

# Hell

## Student Notes

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*Matthew 25:41*

Another NT (New Testament) word that is translated ‘hell’ is the Greek word ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. This comes from the OT (Old Testament) word ‘GeHinnon’. Outside of Jerusalem, there was a valley called the Valley of Ben-Hinnon or GeHinnon.

This valley was notorious for \_\_\_\_\_ during King Ahaz’ reign (720-730BC and **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 28:3**) and King Manasseh’s reign (680-640BC and **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 33:6**). By Jesus’ time, it had become a \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 1) Sodom’s destruction (**Luke 17:29,30**) which is \_\_\_\_\_ sulfur. **Genesis 19:24,25**
- 2) a fiery furnace with horrendous \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 13:42,50**
- 3) The wicked are \_\_\_\_\_ from God’s presence and from the life that God had originally prepared for them. **2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:5-10**
- 4) Hell (Gehenna) will be ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ and there will be ‘\_\_\_\_\_’.  
**Matthew 8:12**

5) The 2<sup>nd</sup> death is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ existence.

**Revelation 21:8** and **Jude 12,13** They have become obstinate in their rebellion against God. **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:12-22** C.S. Lewis says “the doors of Hell are locked from the \_\_\_\_\_”.

In life, they had many chances to repent but NEVER DID and NEVER WILL. Have you ever known people who just make stupid decisions in life and when it doesn’t work out, they \_\_\_\_\_ everyone else but themselves? This is that type of person. But remember that God can see the ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ of a person and we can’t. What appears to us as a ‘good’ person may not be at all. They may be full of false pride and false humility. Have you ever judged someone to be a good person only to find out later that your judgement was \_\_\_\_\_? What about your first love? How many first loves worked out?

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6) There seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ of suffering in Hell (Gehenna). **Luke 12:47,48**

7) Gehenna is \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 25:46, Mark 9:48** If Gehenna is not eternal, then neither is eternal life; i.e. heaven. **Revelation 14:9-12** Also, since God is eternal and He cannot tolerate evil, they must forever be separated from Him. The suggestion that temporal suffering will lead to repentance is \_\_\_\_\_. God will not force creatures with free will to be reformed. These people have freely chosen to forever rebel against God. In fact, it is merciful of God to forever separate them from Him as being in His and our presence forever would be much worse for them. People in Gehenna will have company but no \_\_\_\_\_. Every person will be \_\_\_\_\_ by every other person. There will be everlasting ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. **Daniel 12:2**

*Gehenna is the \_\_\_\_\_ state of Hell, while Hades is the \_\_\_\_\_ or intermediate state of Hell. Is there eternal fire in Gehenna? Is there darkness and terrible sounds? Maybe yes, maybe no.*

Jesus related the future Hell (Gehenna) to the Valley of Ben-Hinnon outside Jerusalem. This was a garbage dump where fires were burning all the time.

It was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Could He have used this as a warning that Gehenna is so repulsive a place that you don’t want to go there at all? Sometimes these words aren’t meant to be literal (*see Isaiah 13:9-13; the stars of heaven and the constellation not showing their light is not meant to be literal but it is meant to emphasize a point*). See **Romans 2:8,9** and **Daniel 12:2**. These places speak of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, etc. Weeping could mean terrible remorse and grief, while gnashing of teeth could be anger at oneself, Satan, God.

**Matthew 13:42** Whether Gehenna is a place of burning fire and terrible sounds or not, IT IS a place so \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus doesn’t want anybody to go there. So much so that He died to make sure we don’t have to. These symbols (if they are symbols), point to a reality more \_\_\_\_\_ than the symbols can convey.

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*The view just expressed is the majority view of evangelical Christians and most theologians. There are two other views though...*

1) The view that when you die, whether in Old Testament times or New Testament times, your body goes into the ground and your spirit goes up to heaven to be with God, or to Hell. While this viewpoint has been accepted better than annihilationism, it is nowhere near as accepted as the first viewpoint we talked about.

2) \_\_\_\_\_: this view says that at the future time of the resurrections, if you're an unbeliever, your resurrected spirit and body will be punished in Hell for a period of time and then your body and spirit will be annihilated. You will no longer exist. Annihilationists claim that since God is a God of love that this is more consistent with that than an everlasting punishment. They also claim that there are degrees of suffering in Hell (**Luke 12:47,48**) and their position further supports that. There are more scriptural reasons for this view but many against it. Probably the biggest one against it is that it changes the definition of '\_\_\_\_\_' for unbelievers but not for believers. This belief has been held by a very small number of believers. It has never been a majority or even significant view point.

Further reference (both pro and con) can be found at:  
[www.theopedia.com/Annihilationism](http://www.theopedia.com/Annihilationism)