

The Doctrine of Hell - Part 3

Welcome to Gehenna



Exegesis of Gehenna:

Greek Word: GE-HEN'A:

It's a metaphorical name for the place of torment for the wicked, according to the "Final Judgment."

Old Testament Reference:

Joshua 18:16 NIV:

16The boundary went down to the foot of the hill facing the Valley of Ben Hinnom, north of the Valley of Rephaim. It continued down the Hinnom Valley along the southern slope of the Jebusite city and so to En Rogel.

Hebrew Word: GE-HINNOM:

A reference to the “ Valley of Hinnom.”

This valley gained prominence due to the infamous incident involving ‘AHAZ’, who burned his children there and offered them as sacrifices to Molech, the fire god.

LEV.18:21 NIV:

21" Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Joshua 15:8 NIV:

8Then it ran up the Valley of Ben Hinnom along the southern slope of the Jebusite city (that is, Jerusalem). From there it climbed to the top of the hill west of the Hinnom Valley at the northern end of the Valley of Rephaim.

Joshua 18:16 NIV:

16The boundary went down to the foot of the hill facing the Valley of Ben Hinnom, north of the Valley of Rephaim. It continued down the Hinnom Valley along the southern slope of the Jebusite city and so to En Rogel.

2 Chronicles 28:3 NIV:

3He burned sacrifices in the Valley of Ben Hinnom and sacrificed his children in the fire, engaging in the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.

2 Chronicles 33:6 NIV:

6He sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.

JER.7:31 NIV:

31They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.

JER. 32:35 NIV:

³⁵They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molek, though I never commanded nor did it enter my mind that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin.

As, a result of the aforementioned fire sacrifices offered at Hinnom, the Jews viewed this region as an abomination or a place of refuse.

The primary authority on Gehenna is none other than Jesus Christ Himself:



Mt. 5:22 NIV:

22But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

MT. 5:29 NIV:

29If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Mt. 10:38 NIV:

38Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

MT. 18:8-9 NIV:

9And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

Mt. 23:15 NIV:

15"**Woe** to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.'

**** As we have learned from our previous studies, whenever we read the word: "Woe," we know that our Lord has passed immediate Judgment on the matter at hand ****

Mt. 23:33 NIV:

33Therefore I am sending you prophets and sages and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.

MK. 9:45-47 NIV:

45And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,

46where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

47Everyone will be salted with fire.

LK. 12:5 NIV:

5But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

JAS. 3:6 NIV:

6The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

The Book of Revelation refers to Gehenna as: “The Lake of Fire.”

Rev. 19:20 NIV:

20But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Rev. 20:14-15 NIV:

14Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

15Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev. 21:8 NIV:

8But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

The Duration of Gehenna

Eternal Punishment is found there:



Mt. 25:46 NIV:

46"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

MK. 9:47-48 NIV:

47Everyone will be salted with fire.

48"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

Rev.14:11 NIV:

11And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name."

How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life, and I believe, that God raised You from the dead, this day, I ask you to be my Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9 New Living Translation:

9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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