



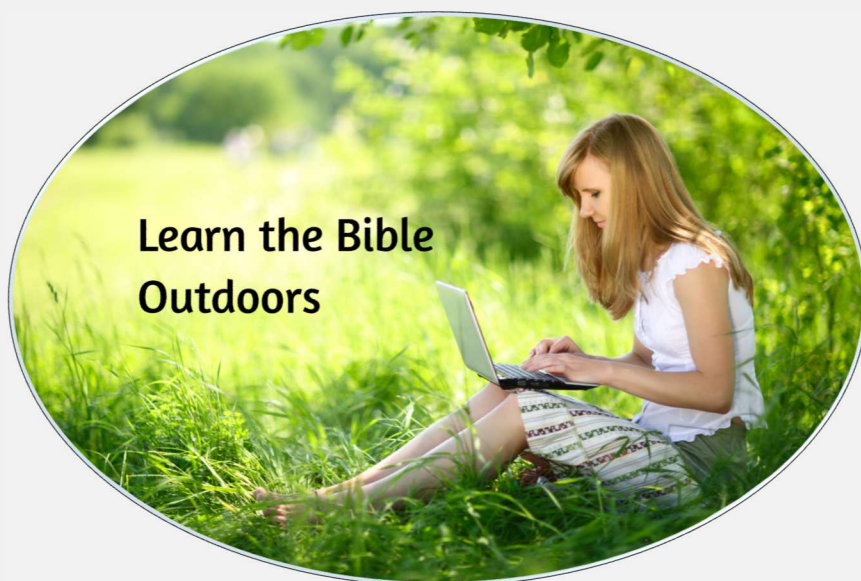
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## **Hades in the New Testament.**

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# Hades in the New Testament.

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## Topics.

- Capernaum, hades and the gates of hades.
- The gates of hell will not prevail against the rock.
- On this rock I will build my church.
- David always saw the Lord before him.
- The dead are raised and hades has no victory.
- Death is swallowed up in victory.
- Christ has the keys of hades and of death.
- A pale horse represents death and hades.
- Hades and the Great White Throne Judgment.

**NOTE:** the purpose of this document is not to do an in-depth study on each topic, but simply to discover if any verse using the word hades links it with eternal torment.

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## CAPERNAUM AND HADES

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- **Matthew 11:23:** You, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be *brought down to hades* (hell in the KJV) for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup>But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."
- **Luke 10:15:** You, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be *brought down to hades* (hell in the KJV).

**Exalted to heaven:** in this context means means they are full of enormous pride. Jesus is saying that because of their extreme pride they will be brought down to the grave.

**Hades:** (hell in the KJV) hades is of Greek origin it means unseen and refers to the grave. The word grave is translated hell in the King James Bible and hades in the English Standard Bible.

**Capernaum:** was Jesus headquarters for much of his public ministry and his place of abode (Matt. 4:13) (Luke 4:31) and several of Jesus disciples were from Capernaum.

### In Capernaum Jesus healed:

- The paralytic man lowered through the roof (Matt. 9:1-26).
- A woman with a discharge of blood for twelve years (Matt. 9:1-22).
- A ruler's daughter who had died (Matt. 9:1-23).
- Two blind men (Matt. 9:1-30).
- A man that was mute and believed to be demon-oppressed (Matthew 9:1-33).
- A man with an unclean spirit on a Sabbath day (Mark 1:21-28).

- Simon's Peters mother in law of a fever (Mark 1:21-30).
- All who were sick and oppressed by demons brought to him (Mark 1:21-32).
- A man with a withered hand in a Synagogue on a Sabbath day (Mark 2:1) (Mark 2:15) (Mark 3:1-5).
- A Roman Centurion servant (Luke 7:1-10).
- A man's son who was at the point of death (John 4:46-53).
- All who had diseases and demons in the city (Mark 1:21-34).

#### **Other events that took place in Capernaum:**

- Peter took a shekel from a fish's mouth (Matt. 17:24-27).
- Jesus taught in synagogues and said he was the true bread of life (John 6:59).
- Feeding of the five-thousand was in Bethsaida which was very close to Capernaum they are both on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee (Luke 9:10-17).

The testimony of the ruler's daughter being raised from the dead went throughout all Capernaum and Jesus fame spread throughout the region of Capernaum and Galilee (Mark 1:21-27).

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### **CAPERNAUM, WILL YOU BE EXALTED TO HEAVEN**

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Jesus words, "Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to hades" (v15-16) the expression "exalted to heaven" literally means to be resurrected to eternal life, but in this context, it carries the idea of being puffed up with pride, while hades (hell in KJV) refers to the grave. Jesus is saying that the inhabitants of Capernaum were so puffed up in pride that even though they saw the stunning miracles Jesus did they still did not believe he was Israel's Messiah the Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the world. This is the reason they will be cast down to hades (the grave) instead of being exalted to eternal glory.

**How amazing is this:** all these incredible miracles happened in Capernaum and yet Jesus says Capernaum will be held more accountable than Sodom. This is because Capernaum had more light. Here we see that miracles do not always lead people to repentance that leads to salvation. The general population of Capernaum was simply coming to Christ for healing and not because they wanted to know God (of course there were exceptions). The more light a generation or an individual has the more blessed they will be, but they are also held more accountable to live according to that light.

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### **THE GATES OF HADES**

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- **Matthew 16:18:** Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the *gates of hades (hell in KJV)* shall not prevail against it.

The word grave is translated hades in the English Standard Bible and other modern Bibles and hell in the King James Bible. Sadly because the Greek word hades meaning grave has been translated to the English word hell many have believed it means those outside of Christ will in some form of conscious state suffer eternal torture, pain and extreme agony in a place

full demons and fiery flames for all eternity instead of understanding that the Greek word *hades* which means the grave refers to mortal death in the grave and when the word eternal is added means eternal death (i.e., total extinction) for all who are cast into the Lake of Fire (a symbol of eternal death).

**The gates of hell will not prevail against the rock:** (v18) this means neither mortal nor eternal death will prevail against those who are building their life on the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Rock. The verse could read, "The power of mortal and eternal death will not have victory over those who belong to Christ because they will be raised to eternal life.

**On this rock I will build my church:** (v18) some believe this statement of Jesus means that Christ will build his church on the apostle Peter, but the Rock Jesus is referring to is the revelation that Peter had and not Peter himself. It is Peter's revelation that "Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God" that Jesus will build his church on. It is Jesus and not Peter who is the Rock and Chief cornerstone of the church.

**NOTE:** Jesus said, he will build his church (v18) the Lord's church is global and should never be limited to the religious institutions, denominations and existing church buildings, they are part of the global body of Christ, but they are not the only part. The church is global, Christ's family is not limited to any one group, there are literally thousands of faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who meet in coffee bars, riversides, picnics and under a tree especially in third world countries, but mostly in homes to share their faith with each other and those who do not know the abounding grace of God and the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For further information concerning the church, see the title:

- Church (The definition of a Church).

In, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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## DAVID, JESUS AND HADES

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- **Acts 2:25 32:** For David says concerning him: 'I foresaw the LORD (Jehovah) always before my face, For he (Jehovah) is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you (Jehovah) will not leave my soul in *hades* (*hell in KJV*), Nor will you (Jehovah) allow your Holy One (Jesus) to see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You (Jehovah) have made known to me (David) the ways of life; you (Jehovah) will make me full of joy in your (Jehovah's) presence.' <sup>29</sup>"Men and brethren, let me (Peter) speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>"Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He (Jehovah) would raise up the Christ to sit on his (David's) throne, <sup>31</sup>"David foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul was not left in *HADES* (*hell in KJV*), nor did his (Jesus) flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God (Jehovah) raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

**David always saw the Lord before him:** even though David was a mighty King and warrior the strength in his life that stopped him falling apart was his faith and his hope, he not only always saw by faith the Lord before him, but saw him at his right hand meaning by faith he trusted in God's promise that in the Christ to come he would be saved to eternal life and that God would not forget him in the *hades* (the grave), but raise him to eternal glory so that he would see the eternal Royal King the Holy one God had promised would come from his descendants.

These verses show that David knew he would die and decay in the grave in contrast to the Holy one (the Lord Jesus Christ) and that he was also confident that when he was raised to eternal life just being in the presence of Christ would overwhelm him with happiness, gladness and joy (Acts 2:25-32).

**David's faith was in the resurrection of God's Holy one:** David understood God's eternal plan of salvation was to establish an everlasting Kingdom with a Holy One as King reigning over it. Though David could not have known the name of the future King being a prophet he foresaw that this King called the Holy one would be killed, but before his body could decay in hades (the grave) God would raise him to eternal glory. David trusted in God's promise that He would raise up from one of his descendants a King to reign in God's eternal Kingdom forever and had no doubt that God would not forget his body in the grave, but would also resurrect him to eternal life and eternal glory. He held these promises ever before him meaning he kept them as the central and dominant thought of his mind and it was this hope that kept him joyful (Acts 2:25-32).

**Finding happiness and joy in Christ:** David's joy came from trusting in God's promise that God would raise him from the dead to eternal life and everlasting glory and that he would stand in the presence of the Christ, God's promised Holy one and King of the eternal Kingdom. Christians today should find their joy in the same promise that David trusted in by being like David and keeping this glorious eternal promise and hope as the most treasured thought of the mind and the heart.

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## THE DEAD ARE RAISED AND HADES HAS NO VICTORY

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- **1 Corinthians 15:50-54:** I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. *We shall not all sleep*, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and *the dead will be raised* imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*" <sup>55</sup>"O Death, where is your sting? O 'Hades' where is your victory?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

**Flesh:** refers to the natural corrupt fallen nature that we have all inherited from our father Adam i.e., self, ego, pride, greed, lust, jealousy, envy etc., and our human mortal body.

**Blood:** refers to the blood flowing through our heart and veins.

**The perishable:** refers to our decaying and mortal body.

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## THE PERISHABLE DOES NOT INHERIT THE IMPERISHABLE

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The perishable does not inherit the imperishable means that the natural human body cannot inherit the eternal life and the literal coming Kingdom of God in the state it is in. The human body as we know it today will be changed in a twinkling of an eye (v52) to something stunning, majestic, spiritual, eternal, immortal and heavenly glorious. Imagine for a moment an early model car built over one-hundred years ago full of rust, a seized up motor and broken windows parked alongside today's newest Rolls Royce with its motor gentling and quietly purring and the warm rays of the sun full of a myriad of colours sparkling on the fourteen layers of its crystal clear paintwork. There is no-doubt (in my mind at least) that our old mortal body will look to us like this rusted out car when we are clothed with our new resurrected and eternal body that in contrast to decay and wearing out will be constantly full of energy, vitality, life, and vigour and absolutely pain-free (in colloquial language one beautiful and well-oiled magnificent machine).

**NOTICE:** Paul says, "I tell you a mystery" (v51) referring to the resurrection and our mortal body being transformed to an immortal body,

even Paul with all his revelations and visions still viewed the resurrection as a mystery which implies that not even Paul himself fully understood every detail regarding the form our new resurrected body will take other than that it will be glorious, immortal and eternal.

**The Kingdom of God:** in Paul's statement, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God" (v50) refers to the Kingdom God promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and the nation of Israel. Our faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob the God of Israel and God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ, unites us to the faithful of Israel and we all become partakers of the promises that God originally made to Abraham. For Further information, see the title:

- God's Promises (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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## WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP

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The words, "Behold! We shall not all sleep (v51) refers to those who are sleeping in Christ when the Lord returns, Paul in the book of Thessalonians wrote this awe inspiring and breath-taking event with the following words:

- For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that *we who are alive*, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep, because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then *we who are alive*, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:13-17)."

When a person who belongs to Christ dies, the Bible says, that they have no knowledge and know nothing, they are totally unaware of it and are therefore in a perfect state of peace, this state is called sleeping in Christ and because they have no consciousness there, is no time. It is very similar to someone in a deep sleep there is no awareness of time, when the person wakes, they have no idea of whether four, seven or twelve hours have passed. Likewise, because there is no time in death the moment a Christian dies is the moment they are in the Kingdom of God and with the LORD, for them it is instant, even though many years may have passed by in our world's time. David died thousands of years ago, but the moment he is resurrected will be like the moment he breathed his last breath, because for him there is no awareness of time, so it is for every Christian from death to Christ is instant.

**Death to the Christian is similar to a person in a coma:** a person in a coma has no consciousness of time, time does not exist to them, when they wake, they often think only a day or so has gone by, when in actual fact several years may have passed yet they think they are waking up, the same day, or next day after they went to sleep. The person in the coma or in death is totally unaware of any time that they have spent in the coma or being dead. Death to those who belong to Christ is much the same as the person in the coma, the dead or those who are sleeping in Christ have absolutely no consciousness of time so for them, the moment they die, is the moment they are instantly with the Lord, even though many years may have passed during the time they have been dead (i.e., sleeping in Christ).

**It is the same principal as a person who goes into hospital for an operation:** the patient is given an anesthetic and put to sleep, surgeons cut them up and take bits out, over the next few hours, yet the patient is totally unaware of it they wake up and have absolutely no idea of the time that has passed, therefore when Paul says:

- We are of good courage, and we would rather be away (absent in the KJV) from the body and at home with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8).



It is a true statement, even though he may have spent years sleeping in Christ.

**NOTE:** a second reason a Christians death is called sleeping in Christ is because their death is only temporary, being asleep in Christ means everyone who dies in Christ is kept in the eternal mind and memory of God.

Jesus said:

- Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them falls to the ground without the father knowing it and even the hairs of our head are all numbered therefore we should not fear death because we are of more value than many sparrows (Matthew 10:29-31).

The entire person, (i.e., body, spirit, mind and consciousness) remains sleeping in Christ, until the first resurrection (Rev. 20:5) when all who are asleep in the Lord are woken up at the blast of the angels trumpet and raised from the dead to everlasting glory and clothed with an eternal and immortal body.

**NOTE:** some people find it difficult to comprehend God raising the dead, but think of it this way: we have super computers today that have in their memories literally trillions of bits of information and at the touch of a key any one of those bits is resurrected to us on a brightly coloured screen (soon it is most likely they will simply appear in the air), then with another touch of the key it all vanishes into the super memory and is gone, until we resurrect it again. Knowing that God has given his creation a mortal mind and finite memory to be able to build such amazing computers should make it very easy to understand how God keeps us all in His immortal mind and eternal memory waiting for the right time to touch the supernatural keyboard of heaven and raise us once again to life. Added to this very few Christians have any trouble believing God created the universe that we live in so raising the dead in comparison is not such a difficult task for such an awesome, powerful and majestic God (Heb. 11:3).

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## DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY

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The majestic moment that "Death will be swallowed up in victory" (v54), will be when the Lord returns as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his millennial reign. In the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-5) the dead in Christ and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God. The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Paul can in a triumphant and exultant cry boldly make the statement, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (v55) because God through the resurrection of the man called Jesus has shown to all humanity that a human body can be raised from the dead clearly showing to all mankind that God's power is far greater than the destructive power of the law of Sin and Death.

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## THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

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The words, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law, but God gives us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ" (56-57) refer to two spiritual laws that are inscribed by the finger of God into the unchanging laws of the universe (like the law of gravity) and in the DNA of our human body, the first law states:

- Whoever sins must die (Rom. 6:23).

Since we all sin this law has every legal right to condemn and sentence us to eternal death, but there is second and higher law that supersedes this lower law which proclaims:

- Though the wages of sin is death, the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23).

This is one of the reasons the Gospel of Christ is called, the Good News since it triumphantly proclaims to all who trust in Christ that they have been granted:

- Eternal life in the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:23), because, the law of the Spirit of life has set them free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2)

This means that the law of sin and death has no power over those who believe in Christ and faithfully follow him. Another reason the Gospel is called the Good News is that it is:

- Faith that is counted as righteousness to whoever believes in God who raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead who was delivered up to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification (Rom. 4:22-25)

Which means we are not saved because of our own self-effort in striving to attain to God's perfect holiness, but because of our faith in the death and resurrection of Christ and our belief in his heavenly Father this is the reason Paul says, "since we have been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1) (i.e., peace because we do not have to strive to attain God's favour).



**Your labour is not in vain:** the words, "Knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain" is contrasting work we do for self, ego and pride which is vain because whatever it gives in rewards will be taken to the grave and remain there contrasted to what we do for the Lord and by extension for others will be rewarded with heavenly and eternal rewards.

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## THE MAJESTIC WONDER AND GLORY OF THE GOSPEL

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Ponder for a moment the majestic beauty of the following Scripture:

- If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life (Rom. 5:10).

This is breath-taking and an overwhelming comfort to every brother and sister of Christ since its meaning is an astoundingly awesome and perfect example of love and the most splendid and humbling of all Scriptures since it clearly shows how much Christ loves us. The apostle Paul wrote the following to the brothers and sisters at Rome:

- While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6).

Meaning though we were full of sinful dysfunctions and aberrations dwelling within our bodies (i.e., self, ego, pride, greed and lustful thoughts etc.), Christ died for us he laid down his life that we could be made righteous by faith apart from the law, self-effort and works. In spite of our corrupted fallen nature God counts our faith in Christ as our righteousness He imputes it to us as a pure and free gift. Though some of us might die for a friend or loved one, Christ died for us while we were ungodly, meaning indifferent to God and His ways and for many of us blasphemers, consider; if God was willing to Sacrifice His Son for us while we were indifferent to Him by sending his Son how much more will He love us now that we love His most beloved Son. Some in the Christian faith determine whether God loves them by their good or bad circumstances, (i.e., if life is calm and running smoothly God loves them, but if it suddenly takes a turn for the worse and trouble comes they feel God has withdrawn his love), but this is superstition and judging God according to this world, when anyone who believes in Christ doubts God's love all we have to do is look back to the bloodstained cross and see what it cost the Father to save us and how much his Son suffered so that we could have put upon us a royal crown and majestic robe of righteousness apart from the law and works and not only be justified but granted eternal life in everlasting glory.

- God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Ro. 5:8).

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## CHRIST HAS THE KEYS OF HADES AND OF DEATH

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- **Revelation 1:17-18:** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of *death* and *hades* (*hell in KJV*).

The Lord Jesus Christ has the keys of the *hades* (the grave) and of death because he has eternal life and God his heavenly Father has given him the authority to give that eternal life to whoever comes to him in repentance and in faith.

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## A PALE HORSE REPRESENTS DEATH AND HADES

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- **Revelation 6:8:** So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was *death* and *hades* (*hell in KJV*) followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with *death* and by the beasts of the earth.

The pale horse in this context is a symbol of death. John in this vision sees death killing millions by hunger, war and it is certain the words, "With death" includes plagues, viruses and natural disasters.

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## HADES AND THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

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- **Revelation 20:11-14:** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and *hades* delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup>Then death and *hades* (hell in KJV) were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

This event takes place at the end of Christ's reign as King of kings and Lord of lords on earth, all things are put under the Lords feet and he hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father.

- God descends to earth on a Great White Throne.
- The sea, death and hades (the grave) deliver up the dead.
- The dead small and great stand before God.
- The Book of Life is opened.
- Whoever's name is not in it is cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total extinction).
- For those whose names are written in the Book of Life other books are opened and they are judged according to what is written in these other books according to what they have done.
- Some are counted worthy and others are cast into the Lake of Fire.
- Then death and hades (hell in KJV) are cast into the Lake of Fire.
- The Lake of Fire is called the Second Death.

At the end of all this ETERNITY begins in all its majestic and royal fullness and God is ALL in ALL. That is the end of all the Scriptures using the word hades (hell in the KJV) in the Old and New Testament.

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## SUMMARY OF HADES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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The Bible teaches that humans die and are buried in a grave. The dead are extinct and in perfect peace since they are delivered from all their troubles. The grave is called sheol, hell, hades and the pit these are all titles for the grave the place or abode of the dead. The faithful who have died in Christ are referred to as sleeping in Christ and will be raised to eternal life and everlasting glory in the first resurrection when Jesus returns as the following Scripture show:

- The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years (Rev. 20:5-6).

All those who were not raised at this first resurrection will be raised at the Great White Throne Judgment. We began this study to discover if any verse using the word hades teaches or links it with eternal torment. Though the word torment and everlasting torment are mention amongst

some of these verses they are not teaching that those outside of Christ will be in a place of eternal fiery flames and suffer extreme agony torture and pain by spirits called demons for all eternity, but rather that they will be cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total extinction).

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**For further information concerning the Great White Throne Judgment, see:**

- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.
  - In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).
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