt and heavily revised manuscripts of the Alexandrian or Egyptian school of thought. Today these eclectic Greek texts called: "UBS5" from (the United Bible Societies), and the "NA28", or (Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece) are the standard textual foundations for all new and modern bible translations of the New Testament, and are usually updated and revised every several years. Do you notice the numbers (5) and (28) after the above named Greek texts? Well, this tells us that the "UBS" is currently in its 5th edition, while the "NA" is currently in a whopping 28th edition! This means you now have a biblical Greek text that is moveable (ever changing, evolving), and

not at all static or permanent (never changing). This means that the edition of the modern bible you are probably reading can change at any time. A change to your modern bible could be issued based solely on some new discovery, the revision of some Greek word or definition, or the whim of some bible scholar. Just because a thing is old does not necessarily make it accurate or the best thing for the job. It's just old!

Around the mid-1800's the discovery of these corrupt manuscripts ignited the wicked imagination of some very learned and well-studied bible scholars of that era. Men in their own fleshly and worldly wisdom began to retire the word "hell" from the Holy Scriptures. This was a devilish inspired work done in order to diminish its true meaning! The word "hell" had to go! It had to be rejected and retired to the so-called pagan past of history. It had to be collected and filed into the category of myth and fantasy. These bible translators no longer believed in a Holy Bible, but, now believed in a bible after their own making and liking. They put their own knowledge and wicked imaginations to work to outdo the Word of God. But the Word of God cannot be outdone, let alone, by any man, or any devil!

Now if you own one of these modern bibles, I want you to stop reading, and attempt to count from Genesis to Revelation how many times the word "hell" appears in your bible. If necessary, use an online concordance or book that is specific to the modern bible version you are currently reading and studying, then in comparison to the King James Version search how fewer times the word "hell" appears in your bible.

The King James bible had been the authorized standard bible of the entire English speaking world for generations. Now it has been tossed aside for the so-called better and easier to read translations of the bible. Did the King James translators translate every Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek word of the Scriptures correctly, flawlessly, and without error? Of course not! If anyone thinks it is a perfect translation then they are out of their minds and are not being completely honest. If you have ever read "The Translators To the Reader" in the front section of a good and faithful 1611 King James bible, then you will see clearly that the translators themselves felt that they had fallen short of any sort of perfection. So all of your boasting and arguing will never make that which is an imperfect translation a perfect one. The true focus should be on the Hebrew and Greek family of manuscripts the translators used. Are they reliable? Are they the true Word of God passed down from generation to generation. English is not Greek or Hebrew or Aramaic, and can never be a true replacement for these languages. In order to fully express the true intention of the biblical writers, these foreign tongues must be translated, understood, then given an equal or corresponding word or thought in the readers' own language. This can only be done correctly through much learning, prayer and with the help of the Holy Spirit of God! The King James bible may not be perfect but I tell you it is the closest thing to the original manuscripts that you will ever find today!

Now have you done your own individual search and comparison for the number of times that the word "hell" appears in your modern bible? I have done half of the comparison work for you. Now the word "hell" appears a total of 54 times from Deuteronomy to Revelation in the King James version of the bible. How many times does it appear in your bible?

Let's dig a little deeper. Primarily, behind the Old Testament word "hell", in the King James version is the Hebrew word "Sheol", (which we will discuss later and in much greater detail), and it is translated as "hell" 31 times. This same word is also translated as "grave" at least 31 more times, and "pit" at least 3 times.

In the New Testament the King James bible translates the Greek word "Hades" as "hell", (which we will also discuss later and in greater detail), and this word appears 11 times. Only "once" is it translated as "grave", (see 1 Corinthians 15:55), in the New Testament.

Another Greek word that the King James bible translates as "hell", is the Aramaic word "Gehenna". Again, we will discuss this word later in greater detail. It appears at least 12 times in the King James version.

Atheists, Skeptics, Scoffers, and modern bible scholars have given the word "hell" an antiquated meaning and mythological status! You can hardly find the word in your bibles! If you did a fair comparison earlier you will see that I am right. Often it's not there! Because man has removed it just to satisfy his ego and to lead others astray from the pure and true Gospel of God and Christ contained in the Holy Scriptures. The true bible, the King James Version, teaches us that there is still a "Hell"! Science, the god of the modern atheist, will tell you that there is no such thing as "hell". Scoffers view it as a myth. Can your science see the unseen? Can it measure the unknown? Does it know the way of the Spirit? Scoff on if you must! But know that there will be a day of reckoning for their insolence!

The bible has been modernized and translated over and over again just to satisfy a whole hosts of unscrupulous agendas and hidden motives! All of which are not entirely biblical or truly holy, and have fallen short of the glory of God. Most modern bibles don't even have the word "Holy" on their covers anymore. This new thing is entirely the work of the enemy. God's Word is under attack and most modern Christians blindly and willfully go along with the enemy's program to water-down and make of none-effect the truth and power of the Word of God. These modern versions are not the Word of God but are of another work! A strange work! The work of the enemy and his many minions! The enemy's work is aggressively driven by people of like-mind, who push his wicked agenda. They want to water-down sin! They want to make that which was unacceptable and an affront to God since the beginning of creation now acceptable, palatable, and normal. They no longer want to believe that their actions have a severe penalty. Don't judge! Mind your own business! Accept my truth no matter how sinful it might appear! Love me and accept me the way that I am! Again, please don't judge. Is it no wonder they scoff and laugh at the notion of an eternal hell fire? And no longer want the word "hell" to appear in their bible? They have chosen to follow their own stubborn and wicked imaginations. There can be no profit in this!

A Future Apart From God

People don't want to think about what happens to them after they die. They refuse to give it any thought. They have the attitude of those that forget God: Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die! They figure if I don't believe in it, or if I don't think about it, then it must not be real, therefore, it does

not matter to me. This is the attitude the enemy wants you to have. I tell you that you are ripe for his picking!

Isn't it amazing how quick sinners are to believe in a Heaven, but not a Hell? They are so very quick to put even the worse of sinners into God's heaven after they have departed this life. You will hear them say of the dearly departed racist, or drunkard, or fornicator and adulterer, or deceased lesbian, or homosexual, or gang-banger, or thief and robber, that he or she was a good person! Open the pearly gates, Peter! My friend or loved one is coming! The truth is sinners love each other, and will do for one another. Sinners don't want to be faced with or to even think about a dear loved one or friend suffering in the torments of an eternal hell fire so they reject a God of vengeance for a God of love and tolerance. They say God is Love! Yes, He is! But He is also a Consuming Fire (Hebrews 12:29)! Yes! That's in the New Testament, people! The God in the Old Testament is still the same God as in the New Testament. He is the same God and can never change. It is against His nature to change. God will never be put into your own little personal box. He is too big for that! God will never change or contort for you or be stuffed into your own personal belief system. Let God be God and every man a liar!

I further find in some churches and organizations that people have traded a place of eternal fire and brimstone for a single day of total annihilation. Many hold to the doctrine that sinners and those who don't believe or worship the same way that they do will be resurrected with the wicked, only to be suddenly obliterated out of total existence. This annihilation thing is ridiculous! Don't they know that only the body and soul can be destroyed in hell -- not the spirit (Matthew 10:28 with 1 Thessalonians 5:23), which is eternal and indestructible? GOD, too, is Spirit! Angels are spirits! Can they ever be annihilated? Come on people! The enemy's agenda does not stack up well against the true Word of God. It never can no matter how folk try to twist and contort the truth of the Word of God to fit their own agenda and personal doctrinal belief system. This is nothing but a trick of the enemy! Man's fear of hell has made a way for a God of love who never punishes the wicked or disobedient; a God of love who never judges or sees the sins and deeds of people. The modern skeptics and bible scholars have jumped on the devil's bandwagon and have conceived a newer version of God's justice -- one without hell or the eternal punishment of the wicked. They believe that if they can remove the word "hell" from their bibles many gullible souls will fall in line and not believe in a "hell". The sad thing about it is that the enemy's agenda is on the rise. He has run a successful campaign. You have been a victim of his scam! Many of you have fallen for his dirty tricks. But enjoy being a victim of his schemes. Some of you love doing the devil's bidding.

The truth is God wants all of His creation with Him. He does not want to lose any human being, and is willing that all be saved, and come to the everlasting knowledge of the truth, by the blood of the slain Lamb of God. Come, all who hunger and thirst after righteousness! Come, all who are weary and faint of heart and mind! Come, for He will give you to drink out of the wellspring of eternal life! God wants converted hearts and seeks those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Anything less is a lie and will not meet the standard that Almighty God has set! We, too, must seek after God from the bottom of our hearts and live a life according to His will and commandments if we want to enter into His Heaven. Hell is a place of separation from God. It is a place of eternal punishment. A place where there is no

rest for the wicked. Now a human court has a special place for evildoers. Sometimes mankind's penalties are very severe for wrongdoers. Sometimes (considering the circumstances) an evildoer might be sentenced to death if they have committed a heinous crime. Is God any less Just if He has a special place in "hell" for sinners and evildoers? If it is right for Human courts to punish the wicked according to man's laws, shouldn't we afford the Holy God the same Right, (and then some), being the Creator of ALL, to punish the evildoer and wicked person that intentionally breaks His laws? Yes, even man's own corrupt conscience will lead him to convict a wicked person. How much more God? Doesn't man's own conscience and convictions lead him to fight a just war and to kill his fellow man in an effort to dispense justice and keep peace in the world? If a wicked person is convicted of a crime doesn't man's judicial system separate that wicked person from the rest of society? Can a civilized society function properly if wickedness has gone amuck and violence is prevalent on all sides? Well then, God, too, has laws, punishments, justice and governance to keep His kingdom aright! His Kingdom cannot tolerate the deeds or presence of wicked people. There must be a separation.

The Origin of the Word Hell

Attention, skeptics and scoffers! Attention, so-called bible scholars! Attention, agnostics and atheists! The enemy knows that if he can steer you away from the reality of hell he can take your heart, mind, and soul captive! He wants you to be in a dark and fiery torment with him forever rather than to bask in the glorious light of God. He prefers you to think that a belief in "hell" is only for that old religious crowd. A myth for yesteryears. But God's Holy Word is filled with references to this dark place of separation and torments from His Holy presence. Where did this word "hell" come from in the first place? What does it really mean? Why is there a "hell"? Now I know dear reader that most of us have already been pre-programmed or predisposed to believe a certain way, or not to believe in anything at all, including the notion of a "hell". But with much praying, studying, and especially, with the help of God, and the Holy Ghost, I will attempt to convince you of the true meaning and the reality of "hell". Maybe we can finally get this thing right - - (for the some of you), perhaps for the first time.

Indulge me for a moment and let me take you on a journey about the origin of the word "hell". Ready? I pray most of you can follow me. I wish to avoid getting too scholarly on the subject. But here we go! Words are important! Words are how we communicate with each other. We cannot fully understand each other without them. In the tedious work of translation, language must match word for word, line for line, thought for thought. This is necessary if we are to communicate effectively to the one who is without understanding of an unknown language. The reader must know what is being said or spoken. Words matter! Therefore, in order to discuss the word "hell" we must first define it, and seek its origin or source. This should dispel the growing myth that the word "hell" does not belong in your English bible because it is of pagan origin. This is just another lie from the devil! Our English word "hell" is just a cognate word for a similar word expressed in the ancient Greek tongue. Since most of you don't read Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek, you have to use a translation in your native tongue, or you would never understand what is being conveyed to you by the biblical writers. For most of us that language is English. So where did the word "hell" derive from in the English language?

The origin of the English word "hell" is as follows:

Old English *hel*, *hell*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *hel* and German *Hölle*, from an Indo-European root meaning 'to cover or hide.'

Our English word for "Hell" stands out and clearly means to hide or cover. "Hell" is a place that is hidden, a place that is covered. This word "hell" was the closest Anglo-Saxon word equivalency that our English bible translators could find to convey the meaning of the Greek word "Hades", which literally means, "unseen", in the Greek language. As we will soon see this method of translation was not unlike the one used by the Jewish translators of the Septuagint. Now you know why the word "hell" is in our English bible, and where it comes from. In contrast, you may also compare the corresponding Latin word for "Hades", that is, "infernus", which means lower, that which lies beneath, belonging to the lower regions. Notice the different Greek, Latin, and English interpretations of "Hades" drawn out from these carefully chosen words? The Greek understanding means "unseen"; while the Latin understanding is a place located in the lower regions; and the English understanding is a place that is hidden or covered. You see words do matter! If they so desired, the translators of these different languages could have transliterated the word "Hades" into their own tongues. It was their choice. But, who without a background in the ancient Greek classics would even have had a hint or clue as to its real meaning? A word equivalency in their native tongues had to be found.

You see in reality the English word "hell" did not truly have its origin in pagan Germanic culture as some would have you believe. Its true source goes even further back to the Greek word, "Hades". Now one might say, isn't the word "Hades", a Greek pagan word? Okay. That's a fair question. Yes, it is. To the ancient Greeks the concept of "Hades" would conjure, the god of the dead, who is called "Hades". This god was also associated with Pluto, the god of the lower regions; for the ancient Romans he would be called "Orkus", a god of Roman mythology. This god conjured the nether world or the realm of the dead.

Now listen carefully to what I have to say. Millenniums before there was any ancient classical Greek, or before philosophy became the standard of the ancient Greco-Roman world; or before the founding of the Holy Roman empire, or ever before German or Norse tribesmen sprang up and out of Europe: the Hebrews wrote about, taught, and believed in "Sheol", or our "hell" as it appears in the English bible!

In the 3rd century B.C., (before there was any New Testament, or any such thing as a Christian), supposedly, "Seventy" Jewish scholars got together to translate the ancient Hebrew Scriptures, (our Old Testament), into the Greek language. This translation is commonly called the Septuagint. During the process of translating the ancient Hebrew bible these Greek speaking Jews had to find a corresponding word that would convey the meaning of the Hebrew word, "Sheol", to their Greek speaking audience. Who of course on the most part were ignorant of the Hebrew language and culture. For these Greek speaking Jewish translators of the ancient Hebrew bible, "Hades" seemed to be the closest word equivalency in the Greek tongue, that even came close to expressing their Hebraic understanding of the word "Sheol". In a very small way it suggested some level of similarity with the Hebraic understanding and thought of "Sheol". Let me further elaborate -- these Hebrew speaking translators could have transliterated the Hebrew word "Sheol" for their Greek audience, (as so many translations do in error today), but what good would it have done? Their intended audience weren't familiar with the Hebrew

tongue and knew very little of Hebraic laws and customs; much less the Hebraic understanding of "Sheol". Therefore, they found the closest word equivalency in the Greek language.

So now we can infer from the Greek word "Hades" that the Jewish translators had no objections to also defining "Sheol" as an "unseen" place, too. I should further note that according to the Hebraic usage of "Sheol" it is also defined as the place of departed spirits. Now this suggests some small similarity with the Greco-Roman concept of hell. However, to a Mosaic law-abiding Hebrew these strange, foreign and pagan gods had no place or dominion in their understanding and usage of "Sheol. The Hebrews were monotheists! The Greeks were polytheists! Most Jews living at that time in Alexandria, Egypt were, of course, very familiar with Greek culture and thought. However, most faithful Jews did not like the influence of Hellenism. (For example, compare the Jewish "War of the Maccabees", which was basically started as a rejection of Greek culture and assimilation. Also compare the prophesies in Daniel 11:30-32 with Zechariah 9:12-13). Therefore, the Greek word "Hades" as conveyed in their translation of the bible had to be modified, redefined, that is, stripped of all its pagan symbolism. For "Hades" could not have the exact same understanding and meaning to them as it did for the Greeks. Since there was no exact word equivalent found they had to exercise the Greek with Hebrewisms, so to speak! Hades to them only suggested a very small corresponding kinship to their word "Sheol". You will not find the gods Hades, Pluto, or Orcus in "Sheol". Since it was proper and right to strip "Hades" of all its' pagan gods and symbols, so, too, must modern man strip away any notion about a devil with a pitchfork and horns. This should totally be rejected, as well! These are all fantasies of man's wicked imagination.

The stripping of real things seen or unseen of their pagan symbols is not something new to the Hebrew Scriptures. It occurs in the first chapter of the book of Genesis. In Genesis 1:16, Moses by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God, tells us that God created two lights in the heavens - one greater light, and one lesser light. Literally, in the Hebrew tongue, one big light, and one small light. Moses obviously knew the names of the sun and moon, yet, the Holy Ghost did not allow him to use them, because they are prone to be worshipped (by men of ancient times) as deities, and figured prominently in their pagan creation stories. He instead employed the language of a little child -- a big light and a little light. Thus, not putting these celestial bodies out and upfront in the creation; but making them instead as almost afterthoughts of the creation, and in turn stripping them of all of their pagan symbols and symbolism. Only God is left as the sole creator of the heavens above! There is no hint or suggestion of any celestial objects, or gods to be worshipped and adored. Compare Deuteronomy 4:19.

In the ancient Near East, "Shamash", the sun god was worshipped. The Hebrew word for "sun" is "Shemesh". I tell you, of a truth, that Hebrew is really an ancient Canaanite language, (compare Isaiah 19:18), stripped of all its paganisms and symbols, as the Greek was. What "Shemesh", (Hebrew for sun) meant to the ancient Canaanites, did not mean exactly the same thing to the ancient Hebrews. To the Canaanites "Shemesh" or "Shamash" conjured the sun god. To the Hebrews "Shemesh" meant (just the sun) -- a big or greater light! The Canaanite language was so rich and steeped in paganism and symbolisms is it no wonder the Israelites often backslid? They were constantly reminded of their pagan surroundings, not only through sight and sound, but also through the language they spoke! This must of

been a great source of temptation for them to serve other gods. "Everyday words" and "things in nature" reminded them of the strange gods that the surrounding nations worshipped. For example, even something as simple as the sea, had its corresponding god, named, Yam, the god of the sea. The Hebrews used this very same word for the "sea", minus, of course, its paganism. How about a word that affects all of mankind -- the word (death). For the Canaanites, death conjured, Mot, the god of the underworld. The Hebrews used the same root word, (Mat or Maveth) to describe death, yet, minus, its paganism! The Hebrews spoke the same language as the Canaanites, but because of their Hebrewism of the language, they were able to wipe it clean of its pagan influences. That is why we call it Hebrew, and not Canaanite!

Now there is a modern day equivalency for all of this. We can still see vestiges of paganism in today's modern society. Just look at the days of the week! Let's specifically focus on, SUNday, or, as it was once known as, the Day of the Sun, or, on MONday, formerly, known as the Day of the Moon. These pagan symbols and symbolisms are still with us today, despite advancements in travel, science, medicine, and technology! However, you must see that the days of the week have all been stripped of their paganism and symbols. Who still worships the Sun on the day of the Sun -- Sunday? Who still worships the moon on the day of the Moon -- i.e., Monday? In fact, who worships Thor, the god of thunder on his day - - Thursday? Or the god Saturn on his day -- Saturday? So you see we have "modernized" the days of the week by stripping them of their paganism!

The discoveries of ancient Sumerian, Assyrian, and Babylonian cuneiform clay tablets have caused the modern bible scholars to go crazy and recast, revise, rethink, reinvent, and reinterpret the ancient Hebrew Scriptures. In their love for research they think that they can give the Scriptures their own fleshly truth by making them more understandable in the study and light of these ancient Near Eastern cuneiform tablets. Only the Holy Ghost can help you properly understand the bible, not ancient Ugarit, Chaldean, Hebrew, or Greek! These modern bible scholars and translators think they can cast a giant light on the Hebrew bible. But the Holy Scriptures casts an even bigger shadow on their modern day theories and translations. They try to introduce a pagan influence on the Holy Scriptures when all paganisms and their symbols have already been stripped away by the inspired writers of the Holy Bible. Like the ancient Near East pagans of old they want to make us believe that the bible describes the earth as flat with a solid dome over it to keep the water above the sky out. They want us to believe that the Holy Scriptures teach that the sun and moon are described as lamps hanging from a dome, with the stars as small holes poking through this dome, and that the rain is caused by water leaking through the dome. These are all lies of the Devil! These are the lies of some Scientists, Skeptics, Atheists and Agnostics! Oh! How they love to tell this tale. This is fuel for their dying flames! This lie brings an arrogant and proud smirk to their repugnant faces, and hardens their hearts even more, to the point that their minds have become reprobate. The enemy and his many minions want you to believe that only they and their Science have the answers! They don't realize it, but ancient discoveries like "Enuma Elish", *Gilgamesh and Enkidu*, or "the Code of Hammurabi", for example, only strengthens the originality, purity and truth of the Holy Scriptures. God in the very beginning left Himself a witness in the earth as to the real story of His creation. That is, until wicked and sinful men got a hold of it and turned it into something ugly and grotesque! The real truth, the real story of creation, can *only be found*

in the Holy Bible! Not in any of your false narratives, false Sciences or empty theories! "In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth". Atheist, what are you going to do with that? Have you ever cared or gave this a passing thought?

Now we know that ancient ideals and cultures were often shared or were unwillingly forced upon others through war and conquest. We can clearly see from many of these ancient cuneiform texts that ancient peoples were often in agreement and shared concepts relating to: death, life, the after-life, gods, sacrifices, worship, culture, the sacred, the unclean, days of rest, time of sowing, harvest, buying, selling, laws, judges, courts of laws, rites, language, craftsmanship, kingdoms, royalty, slaves, the emancipation of slaves, war, peace, weapons, money, food, drink, feasts, diseases, mourning, building, and labor. But because of sin and rebellion against God people often built cults and rituals around these everyday concepts and things. Man being fashioned and found in the image of God is a free-thinker and is very capable of doing great things on his own. However, man's work is tainted with the stain of sin, rebellion, and iniquity. This iniquity and rebellion cause man to slowly progressed into something different from his Creator, something unrecognizable, something very strange! People began to create stories consisting of a pantheon of gods, after their own likeness, they exchanged the image of the Living God for four-footed beasts, celestial bodies, and the defiled bodies of men, they did this until it became this gross monstrosity and misrepresentation of the True and Living GOD. These pantheon of gods usually acted like untamed men that were very bloody and capricious in nature. God had to "Do Something"! This thing had to be restored as it was in the very beginning! It had to be made clean again!

So God called out a few folks to worship Him and to restore this thing to its original state. God promised fallen Mankind a Redeeming Saviour and Deliverer in the book of Genesis! In that very same Book, God called Seth, the head of the Messianic line! God called Enoch, the seventh from Adam who prophesied about the coming of the Lord, a man who walked with God, and was translated in his godless generation! God called Noah, to preserve all of mankind and the Messianic line with it! God called Shem, as the progenitor and head of the Shemitic line: from this line He called Abraham, as the father of Faith and head of the Messianic nation, i.e., the Hebrews! God also called, Isaac, heir to the covenantal promises! He also called, Jacob, the father of Israel and the faithful promises! God chose Judah, as the tribe of the Messiah, and, finally, God sent His Only Begotten Son, into the world, made of a woman, born under the law, to suffer and die for us and to be resurrected from the dead, thus, defeating the enemy of all flesh -- death and Satan! Now Jesus Christ, through, faith, and the shedding of His blood, and the power of his resurrection by the Spirit of God, has restored all things, as it was in the very beginning. We can only find the original meaning and true essence of God's will and purpose for all of mankind in the Holy Bible.

The Translation of the Bible

Now when Jesus by the Holy Ghost commanded the writers of the New Testament to go preach the Gospel to all of the world, it was at that time predominantly Greek speaking, so they on the most part used the Jewish translation of the Old Testament, or the Greek Scriptures contained in the Septuagint. Now this is how the word "Hades" came to be used in the Greek New Testament. Thus making Greek

the sacred lingua of the Apostolic period. Only to be later eclipsed by the Latin tongue, via the Latin Vulgate. Now the Latin bible ushered in a period of darkness because of the sins of the Clergy and that no man could understand or read the Latin except the learned and Priests. The common man was left to the whim and mercy of the Priests! Therefore, God in His grace shined a great light on the translation work of the men of the Reformation. William Tyndale, being one of the martyrs of the Reformation once famously said, in response to a Catholic priest, " If God spare my life, before very long I shall cause a plough boy to know the scriptures better than you do!" For speaking these words, William Tyndale would pay dearly with his life, but it was nothing but the Holy Ghost speaking through him. Years later he was strangled and his body burned for putting the Holy Scriptures in the language of the common man. Tyndale's translation is the foundation and basis for the King James version. The King James version is the only contemporary bible that I know of that was translated during times of persecution and the spilling of the blood of martyrs. How does your modern bible version stack up?

A Study on Sheol

To the Hebrew "Sheol" was a real place (not a metaphor) where all people went after death, both the wicked and the righteous. Unlike the cultures of the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome, "Sheol" was not filled with myth or capricious gods that ruled in the nether regions of the earth. But "Sheol" was a final resting place for the bodies and souls of all those departed spirits that waited until the final day of resurrection and Judgment. (Compare just a few verses in Ecclesiastes 12:7 (read with verse 14); Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2). According to the translators of the King James bible, the word "Sheol" suggested death, the grave, and the realm of departed spirits. The Hebrew word, "Sheol", appears at least some 65 times in the Hebrew manuscript that the King James Version translators used to translate the Old Testament, namely, (the Ben Chayyim Masoretic text). As we have seen above, the KJV translators used the words "hell", "grave", and the "pit", to translate the Hebrew word "Sheol" to its English speaking audience. Hell, pit, and, the grave are all synonyms for the word "Sheol" in the King James Version, which shows you its' nuance or various shades of meaning.

The very root of the Hebrew word "Sheol" comes from a three lettered Hebrew verb: *Shin, Alef, and Lamed*, (Hebrew is read right to left), that is, "*Sha'al*", which means, to ask, or inquire. (Never mind that modern scholars are currently trying to reassess and reassign its true and proper meaning to some other origin or source of a different Near Eastern language. Regarding modern biblical scholarship and words that have had generational and traditional meaning in the Holy Scriptures for millennia, they will often change words, times, and definitions in order to push or move the goal post in their own interests. We should not be shocked at this since their agenda is purely fleshly and satanic in origin. Nevertheless, the foundation of the Holy Scriptures is sure and true). I tell you that anyone who can read a little Hebrew can clearly see that the root word embedded in the Hebrew word "Sheol" is "Sha'al" (for example, compare the Hebrew name of King "Saul", which means asked, inquire, request). It has no other meaning! Now why would the Hebrews use the root of the verb "to ask" or "to inquire" to form the noun "Sheol"? Well, it is because God put it in the conscience of ALL ancient peoples to know that there was something else after death, something beyond this life and the grave, they knew in their hearts and minds that death was not just all blackness, and oblivion in the grave.

Only in today's modern world of science and technology did folks start to deny an existence of an after-life. Unlike today you would be hard-pressed to find any atheists in those ancient times. I would say it would be nearly impossible. Now they might have taken license and mythologized the meaning of the grave and the after-life, but they were only given a small window into that truth, even though they turned it into something else outside of the true knowledge of God. You see the Hebrews knew that "Sheol" meant more than just the grave, as we have already seen above. "Sheol" is a place where after death, the dead are in a state of spiritual consciousness, a place where departed spirits (sometimes called in the bible "Rephaim", i.e., "spirits") went, therefore, ancient peoples wanted "to communicate", that is, "ask and inquire", of them, often through the means of Necromancers, or people who can talk to the dead. Necromancy rested on the idea that there was some communication between the living and the dead, and the realm below. (Compare Isaiah 8:19, 20). This type of communication was strictly forbidden in the Old Testament. (Compare Deuteronomy 18:10-12). If the dead are truly gone forever, then why try to talk to them? If God can create with just a sentence this great, big, old universe that cannot be measured, surely, He can raise our dead and corrupt bodies with just a word! This is just not too hard for God!

Necromancers are what we would call spiritualist today. Compare 1 Samuel 28:7-20 and Isaiah 8:19; 29:4, for a few examples. The ancient world was filled with these types of people, even in ancient Israel. As we have seen, talking to the dead is recorded in the Holy Scriptures, but this does not make it right! No more than the righteous King David committing the act of adultery with Bathsheba makes adultery okay now.

The following are a few Hebraic facts regarding "Sheol", which is, the Greek New Testament equivalent of "hell":

Sheol or hell was a place that was set on fire from the LORD, read Deuteronomy 32:22 and Isaiah 30:33 (compare here the New Testament "Gehenna" and "Lake of Fire" which we will discuss later). Fire here suggests some kind of torment or punishment. It is vicious and it is persistent! Some scoffers will say that the fire or flames are metaphorical, and are influenced by pagan teachings in Persia or Babylon during the years of Jewish exile. They are not! Only the later Apocryphal and *Pseudepigraphal* writings were given to a deep influence from the Greek, Persian, and Babylonian mythologies. These writings were rejected by most Christians and law-abiding Jews, so they were never part of the holy canon or the corpus (body) of Spirit-inspired Scriptures. If hell isn't real, if it is only a myth, then why do men strive so hard against the belief in it?

Sheol or hell is a place without measure, read Isaiah 5:14. And is very deep, too. Compare Job 11:8. Compare the Greek word "abussos" for the abyss or bottomless pit.

Sheol or hell is a place where all the wicked, and the nations that forget GOD are sent to, read Psalm 9:17; Isaiah 14:9; Matthew 11:23, 24 (Hades).

Sheol or hell is a place where people sought deliverance from, read Proverbs 15:24; 23:14; Psalms 16:10; Jonah 2:2, 6.

Sheol or hell is hidden from people, it cannot be searched out by men or his Science, only God can see it, (compare Job 26:6; Proverbs 15:11; Psalms 139:7, 8 and Amos 9:2). For men cannot search out hell no more than they could heaven!

Sheol or hell is just another word for the pit or the grave, read Genesis 37:35; 42:38; 44:29, 31; Numbers 16:30.

In the New Testament Gospels another word for "hell" is used. It is the word "Gehenna". As stated above it appears at least 12 times in the King James bible. And is really the transliteration of an Aramaic word. This word is often found in the mouth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Gehenna was a real place and is used as a type or symbol to describe the place called "hell" and "the Lake of Fire". Both places befitting the future eternal punishment and destruction of the wicked. The word Gehenna has its origin in a small valley located in Jerusalem where the residents later on burned their garbage and waste. However, in times past many wicked and disobedient Jews sacrificed their children to the flames there. The valley of Gehenna was to the people of that day a daily reminder, a vivid depiction or picture, of an everlasting burning hell fire, for all to see in living color. The word Gehenna was not limited to Jesus alone. It was also used by the Rabbi's of his day and even appears in the Talmud and other Jewish writings. The prophet Isaiah in comparison gives us an interesting description that looks a lot like this Gehenna:

Isa 66:24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses 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.

You can compare the above Scripture with Mark's Gospel.

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

This phrase is repeated in the King James Version of the Gospel of Mark at verses 9:44, 46, and 48. This repetition was used by Jesus to emphasize the eternal condition of the wicked, but the Alexandrian manuscripts removed this repetition. What was their motive? Mark chapter 9 is a clear illustration of the fiery torments of an eternal hell fire and destruction of the wicked.

Now why does the reality of hell cause men to lose their minds and go contrary to the Word of God? We have already touched on some of the reasons why, above. But may I give one more reason. It is because people want to do what they want without impairment, consequence, or fear of judgment for their actions. They hate being judged for what they do! They believe that there will be no day of judgment! They think that their evil deeds will go without punishment. The God-hating atheists wants you to consent with them that there is no God, that there is nothing after this life, and that there is no hell! They rejoice in shipwrecking your faith. They don't want there to be any faith left on the earth. They think that after this life there is only blackness and nothingness; that there are no consequences beyond the grave; that you are destroyed like a dead dog. Yes, death is darkness, but it cannot hide from God, for He overcame it by the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth! God laughs at death! For it is foreign to Him, and cannot touch Him. It is under the feet of Jesus!

Abraham's Bosom and the Lake of Fire Burning with Brimstone

Jesus Christ of Nazareth tells us about "Abraham's Bosom" in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the beggar. (Read Luke 16:19-31). Abraham's Bosom is a place located in the heart of the earth where the righteous go after death only to be separated from sinners by a great gulf (chasm) that has been fixed (Luke 16:26). Some denominations and organizations will tell us that this is just a parable, and it is not real. It is just a story. Well, I have news for you, this story is real! It is just as real as a beggar on skid row, or a rich man on Wall Street! It is just as real as people dying and being buried, every day. If these so-called Christian denominations and organizations think that angels are real... if all the other things in this parable are real, then why can't hell be real, too? Oh! Could it be that their doctrine doesn't teach the existence of a literal hell? Therefore, they have a vested interest to destroy your belief in it.

Now it is highly possible that the phrase "Abraham's Bosom" originated with Jesus. It is found only once in the later Rabbinic writings of the Talmud. Perhaps its later appearance is purely coincidental or this phrase was already known to the Jews of Jesus' day and thereafter. Nevertheless, I can tell you that no one was ever puzzled as to what Jesus meant by "Abraham's Bosom"! Surely, this was no story that he made up just to entertain people.

In *Kiddushin* 72b (*Gemera*), Adda bar Ahava, a rabbi, known as an amora, of the second generation (third and fourth centuries), is said to be "sitting in the lap or bosom of Abraham," which means that he has entered paradise.

Look here! Do you see how quick sinners are to put each other in heaven? This is the way of sinners. Their favorite phrase is, "Don't judge"! But they are the first to lineup and enter into God's heaven, no matter how evil or blasphemous their words and deeds have been. Jesus came to his own people first so that they might have eternal life and be the people God called them to be. However, they rejected him and God in turn rejected them, (unless they repent), and believe in the One whom God sent down from heaven to save them from their sins. Sinners usually pave their own slippery ways to heaven, but it is paved with fool's gold!

Now you might think, why use the phrase "Abraham's bosom"? Because he is the father of faith! And was an example for all others to follow. Read Romans 4:11,12, 16. Abraham's bosom was a place of comfort, safety, and protection, as clearly illustrated by the arms of Abraham which held and comforted the beggar close to his chest (Luke 16:23). You can also compare the imagery found in Isaiah 40:11 and John 13:23,25. Did anyone notice that the beggar was carried by angels, but the rich man was simply buried (Luke 16:22)? From the illustration of Abraham's Bosom we can clearly see a far-off separation of the righteous from the wicked who are in "hell" (Greek, "Hades"). Abraham's Bosom is just another name (Euphemism) for "Sheol", and like "Sheol" it is a place where both the wicked and righteous went after their death and burial. For the rich man while even in torments could see and talk to Father Abraham (Luke 16:23).

Have you ever wondered what happened to the righteous who went to Abraham's Bosom? Well, the righteous in Abraham's Bosom were delivered from "Sheol" or "hell" (the place of departed spirits)

when Jesus died, and descended to the lower parts of the earth, otherwise, known as hell or the heart of the earth (Matthew 12:40), i.e. the unseen realm of the dead. In the short time that Jesus spent there he went and preached or herald the Gospel message of his resurrection unto the spirits (namely, the dead of the past disobedient and rebellious generations) who were in prison (that is, "Sheol", or "hell"). And, thereafter, delivered Noah and the rest of the Old Testament saints from "Sheol" into Paradise, where he led captivity captive, and ascended to His Father in great victory and glory. (Compare Job 17:16; 38:17; Ephesians 4:8-10; Hebrew 11:7; 1 Peter 3:18,19; Matthew 27:52,53). You see, by preaching to the spirits in prison, Christ by the Gospel proclaimed or herald his triumphant victory over sin, death, and the devil! While in hell Christ did not offer salvation to save and deliver any of the past wicked and disobedient generations. He only proclaimed or herald his victory! Hell is permanent and irreversible for the wicked and disobedient. There is no purgatory or escaping it (Luke 16:25-31)!

Now at the end of time hell, death, and all of its inhabitants will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, the place of fiery eternal torment, (Revelation 20:10, 14, 15;21:8; Isaiah 66:24), not total annihilation, as many erroneously teach and preach. Unlike Hell or Abraham's Bosom, the Lake of Fire and Brimstone is not located in the unseen lower parts of the earth, but is in the very presence of the holy angels and the Lamb of God (Revelations 14:10). The righteous being in the presence of the Lamb will also be able to look upon the souls and spirits of unrepentant sinners in this eternal and fiery torment. The fire and brimstone are reminiscent of the judgment and wrath of God and the lamb being poured out on the rebellious and sinners. Compare Genesis 19:24; Luke 17:29-30; Psalms 11:5-6; Isaiah 30:33; 34:8-10; Ezekiel 38:22; Daniel 7:9-11.

Does God Send people To Hell

Originally God did not ignite the eternal flames of Hell and the Lake of Fire just to punish people. He ignited those flames to punish those fallen and disobedient angels that left their first estate, namely, that glorious and holy place called Heaven! Read Matthew 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4 (the word hell used in Second Peter is from a different Greek word, "Tartarus" - it is a prison, [compare Jude 6]; a deep dark abode for the wicked angels where they are imprisoned for their evil deeds. NOTE: There are no Giants or Titans in the biblical meaning of the word). Hell was originally meant for the devil and his angels. Not for people made after the image and likeness of God. But humans wanted to follow the devil; they wanted to be his children and imitate his rebellious deeds; they wanted to be like him! So don't they deserve the same punishment as he does? Don't they deserve to be with their master, always? This is why sinful human beings will share the same fate as the Devil and his angels being casted into hell and the Lake of Fire together as an eternal punishment for their rebellion and sins (2 peter 2:4; Revelation 20:10-15).

Is this how you see God? Is He such a capricious ogre who on a whim or out of spite condemns people to a burning hell fire? Do you see God as someone who likes to torture people? Do you think that He delights in the sufferings of mankind? Or does He derive pleasure from seeing people burn? God forbid! Of course not! But some of you think He does. The enemy has so twisted your minds that you think God only exists only to put you in pains or to be the killjoy in your life? Such foolish and reprobate minds you people have! God does not send anyone to Hell! You fail to realize that it is your very own actions, and stubbornness of heart and mind, that will condemn you to an eternal hell fire.

Not The Just and Holy GOD! He is Just because He must be fair in His judgment. He cannot be bribed or seduced like humans. He does not lie or cheat like humans. He is Holy and the True Judge of our hearts and motives. He does not want to condemn you to death. This is why He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, so that you might repent and be delivered from Hell and the Lake of Fire. If He were a mean ogre like some of you erroneously think then He would not have sent His Only Son to die for a bunch of uncaring and ambivalent sinners. He would just have let us perish in our own miseries. The door has been opened. The door to the ark has yet to be closed and sealed. Repent while it is today! God has thrown you a life-line. Be wise and grab hold to the anchor of your souls. Only you can determine if you want to escape an eternal hell fire and damnation! It is your own choice -- Not God's! What are you going to do? Are you willing to take the chance that there is no such thing as hell? This is a personal decision! No one can make it for you -- not the Pastor, Preacher, so-called holy man, Rabbi, Imam, Pope, potentate, mother, father, sister, brother, cousin, or Social Worker. Only you can determine if you will end up in hell!

How To Avoid Hell

To sum up this is how we avoid hell:

- 1) From the sincerity of your heart you must repent of your sins, and believe on, and accept Jesus Christ of Nazareth as your own personal Saviour! This has nothing to do with what theories you subscribe to, or what church, mosque, temple, or synagogue you attend or belong to. It is a personal choice of the heart and mind.
- 2) You must follow Christ! This means to obey his commandments and do the will of the Father. For Jesus did the Father's will in every way without error or deviation. We, too, must imitate Christ if we want to spend eternity with him in heaven. Do not sin willfully! This does not mean that you will live a perfect life without any mistakes, faults, or sins for this is why Christ shed his blood on our behalf! So God has provided something called "repentance". (1 John 1:8 - 10). Use it every day!
- 3) Pray always, praise and thank God often in the Spirit for the things He has done for you, and for victory and deliverance over the enemy! For it is God who gives us strength, power and victory over the Devil.
- 4) The bible is our road map to heaven so we should make sure that the primary translation we are reading is not faulty or inaccurate. If we use the wrong map we will get lost and lose our way. So make sure you are reading the right bible.
- 5) Exercise your faith in God and Christ daily and help others to overcome sin and the Devil!

May God grant you grace and peace as you travel on the road to heaven!

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