

# Jacob's Afterlife

Genesis 49:29-33

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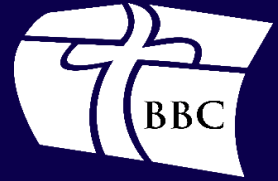
**Hell, Lake of Fire**

**Heaven, Paradise, Third Heaven  
New Heavens and New Earth**

**Sometimes Bible translators transliterate instead of translate. And all word-for-word translations do this to some degree.**

**Sheol, Hades, Gehenna, Tartarus, and Abyss (and others) are all transliterations.**

# Genesis 49:29



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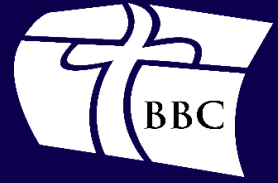
Merely a Euphemism?



**Does the OT point to, hint at, and give  
evidence of the same theology  
concerning the intermediate state and  
the resurrection that the NT teaches?**

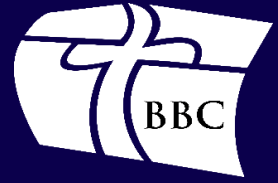
**That's our focus.**

# Genesis 49:30



- In the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, **which Abraham bought** with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place.

# Genesis 49:31-32



- There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah— the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites.”

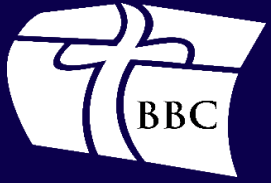
- **Where will I be buried?**
- **Do I have any preferences concerning my funeral service?**
- **Have I bought anything like Abraham?**
- **What have I communicated to my family concerning my death?**



**What are we to make  
of all this concern and  
preparation for death?**



# Genesis 49:33



- When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.



Notice Jacob was  
gathered to his people  
Before he was buried.

# **1<sup>st</sup> Death**

**The soul is separated from the body until the resurrection of the just and unjust.**

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Death**

**The soul is united to a body for eternal punishment in Gehenna: the Lake of Fire**

### Revelation 2:11

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

### Revelation 20:6

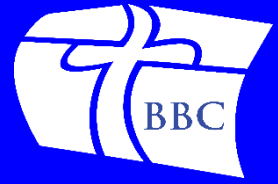
Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

### Revelation 20:14

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

### Revelation 21:8

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."



# Gathered to His People

v. 29 & 33



## **Genesis 25:8**

**Abraham  
breathed his last  
and died in a good  
old age, an old  
man and full of  
years, and was  
gathered to his  
people.**

## **Genesis 25:17**

**(These are the  
years of the life of  
Ishmael: 137  
years. He  
breathed his last  
and died, and was  
gathered to his  
people.)**

## **Genesis 35:29**

**And Isaac  
breathed his last,  
and he died and  
was gathered to  
his people, old  
and full of days.  
And his sons Esau  
and Jacob buried  
him.**



# Gathered

## But Where?



Turn to

Deuteronomy 32:48ff

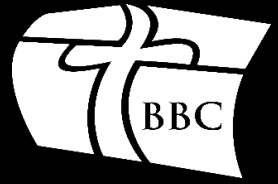
**48** That very day the LORD spoke to Moses, **49** “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. **50** And die on the mountain which you go up, **and be gathered to your people,** as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor **and was gathered to his people,** **51** because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel.

**What would gathered to your people  
mean for a person that was not buried  
in a family plot?**

**What's in Jude 9?**



# Jude 9



- But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses,

**Gathered to his fathers (people) is  
NOT talking about a burial place.**

**Moses was gathered to his people and  
he was not buried with his ancestors.**

# 1 Kings 2:10



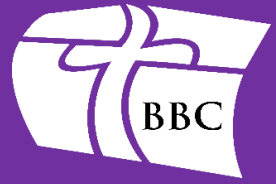
- Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.

# 2 Kings 21:18



- And Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son reigned in his place.

# 2 Kings 22:20



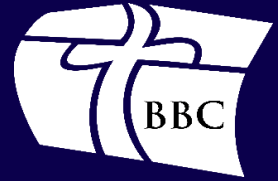
•Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.’ ” And they brought back word to the king.





# Turn Back to Genesis 37:35

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- All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.

# Translations for Gen 37:35

KJV



And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

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All his sons and daughters stood by him to console him, but he refused to be consoled. "No," he said, "I will go to the grave mourning my son." So Joseph's father wept for him.

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NASB95



Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, "Surely I will go down to Sheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

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All his sons and daughters tried to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said. "I will go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." And his father wept for him.

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# Sheol



BLUE LETTER BIBLE

Lexicon :: Strong's H7585 - שְׁאוֹל

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שְׁאוֹל

## Transliteration

šə'ôl

## Pronunciation

sheh-ole'



## Part of Speech

feminine noun

## Root Word (Etymology)

From שָׁאֵל (H7592)

*I.* sheol, underworld, grave, hell, pit

*A.* the underworld

*B.* Sheol - the OT designation for the abode of the dead

*i.* place of no return

*ii.* without praise of God

*iii.* wicked sent there for punishment

*iv.* righteous not abandoned to it

*v.* of the place of exile (fig)

*vi.* of extreme degradation in sin

# Sheol Hades

## Concordance Results Shown Using the NKJV

Strong's Number **G86** matches the Greek ἄδης (*hadēs*),  
which occurs 70 times in **67** verses in the **LXX Greek**.

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[View NT results in the TR Greek concordance](#)

**LXX**

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### LXX Septuagint

37:35 συνήχθησαν δὲ πάντες οἱ υἱοὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ αἱ θυγατέρες καὶ ἦλθον  
παρακαλέσαι αὐτόν καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν παρακαλεῖσθαι λέγων ὅτι καταβήσομαι  
πρὸς τὸν υἱόν μου πενθῶν εἰς ἄδου καὶ ἔκλαυσεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ



# How do we reconcile

**‘gathered to my fathers’**

**and**

**‘I shall go down to Sheol [Hades]’**



# Turn Back To

# Mark 12:24-27



<sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? <sup>27</sup> He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”



# Turn to

# Luke 16:19

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and **was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side**. The rich man also died **and was buried**, <sup>23</sup> **and in Hades**, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup> And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now **he is comforted here**, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

**Father Abraham's  
Side of Hades**

**Great Chasm**

**Torment  
Side of Hades**



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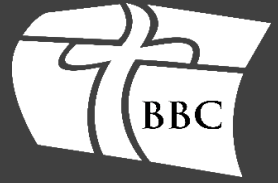
**In Torment**



# Why Father Abraham?

# Why Abraham's Side?

# Romans 4:11



- He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,



**Did the OT Saints have  
hope that humans  
could go to heaven?**



**Yes. Think Enoch.**

**And then eventually Elijah.**

Ps 16:10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Ps 30:3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Ps 49:15 But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.  
*Selah*

Ps 86:13 For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Ps 88:3 For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.

Ps 89:48 What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? *Selah*



# Consider

## Hosea 13:14

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<b>I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.</b>	<b>Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? O Death, where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion will be hidden from My sight.</b>	<b>Will I deliver them from the power of Sheol? No, I will not! Will I redeem them from death? No, I will not! O Death, bring on your plagues! O Sheol, bring on your destruction! My eyes will not show any compassion!</b>	<b>From the hand of Hades I will rescue, and from death I will ransom them. Where is your penalty, O death? Where is your sting, O Hades? Comfort is hidden away from my eyes.</b>



# Did OT Saints Have Hope in a Bodily Resurrection from the Grave?

# Isaiah 26:19



- Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

# Job 19:25–27



- For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

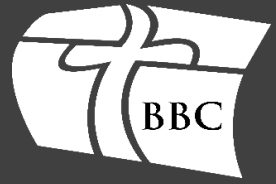
# Daniel 12:2



- And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.



# Matthew 27:52–53



•The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.



# What about now?

# Who goes to Hades?

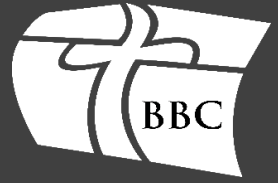
## **Matthew 16:18**

**And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell [Hades] shall not prevail against it.**

## **Revelation 1:18**

**And the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.**

# Luke 23:43



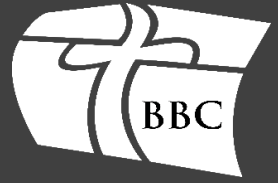
• And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



What does this v.  
mean?

Ephesians 4:8

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•Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high **he led a host of captives**, and he gave gifts to men.”

## **Psalm 49:15**

**But God will  
ransom my soul  
from the power of  
Sheol, for he will  
receive me. *Selah***

## **Matthew 20:28**

**Even as the Son of  
Man came not to  
be served but to  
serve, and to give  
his life as a ransom  
for many.”**



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