

Study Guide #19 – The Place of the Dead

XIX. That the grave, whither we all tend, expressed by the Hebrew sheol, and the Greek hades, is a place of darkness in which there is no work, device, wisdom, or knowledge. Eccl. 9:10.

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• The grave:

1 Corinthians 15:55 “O death, where is thy sting? O grave [hades], where is thy victory?”

Numbers 16:30-33 “But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit [sheol]; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. ³¹ And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: ³² And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. ³³ They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit [sheol], and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.”

Sheol (שְׁאוֹל): Total KJV Occurrences: 65

hell – 31

Deu 32:22; 2Sa 22:6; Job 11:8; 26:6; Psa 9:17; 16:10; 18:5; 55:15; 86:13; 116:3; 139:8; Pro 5:5; 7:27; 9:18; 15:11, 24; 23:14; 27:20; Isa 5:14; 14:9; 28:15 (2), 18; 57:9; Eze 31:16, 17 (2); 32:21, 27; Jon 2:2 (2), Hab 2:5

grave – 30

Gen 37:35; 42:38; 44:29, 31; 1Ki 2:6 (2), 9; Job 7:9; 21:13 (3); 24:19; Psa 6:5; 30:3; 31:17; 49:14-15 (3); 88:3; 89:48; 1:12; 30:16; Ecc 9:10; Son 8:6; Isa 14:11; 38:10, 18; Eze 31:15; Hos 13:14 (2)

pit – 3

Num 16:30, 33; Job 17:16

grave's – 1

Psa 141:7

Hades (ᾍδης): Total KJV Occurrences: 11

hell – 10

Mat 11:23; 16:18; Luk 10:15; 16:23; Act 2:27, 31; Rev 1:18; 6:8; 20:13-14 (2)

grave – 1

1Co 15:55

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”

Isaiah 38:18 “For the grave [sheol] cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.”

Acts 2:27 “Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [hades], neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”

Psalms 16:10 “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [sheol]; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”

Thought Question(s):

1. What are the various other ways that the Hebrew and Greek words for “hell” are translated, and what can we conclude from that is the real meaning of the word?