

Hell, Pt. 2

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[0 : 00] Good night. What we're going to do is pick back up our study on hell. We began last Sunday just a lesson on the doctrine of hell is just kind of started showing you what it says.

And the beginning of the study was just simply the location of hell, where it's at. According to the Bible, it's down. A lot of places use that term, down to hell.

Below your feet, below this dirt, it says that you dig down to hell. You can dig and theoretically dig all the way down to hell. And then comparing some scripture with scripture, we found it to be in the heart of the earth because Jesus Christ taught that he was going to be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

And then comparing that with what David prophesied and Peter confirmed in the book of Acts that Jesus Christ, that God did not leave his soul in hell. And so he brought him back up after three days and three nights.

So hell is in the heart of the earth. Then we took a look at the description of hell and saw a few things that we'll kind of continue with today. It was a place of fire, a place of torment, and a place of darkness.

[1 : 29] And these are terms that the Bible used. Those are the words of the Bible. This is not just what we want to believe to scare people. Lord Jesus Christ, if you want to accuse somebody of scaring people, accuse him.

And if you want to find fault with him, do your best. But it's better to stand on the side of let God be true and every man, woman, child, every religion, every priest, every cardinal, every pope, a liar. Let God be true. Let the Bible speak what it says and believe what it says. So it's a place of fire. It's a place of torment. It's a place of darkness. And then we get into this last one where we stopped, and I'll review this one with you briefly.

Find the book of Jude. Jude. This is where we stopped. Jude. And we also caught Revelation 20. So let's get those two places again.

All the way to the back of your Bible. Jude, Revelation. Last two books. Revelation 20. And I'll start there in Revelation 20.

[2 : 45] And so another mention here, another description of hell, what kind of place it is. There's something that, there's some terminology that, if you study your Bible out, it'll kind of bring you to a conclusion.

And not all of these places say directly, this is this. But we'll put it all together and kind of just deduce. So Revelation 20, verse number one, I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which called the devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him.

So the devil is chained. He's bound with a great chain and he's sealed behind a door of sorts or of something that has a key in verse one.

This pit, there's a key to get in. And there's a chain. And so I commented to you that this is not some physical man-made iron wrought, steel, whatever, titanium chain.

[3 : 55] This is something that can bind a powerful spiritual being. The contrast I gave you last week was in Mark 5, the maniac that was filled with the legion, the devils.

They bound him with chains and he broke those chains. And so that's something the devil would have power over is whatever man could put together and bind him with. This is some spiritual thing for a spiritual beast.

Now come back to Jude and notice verse number six. You'll see the word chains. And this time they're called everlasting chains. These are not chains that can be corrupted by moth or rust.

They're everlasting. There's some spiritual nature to this. And we can't speak very pointedly about any of that except what we can pull out of this text.

Verse six says, the angels, which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

[4:57] So there's angels. There's the devil and there's angels. Something that we saw with hellfire was that it was prepared for the devil and his angels. We looked at that last week in Matthew 25.

And here there's chains associated with their confinement, at least we'll just say that. There are everlasting chains under darkness. And we saw darkness last week being connected to hell.

Actually verse 13 of this chapter or book of Jude's mentioned at the end, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. And I'll just turn the page back to Revelation and find chapter one.

And let's add something else to that. Revelation chapter one. And I'll start in verse 17.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. This is an appearance of Jesus Christ that John sees. And he laid his right hand upon me saying, Fear not. I am the first and the last.

[6:02] I am he that liveth and was dead. And behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And have, watch this, the keys of hell and of death. The keys of hell.

Jesus Christ claims to have the keys. Keys. What does that mean? You think that's some just kind of mystical concept? Think it's all conceptual? Something metaphorical?

Or is it literal? Because we've already seen chains and now this is the second time we see the word key or keys associated with this. Let's carry on. Come back to your left a little bit to 1 Peter.

Just a little bit back to your left. 1 Peter chapter three. Don't go too far. You'll miss it. 1 Peter three.

And I'll begin in verse 18. And notice again some words here that all seem to point to the same thing. Verse 18.

[7:01] 1 Peter 3.18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit, by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison.

And so what I want to say is that hell is a place of imprisonment. It's a place of fire, torment, darkness. It's a place of imprisonment.

It's a place that is confined. It's like close the door and lock the lock and you're not getting out. It's not a place where you're just passing in and out of.

But according to the Bible, it uses the word prison. Can we get those doors shut back there?

Somebody shut those doors please. All right, we're going to keep going. Look at Matthew chapter 16.

Thank you. Matthew chapter 16. Here's another word that'll kind of just match these others. They're just different Bible words that all seem to point to the same thing and add up.

[8:12] Some of the words said hell. The last one just said spirits in prison did not say hell. This time, the keys said hell and this one will say hell.

Matthew 16 and the verse is verse 18. I say unto thee, Christ speaking to Peter, thou art Peter.

Upon this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell. Does hell have gates? Yes. How do you know that? King James Bible. Matthew 16 verse 18, hell has gates.

It's called a prison. It has a key or keys. It has chains. All of this language sounds something like a holding cell. It sounds exactly like what we do to prisoners today.

Put them behind lock and key, bars and gates. All right. So there's another word. Let's see. We got one, two, three, four. There's one more.

[9:14] It's back in Jonah. Jonah, all the way back in your minor prophets and find Jonah. Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah.

Jonah chapter 2. Jonah chapter 2. And so we already looked at five references.

This will be number six. And putting all of these terms and thoughts together, it teaches, the Bible teaches that hell is a place of fire, torment, darkness, and a place of imprisonment or confinement. An inescapable holding cell awaiting future judgment. It's kind of like putting them in the county jail until they can stand before the court or before the judge and then get sentenced to the state prison.

It's going to hell until they stand before the judge and then get sentenced to the lake of fire. That's the whole concept. It's very much in our society today. Jonah chapter 2. And take a look at verse 6.

[10:26] Jonah says, well, I'll back up. This is a more, a deeper study here. I have to back up to the beginning. So Jonah's in the belly of the great fish, the belly of the whale.

And Jonah, whether you understand this or believe this or not, Jonah died. And according to this Bible, look at what he said in verse 2. And said, I cried by reason of my affliction unto the Lord and he heard me out of the belly of hell cried I and thou heardest my voice.

The King James Bible says he's in the belly of hell. And somebody wants to make that a figurative thought about the beast that he's in, this great fish that the Lord prepared and I get that thought. But you have to remember that Jesus Christ, Jonah was a type and picture, a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died. He went down to the heart of the earth into hell.

He didn't just stay in the tomb. So Jonah being a picture of a fish swallowing him up and just swimming around for three days, that's not a picture of death, burial, and resurrection. So Jonah died and he says out of the belly of hell.

[11 : 36] Your new Bibles won't say that. And the King James Bible does use the word hell there and shows you should take it literally. He goes and uses, there's a lot of other terminology in here.

You see in verse 5, the waters come past me about even to the soul. The depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped around my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains. The earth with her bars was about me forever. This is Jonah dying, slipping into eternity where he's surrounded by bars.

That is not a reference to the rib cage of a blue whale. This is how the scientist or the creator, they have, you know, everybody teaches this. It's nonsense. Jonah died and went to hell.

And he said in verse 6, after he says forever, yet thou, yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption. Oh Lord my God.

[12 : 36] That's a resurrection. So, I know that's not commonly taught, but the term I'm pulling out of this thing is the word bars. Now, when we connect that, the earth with her bars was about me forever.

Now, we connect that to our other studies. We have gates of hell. We have a key of hell that Jesus Christ possesses. We have chains that bind the angels and the devil and their spirits were in prison that Jesus Christ preached to.

And just to connect all of these thoughts, you are dealing with a, like I said, a holding cell awaiting judgment. And so, that's a description of hell. And I want to give you an additional thought to this or to something we studied last week.

So, flip over to Isaiah chapter 30. So, I think that's pretty conclusive for you. This thought of a temporary holding cell awaiting the judgment.

And we'll get to all of that just in a minute to make, to kind of connect these thoughts of that coming up before the Lord in a judgment where death and hell or the dead are brought up before the great white throne.

[13 : 56] And death and hell deliver up the dead that are in them. That's in Revelation 20. We'll get there later. So, I wanted to finish that thought about the description.

Fire, torment, darkness, and imprisonment. Inescapable. No pardon. No release from hell. So, we covered the location of hell currently today.

We covered some thoughts about what it's like there from the Bible. I want to add a thought because it gets confusing when you don't understand something you read. You don't understand the placement of the timing.

And there's references to hell and to hellfire and to torment. And it can be confusing and I think if what we cover right now will help you. Hell in the heart of the earth as we've already studied is current, presently, that's where it's at.

If you die and your soul departs your body and God sends you to hell that's where you go. And you go there until he lets you out and calls you up before him. But when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this earth he's going to do something in that day in that moment that's going to carry on into those next thousand years or so that's going to be in essence hell on earth.

[15 : 11] And this is what the Bible teaches so I'll show this to you. And what I'm going to show you is that presently hell's in the heart of the earth. When Christ returns those that are condemned or damned to hell will get tossed into something on earth alive even.

And it can be confusing. You might be reading about that time during the kingdom and you might be thinking in your mind well I think that applies back to underneath our feet to today and there's a real thing that's going to help you if you understand these two different locations of hell.

Currently in the heart of the earth in the future it'll be present probably in addition on the planet and then in the future after the heavens and the earth are gone it'll be a new heavens new earth and it'll be a lake of fire and I can't say exactly where the location of that is precisely but nevertheless Isaiah 30 come all the way to the end of the chapter this is all about the Lord's return and when he comes back and makes war with his enemies and destroys and devours them notice in verse 27 behold the name of the Lord cometh from far burning with his anger and the burden thereof is heavy his lips are full of indignation and his tongue as a devouring fire in verse 30 the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard and shall show the lighting down of his arm with the indignation of his anger and with the flame of a devouring fire with scattering with tempest and hailstones and here's the Antichrist in verse 30 and through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down which smoke with the rod and every place where the grounded staff shall pass which the Lord shall lay upon him and shall be with tabrets and harps and in battles of shaking will he fight with it for Tophet this is a place on earth

Tophet is ordained of old yea for the king it is prepared that is for the Antichrist mentioned as the Assyrian God has prepared a place for him on earth he hath made it deep and large the pile thereof is fire and much wood the breath of the Lord like a stream of brimstone doth kindle it so the Lord is going to kindle a fire on this earth let's keep reading look at chapter 31 and verse 9 verse 8 and 9 then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword not of a mighty man and the sword not of a mean man shall devour him and he shall flee from the sword and his young men shall be discomfited and he shall pass over to his stronghold for fear and his princes shall be afraid of the ensigns saith the Lord whose fire is in Zion and his furnace in Jerusalem these are literal terms

I'm going to keep giving you more verses on this look at chapter 33 verses 11 and 12 I'll back up to 10 now will I rise saith the Lord now will I be exalted now will I lift up myself ye shall conceive chaff ye shall bring forth stubble your breath as fire shall devour you and the people shall be as the burnings of lime as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire do you remember a parable we're not finished yet but a parable in Matthew 13 when the Lord comes back because there was wheat and chaff growing together and uh was it chaff tares and they're growing together and he says let them alone and when I come back we're gonna harvest the whole thing and we're gonna separate them and the tares are gonna be gathered up and bound and burned in a fire they're getting tossed in a fire the picture is is what's literally gonna happen with the sinners in the kingdom when Jesus Christ comes back verse 14 33 14 the sinners in Zion are afraid how about that are they afraid today are sinners afraid in

[19:16] Los Angeles but when Christ comes back and when he starts kindling fires and they hear the noise of his mighty voice they're afraid fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings that's what they're afraid of getting tossed in a fire look at chapter 34 and verse number 8 for it is the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion and the streams thereof this is water that flows out of the mountains in that land the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch that is black hot moving burning and the dust thereof into brimstone and the land thereof shall become burning pitch it shall not be quenched night nor day the smoke thereof shall go up forever from generation to generation it shall lie waste none shall pass through it forever and ever so there's a lake of fire on this earth the streams are feeding it with brimstone and pitch and black burning scalding boiling mess and look what chapter 66 and the people are getting thrown in look at

Isaiah 66 what we're looking at here is a prophecy of hell on earth somebody says oh it's hell out there it's hot as hell no but one day one day it's going to be hell on earth Isaiah 66 all the way to the end of the book the very last two verses verse 23 and 4 and it shall come to pass that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another shall all flesh that's living human beings on the planet Jesus Christ is sitting upon the throne of David ruling the world from Jerusalem shall all flesh come to worship before me saith the Lord and they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me but look at this the men are there the carcasses are burned but it says here their worms shall not die neither shall their fire be quenched and they the men shall be an abhorring unto all flesh so you're going to be able to look upon the burnings of people that are cast into the fire on earth you're going to see it can you but here you're going to be able to look upon somebody now let's read these words again and then

I'm going to make the comparison that's going to help you 24 it says their worm shall not die neither shall their fire be quenched and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh now does that ring a bell to

you we read these verses last week in Mark chapter 9 so let's go back there and compare scripture with scripture and then understand exactly what Jesus Christ was talking about in Mark chapter 9 and this is going to be eye opening to you if you're confused about something really in particular and we'll get to that in a moment so back to Mark chapter 9 and verse 43 we read these verses last week about hell being a place of fire unquenchable fire notice how

Jesus Christ is just quoting Isaiah 66 and he's telling it to these people right there in his face if I hand offend thee verse 43 cut it off I know that sounds strange to you and it should sound strange because Jesus Christ is not telling you to cut your hand off but he is telling somebody to if I hand offend thee cut it off it is better for you to enter into life maimed without a hand than having two hands and go into hell into the fire that shall never be quenched where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched now here's the thought if you die right now and drop dead and you're without Christ and God condemns you to hell do you go there with one hand or two if you cut your hand off do you get to escape do you see that your body doesn't go to hell today your body lays in a casket your body gets placed six feet under the dirt your soul departs and goes to hell you can cut your hand your eyes your legs you can cut everything off of you if you think it's going to help you from sinning against

God but that is not the part of you that gets condemned to hell today presently your soul that's not your soul so sin against God than having two hands to go to hell into the fire that shall never be quenched look at verse 45 and if thy foot offend they cut it off it's better for to enter into life than having two feet to be cast into hell when in the world or in the history in the future is somebody getting cast into hell with their feet or with their hands that's caused them to offend if you're starting to get it it applies to that kingdom so now come back to Matthew chapter 10 I'll put two more verses on this and I hope it makes sense to you that we're looking at a different time currently these scriptures don't apply to us they apply to somebody that it can be tossed into the lake of fire that's on the planet to the hell that is kindled by

[25 : 41] Jesus Christ when he returns this is called rightly dividing the word of truth and it's taking true statements and placing them where they lie they're all true statements but they can't all be true at the same time and here's another case in point look at Matthew 10 verse 28 Christ is sending his disciples out to preach he's commissioning them he gave them power over unclean spirits and to cast out devils and in verse 28 he says fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul but rather fear him this will be God fear him which is able to destroy both soul and look at the next few words and body in hell you see why the new versions don't know what to do so they change it to grave and say that it will destroy your body in the grave are you afraid of God destroying your body in the grave every body gets corrupted and destroyed in the grave every single one that has nothing to do with it it's hell and it's a body going into hell so that's not today that's not my body if

I die right now and if I didn't have Christ and went to hell my soul goes to hell but in the future when Jesus Christ comes back and kindles that fire on the planet in Tophet and the streams are turned to pitch in that land and he confines and he sends those and their carcasses are there and their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched and they're an abhorring unto all flesh that's literal that's what men walk by on the way to worship the Lord and they can see it and it's a warning it's a remembrance of I better fear the king sinners in Zion are afraid they don't want to get chucked into that thing and in this verse your body can be cast into hell and that can only make sense to that future kingdom and the doctrine all applies to that time one more come back to Matthew 5 and this is something kind of in connection to Mark 9 that we just read with the hand and the foot same thing watch this again and see this language is even more pointed and it's more proof to what I'm telling you Matthew 5 verse 29 I'll back up to 28 so you can get this thought of the sin but I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart so there's your eyes causing you to sin you could say it's your heart causing you but so forth if thy eye offend thee pluck it out and cast it from thee for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell same thing in verse 30 if thy right hand offend thee cut it off and cast it from thee like get away from me you right hand you're causing me to sin so I cut it off and toss it because I'd much rather enter into life without a hand that would be enter the kingdom that's physically that's people that are on the earth when Jesus Christ returns it's better body should be cast into hell so I hope you understand the difference already now the hell in the heart of the earth currently that's where the soul goes not the body you

know the body you know where the body goes you see the body it goes to the mortician it doesn't get tossed into hell and then it gets put in a grave not hell and they're not the same shame on the new versions for all their mistakes that they introduce and confusion your King James Bible is flawless and it will teach you things you never believed or heard of if you'll study it and believe the words and study it carefully this is God's book this is so much higher than any one of us and all of us put together and when it says you're about a body being does that fit where does that apply because it surely doesn't seem to apply to me today or to my loved ones or anybody that dies without

Christ but when we start to put scripture together and realize there's a day coming when Christ is coming back he's going to kindle a fire on earth and he even threatens to be throwing people into that fire and the people are going to be the fuel for that fire then this stuff starts to make sense people's bodies being cast into hell and then you'll notice Matthew chapter five the whole book of Matthew the context the doctrine is the kingdom of heaven and that shows up I'm just seeing it right here in verse 20 and it's all over these passages it starts in chapter three the kingdom of heaven at hand!

[30 : 54] he goes into the parables they're all about the kingdom of heaven the kingdom of heaven that's not going to heaven to be with God that's a kingdom on the earth where Jesus Christ returns and is the king as was promised so I know that's a little more deeper of a thought and it's a lot to just take in if you've never heard it and I gave you the scripture if you scribbled it down I hope you did you can go back through it again or if it's recorded you can listen to it a second time and just try to get it down because it's a lot but the location of hell presently below our feet heart of the earth when Jesus Christ comes back I don't think he's bringing people up out of that pit but rather he's throwing people into a lake of fire that's on the earth not to be confused with the future lake of fire but there's something that he kindles on earth and throws people's bodies!

So let's look at one more point here this will be a lot quicker and maybe connect some of these things the duration of hell how long is hell this will be easy flip over to Revelation chapter 20 Revelation 20 presently I taught you that it's a temporary holding cell until the great white throne judgment that's mentioned here in Revelation after the thousand year kingdom is fulfilled and the Lord reigns then some things are going to happen where the devil rises up and he gets put down and in verse number 10 the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet are it seems to be that that is not on earth but let's continue verse number where was this verse

I'll start in verse 12 and I saw the dead the dead so these are souls but they're dead but they're they're standing before God I saw the dead small and great stand before God and the books were opened another book was opened which is the book of life the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works and the sea gave up the dead which were in it and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire this is the second death and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire in chapter 21 I saw new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and I didn't read that but that's in verse 11 of the previous chapter verse 11 I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it from whose face the earth and heaven fled away and there was found no place for them Peter says that the elements are dissolved they're melted upon civilization upon creation the physical realm just done it cannot stand in his presence and so he just disintegrates it all into nothing again where he made it from by the way and just sends it right back to where it came from but the souls of men are eternal and they're spiritual in nature and they're not going to melt! away with fervent heat the body will but the soul won't the body will lay there in the fire and the brimstone in the pitch but the soul is not going to disintegrate it's going to be eternal that's why it says their worm dieth not it's a strange word to use there but it's a Bible word and requires more study than we're going to do this morning so in Revelation 20 we see that hell is delivered up to this judgment and then ultimately finds its location in the lake of fire so the duration of hell the present context is it's a temporary holding cell until that future judgment and then in that future judgment there's eternal damnation in the lake of fire and that's in chapter 20 verse 14 they were cast into the lake of fire look back at chapter 14 of revelation chapter 14 verse 11 in verse 10 you can just pick it up in the middle of that verse it says he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the lamb and the smoke of their torment ascended up

forever and ever they have no rest day nor night so there's an eternity that's always attached to hell it's everlasting burnings was mentioned even if it's temporary the fire is never quenched it's not as if they just even if hell is temporary it's not as if it just ceases and now they get out and get to live happily ever after this thought of purgatory is not in the

Bible this thought that you can purge your sins in the afterlife you can't this is never taught in plain words of the scripture never it is only interpreted from something that they infer is a possibility it's very mysterious it's very vague where they get that teaching of purgatory it's not plainly taught in the Bible at all it's twisting a verse to match what you want to believe and what you want to teach to your people to get them to follow you and so know that much know that this is always eternal the fire and hell is eternal I don't see anybody!

[37 : 08] 5 just another term of eternity associated with the fire Matthew 25 when some are being condemned look what they're condemned to 25 at the very last verse verse 46 these shall go away into everlasting punishment if we backed it up into verse 41 it's everlasting fire and now it's everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal and so sinful man has no trouble believing and swallowing life eternal and pleasures forevermore with the Lord but they have a hard time swallowing eternal and everlasting punishment and torment and fire and judgment and like I said last week I reiterate that it may not be consistent with a loving

God to damn somebody to hell for eternity but it sure is consistent with a holy God and our God is holy above everything else his love is holy and his hatred is holy remember that balance of God I know I've taught you this but it's worth hearing more and more and more especially when dealing with wrong in him and the antithesis to his love is his hatred and the Bible says Jacob have I loved Esau have I hated he has both of them and he's angry with the wicked every day like God has two sides and so we cannot interpret doctrines of the Bible based on the side we like we interpret it based on the person and character of his nature his holiness and his hell is consistent with a God that is righteous that will always do right and will judge rightly you don't think it's right but you're not God and that's where you fall short so we believe the Bible all of this lesson here is to help you just believe the Bible and study the words of the Bible and even where it gets to be stuff that you've never heard before or eternal doctrinal holy God given truths rely on the words of God or on just the ability to say I don't understand I don't know that's a thing we can always say too is we don't know but from this we understand the location of hell presently we understand location of hell in the future and the kingdom on earth in addition to the heart of the earth perhaps and then the future and eternity the lake of fire after the heaven and earth are gone and fled away and God judges the final judgment on man and so the description fire torment darkness imprisonment and then we studied just briefly the duration of hell and so

I think we'll give one more week to this there's some more things I could say having to do with the inhabitants! But I hope so far that you're getting something and that you're learning something and that you're seeing it from the Bible at least if you haven't seen all these put together you're seeing from the Bible why we believe what we believe about such a horrible place and why it is important for you and I to live godly lives around the world that we're around because God doesn't want to send them there he is not willing!

that any escape hell so that's where we'll stop today and let's come back in about 10 to 15 minutes for the next hour