

Death and the after Life

Many church denominations of the world teach a “Heaven or Hell” afterlife. But what does Scripture really teach about this subject?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?

It’s a question that has crossed everyone’s mind, because death happens to everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or status. It is the unconquerable foe.

Scripture compares death to sleep more than (50) fifty times. After death we are asleep, we are unconscious; we are not aware of the passing of time or of what is going on around us. That is what death is like as well. Scripture says, “for the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing... their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished” **Ecclesiastes 9:5, Psalm 146:4; 115:17.**

One of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)’s most significant miracles recorded in Scripture was the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead **John 11**. There are other instances of people who had been raised from the dead, but unlike those mentioned before in Scripture, Lazarus had been dead for an entire period of (4) four days. When Lazarus died, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said, “ ‘Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.’ Then His disciples said, ‘Adon, if he sleeps he will get well.’ However, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.” **John 11:11-13.**

It makes sense that after Lazarus was raised from the dead, he doesn’t share what he saw or experienced. He didn’t have anything to tell, except that once he was dead, and now he is alive! He didn’t experience hell or heaven. He was simply “Sleeping” in his tomb. Kepha (Peter) on Shavuot (the Day of Pentecost) said the same of King David. “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day...For David did not ascend into the Shamyim (Heavens)...**Acts 2:29-34.**

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and long lasting repulsion (Judgement). **Daniel 12:2.**

Many think of the soul as an immortal entity within us that goes on living after death. What does Scripture say? Describing the creation of human beings in the beginning, Scripture says, “And **AYAZL** (Yahuah) Aluhym (God) formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life (Ruch/Spirit); and Man became a Living Soul” **Genesis 2:7.**

Other translations say, “. . . and man became a living being” (NKJV; NIV). **AYAZL** (Yahuah) did not put a soul into man. He formed the Body from the dust of the ground, and then He Breathed His Life-Giving Ruch (Spirit) into the lifeless body—and the result was a Living Soul, or a Living Being. When a person dies, the reverse takes place. The Breath of Life (Ruch/Spirit) departs from the Body, the Soul no longer exists.

Do these inspired statements say that the first (1st) Man, Adam, was given a Soul? No!, he came to be a Soul, a Living Person. This is confirmed by the Shaul (Paul), who wrote: “The (1st) first Man, Adam, as Scripture says, became a Living Being (Soul).” Shaul (Paul) was quoting from **Genesis in I Corinthians 15:45**

Scripture declares. “The Body returns to the ground it came from, and the Ruch (Spirit) returns to Aluhym who gave it” **Ecclesiastes 12:7**

If souls existed as separate entities that lived on after we died, that would mean we have Immortality. However, Scripture says human beings do not have Immortality. Only **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is Immortal. **1 Timothy 6:15-16**, but he also grants Immortality (Eternal life) to Believers in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) sealed by his Ruch Ah Qudesh (Spirit) that Sets you Apart unto **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

Shaul (Paul) says that the Righteous “Seek for Esteem (Glory), Honor, and Immortality” **Romans 2:7**. If we had Immortal Souls, why would the Righteous seek after something they already have? This is why it is the Gift of Eternal life, it would not be a Gift if everyone had it. It is reserved for those who have their names written in the Lambs Book of Life, sealed in the Names of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) by the Immersion (Baptism) of the Ruch Ah Qudesh.

THE GRAVE

In **Luke 16:19–31** we see (2) two very different places after you die, a place of torment and a place called Abraham's Bosom. These are all parables and physical metaphors to help us understand the Spiritual realm. In the Hebrew Scriptures prior to Yasharal being taken captive by Babylon there was only (1) one place after Death and it was known as Sheol. Coming out of Babylon the Hebrews began to adopt Babylonian concepts and what was simply the grave took on the attributes of the pagan Hades.

Sheol (שְׁאוֹל)

ש = Press, Sharp, Two

ו = Strong, Power, Leader

ל = Bind, Yoke to, Teach,

She'ol (SHEE-ohl or SHEE-al; Hebrew שְׁאוֹל), translated as "Grave", "Pit", or "Abode of the Dead", in the Tanakh (OT), known in the Hebrew Scripture as the underworld, and is a place of Darkness to which all the Dead go, both the Righteous and the Unrighteous, regardless of the moral choices made in life, a place of stillness and darkness cut off from life.

While the Tanakh (OT) writings describe Sheol as the permanent place of the Dead (an eternal state of being Dead). In the (2nd) Second Temple period (roughly 500 BCE-70 CE) a more diverse set of ideas developed: in some texts, Sheol is the home of both the Righteous and the Wicked, separated into respective compartments, which is how it is described in the Book of Hanok (Enoch); The Book of Hanok (Enoch) records Hanok's (Enoch's) vision of the cosmos. The author describes Sheol as divided into (4) four sections: in the (1st) first section, the faithful believers blissfully await resurrection Day, in the (2) second section, the moderately-good await their Reward, in the (3rd) third section, the wicked are Punished and await their Judgment at the Resurrection (Gehenna), and in the (4th) fourth section, the Blasphemous who do not even warrant resurrection are tormented. in others, it was a place of Punishment, meant for the Wicked Dead alone.

When the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek in ancient Alexandria around 200 BC

the word "Hades" (the Greek underworld) was substituted for Sheol, and this is reflected in the Brit Hadashah (NT) where Hades is both the underworld of the Dead and the personification of the Evil it represents.

The Rich man and Lazarus

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the Malakym (angels) to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 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.’ 25 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. 26 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. 27 And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house 28 for I have five (5) brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 But Abraham said, ‘They have Moshah (Moses) and the Prophets (Tanakh/OT); let them hear them. 30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent. 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moshah (Moses) and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” **Luke 16:19-31.**

אֵלֹהִים (Yahuah) will not provide special signs or miracles to convince such. People must read and apply the Scriptures if they would obtain His favor. **Luke 16:16,22-31. John 8:44.**

DOES THE HUMAN SOUL DIE?

Almost all religions teach that the Soul is Immortal. Hence, their followers believe that those who die are not really Dead but are still Alive in Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell suffering horribly for all eternity. But would an Aluhym of love really inflict such suffering on his creation? Anyone who does not love does not know **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), because **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is Aahbah (love). **I John 4:8.**

“All the Souls (5315. nephesh; a soul, living being, life, self, person, desire, passion, appetite, emotion) – belong to me. As the soul (5315. nephesh) of the father so likewise the soul (5315. nephesh) of the son – to me they belong. The soul (5315. nephesh) (being) that is Sinning – it itself will Die.” **Ezekiel 18:4,20, Ecclesiastes 9:5,10.**

Obviously, if the Soul is Dead, then the person knows nothing, hence cannot be suffering. In fact his first public talk after Shavuot (Pentecost) 31 A.D., the apostle Kepha (Peter) declared: “Indeed, any Soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people.” So the Soul is Mortal, it will Die and after Judgment many will experience the (2nd) Second Death as well. **Acts 3:23.**

וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' "Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'" **וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever

lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" **John 11:23-26**

Nestled in a passage that discusses the role **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach played in willingly offering Himself as a sacrifice for the New Covenant to cover our Sins, this statement is made: "And as it is appointed for Men to die once..." **Hebrews 9:27**.

DEATH IS LIKE SLEEP

In several locations of Scripture Death is likened to Sleep. Notice Shaul (Paul)'s comforting instruction to the Believers in Thessalonica: But we do not want you to be uninformed, Brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) died and rose again, even so **AYAZL** (Yahuah) will bring with Him those who sleep in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)" **1 Thessalonians 4:13-14**.

Two (2) matters to Address:

(1) How is Death similar to Sleep?

(2) if **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is bringing these people "with Him," from where is He bringing them?

(1) Death is similar to sleep in that no conscious thought occurs when one has died. (2) Two statements in the book of Ecclesiastes tell us of this reality:

1) "For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing" **Ecclesiastes 9:5**.

2) "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the Grave (Sheol) where you are going" **Ecclesiastes 9:10**.

Psalm 146:4 adds: "His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish". Once death occurs, human consciousness ends.

Job accurately summed up the nature of Death while longing for it: "Why did I not die at Birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the Womb? ... For now I would have lain still and been quiet, I would have been asleep" **Job 3:11-13**.

It is true that at Death the Soul is separated from the Body when the (Ruch) Spirit departs to Sheol.

In Ecclesiastes we read "The Dead know nothing" **Ecclesiastes 9:5**. Certainly we all agree that a Dead and Deteriorating Body has absolutely no consciousness of anything past, present, or future.

Then shall the dust return to the Earth as it was: and the Ruch (Spirit) shall return (at the Resurrection) unto **AYAZL** (Yahuah) Who gave it **Ecclesiastes 12:7**.

All go unto (1) one place; for all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again **Ecclesiastes 3:20**.

We know that this verse is speaking of the Body, for in the next verse we read: Who knows the Ruch (Spirit) of Man that goes upward (at the Resurrection)? **Ecclesiastes 3:21**.

In Scripture we read that Man sleeps, but the sleep always is identified with the Body. Never once does Scripture refer to the Spirit or Soul sleeping. Where some fall into danger is in identifying man merely with his Body and in ignoring the fact that he is a triune being. Man is Body (Physical), and Ruch (Spirit) creating a Soul (Yahuah's Breathed (Ruch) and created a

Living Being). Now the Body is not the whole Man. Therefore it cannot be concluded that the Death of the Body is the Death of the whole Man.

The Brit Hadashah (NT) Teaches

And Sheol (the graves) were opened; and many bodies of the Believers which slept arose **Matthew 27:52**. Please notice that the “Bodies” Slept.

OWYAZL (Yahusha) said: Our friend Lazarus Sleeps but I go, that I may awake him out of Sleep... Then said **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) unto them plainly, Lazarus is Dead **John 11:11-14**.

Death to our Adon was never anything more than Sleep. It is a figure of speech that Scripture applies. It was the Body of Lazarus that was Dead. It was his Body that Martha said “Stinks: for he has been Dead (4) four days.” When **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said plainly that Lazarus was Dead, He could only mean his Body, for when He added: “I go, that I may awake Him out of Sleep,” He did this by raising the Body of Lazarus from Death and Sheol (the grave). We read in verse (44) forty-four: “And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with Grave clothes.” The part of Lazarus that was Dead was that part of him that was bound “Hand and Foot, and his Face.”

Think for a moment of our Adon’s last words as He hung dying upon the Stake (Tree). He said: “Father, into Your hands I commend my Ruch (Spirit): and having said thus, He gave up the Ruch (Spirit)” **Luke 23:46**. He was the First (1st) to rise from Sheol (the Grave) and ascend to the Right hand of the Father.

Only a little over three (3) decades before, Mashaich had come from the presence of the Father, His Ruch (Spirit) having taken its abode in the body prepared by **AYAZL** (Yahuah) in the womb of Miriam (Mary). He came to bring life and Immortality to light through His Good News (Gospel). He came, not to bring Immortality, but to Reveal it and to Show Man that he could have Everlasting Life.

By finishing His task He fulfilled every demand of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s Righteous Turah (law). He offered His Life a Ransom for Sin, and then departed this life. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) knew that His Father was watching, listening eagerly and intently; so with every confidence He spoke to the Father with the consciousness that His task was well done. Then His Words, “Into Your Hands I commend My Ruch (Spirit)”.

Here **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is teaching the World the Survival of the Spiritual part of Man after his Physical Body has Died.

Death to **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was but a passage into the presence of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) his Father. He knew all about Life and Death, and He left us with divine assurance that only the Body dies. The Ruch (Spirit) continues to Exist.

Another of our Adon’s last words from the Stake (Tree) proves that Death touches only the physical part of Man. Let us give consideration to the criminal hanging on the Stake (Tree) next to **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach. This man acknowledged **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) in the face of the Roman opposition. With a contrite Ruch (Spirit) and simple Amunah (Faith) he said: “**OWYAZL** (Yahusha), Adon, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom” **Luke 23:42**.

The World shall never forget the Words which **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) answered the dying thief.

With the Death of this criminal at the very portals of Sheol, the dying Savior said to the dying Sinner: “Today shall You be with me in Paradise (Because he believed and declared his Amunah in **OWYAF** (Yahusha) as the Son of **AYAF** (Yahuah), just like when you and I believe and are immersed in his Ruch and secured in him).” They were killing his Body to be sure, but promised him that he would be with him in Paradise.

When they stoned Stephen to Death, we read that “he fell asleep.” This could have no reference whatever to the Ruch (Spirit), for it was his Body they had pummeled with Rocks. He knew that he was entering into another realm of the Living. He Prayed: “**OWYAF** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, receive my Ruch (Spirit)” **Acts 7:59**. This disciple of **OWYAF** (Yahusha) did not seek to postpone Death or to fight it off. He remembered the Words of **OWYAF** (Yahusha): “Be not afraid of them that kill the Body, and after that have no more that they can do” **Luke 12:4**.

It is the assurance of Immortality and Eternal Life that enables the Servants of **OWYAF** (Yahusha) HaMashiach to bear suffering, face all opposition, and die if they are called upon to do so. The scoffing and the scorning of the enemies of **OWYAF** (Yahusha) can never cheat us out of the presence of our Adon and the place that He has prepared for us.

There are three (3) accounts of **OWYAF** (Yahusha) raising the Dead. Each time He approached the Dead and spoke to him as if he were Alive. To the son of the widow of Nain He said: “Young man, I say unto you, Arise” **Luke 7:14**.

When **OWYAF** (Yahusha) came to the daughter of Yairus, we are told: “He took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise” **Luke 8:54**.

Finally, He said to the brother of Miriam (Mary) and Martha: “Lazarus, come forth” **John 11:43**.

In each case **OWYAF** (Yahusha) speaks to the person as if he were Alive.

IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Though we may Die, **OWYAF** (Yahusha) says, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may Die, he shall Live” **John 11:25**.

We who believe and obey will receive Immortality when **OWYAF** (Yahusha) comes again (1 **Corinthians 15:51-54**).

According to this verse, the Righteous do not to go Shamym (Heavens) when they die. They remain asleep in Sheol (the grave) or Abraham's Bosom until **OWYAF** (Yahusha) returns and raises them to Immortal Life **1 Corinthians 15:50-57**.

The wicked are raised in a separate resurrection—the resurrection of Condemnation (Judgement). **OWYAF** (Yahusha) said, “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the Graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done Evil, to the resurrection of Condemnation (Judgement)” **John 5:28-29**.

The prophets never mention in Scripture that the righteous immediately go to Heaven or the wicked go to Hell when they Die. Neither did **OWYAF** (Yahusha) and His Disciples teach it. When **OWYAF** (Yahusha) was about to leave His Disciples, He did not tell them they would soon come to Him. “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in **AYAF** (Yahuah), believe

also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may also be" **John 14:1-3**.

When He returns, our loved ones asleep in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) will awake from their tombs. No matter how long the time has passed, be it long or short, will seem but a moment to them. By the voice of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), they are called forth from their deep slumber, awakening to a glorious Immortality.

"For the Shofar (trumpet) will sound, and the Dead will be raised Incorruptible...So when this Corruptible has put on In-corruption, and this Mortal has put on Immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: '**Death is swallowed up in victory.**'"

The last sensation was the pang of Death, the last thought, that they were falling beneath the Power of Sheol (the Grave), but then, imagine, when they arise from the tomb, to the shout, "O Death, where is your sting? O Sheol, where is your victory?" **1 Corinthians 15:55**.

HELL

The word "Hell" is a Man made doctrine that can be found in many Scripture translations. The Roman Catholic Latin Church Fathers, Tertullian (160-220 A.D.), Jerome (347-420 A.D.) and Augustine (354-430 A.D.), all strongly believed in the doctrine of hell. These early Latin Church Fathers are highly venerated Roman Catholic saints who believed that God's punishment of unbelievers would be in a hell of everlasting torment. In the same verses other translations read "the Grave", "the world of the dead", and so forth.

The Hebrew Sheol and its Greek equivalent hades, which refer, not to an individual burial place, but to the common grave of dead mankind; also the Greek Gehenna and the Hebrew Hinnom, which is used as a symbol of eternal destruction. However, both in Christendom and in many non-Christian religions it is taught that hell is a place inhabited by demons and where the wicked, after death, are punished (and some believe that this is with torment).

Revelation 20:14 shows us death and the grave being destroyed.

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Hinnom:

Hinnom was a deep, narrow valley next to Yarusalym. "Hinnom" was probably the name of the original Yebusite owner of the valley, which ran along the boundary between Yahudah and Benjamin. The valley of Hinnom was near the entrance to the Potsherd (East) Gate. Its exact location is a matter of debate. The consensus is that the likely location of the historic valley is the wadi-er-Rabai **Jeremiah 7:29-34, 19:2,6, 32:35**.

The worship of idols in Yarusalym took place in the Hinnom valley. King Ahaz (**II Kings Chapters 16, 17, 18, II Chronicles 28**), made idols and burned incense there. Ahaz and King Manasseh both offered their sons as sacrifices in the valley of Hinnom. Some point out that the valley was used to burn the dead, animals, garbage, and criminals of extreme crimes, from the city of Yarusalym. Smoke from the burning would have risen continually.

Hinnom became a sign for judgment. "Hinnom" became "Gehenna", and it is that name the

New Testament uses for the place of eternal punishment (Death). Gehenna is a place where “the fire is not quenched” **Mark 9:45**.

Also found in **Matthew 18**. Gehenna was used as a parable by Mashiach to symbolize capital punishment or laws of execution in relation to crimes committed. Many scholars have interpreted this as a place of torment for sinners after death. But in reality and according to Scripture, this is only a hole in Yasharal until this day. Fire is often used in the Scriptures to represent destruction or death. The book of **Revelation** tells us that the dead shall rise (both righteous and unrighteous).

Acts 24:15 says, “Having an expectation in Aluhym, which they themselves also wait for, that there is to be a resurrection of the dead, both of the Righteous and the Unrighteous.”

Matthew 5:29-30, Matthew 18:8-9, Mark 9:43-48 have been totally misunderstood and misinterpreted. In the original Hebrew translated correctly to English, we find the word Hinnom or Gehenna. Gehenna was and still is a hole or valley in the country of Yasharal. It was used for burning trash, dead bodies, execution of certain criminals and in **Jeremiah 7:31-33**, we see where some of the Yasaralites turned to idols and offered their children as sacrifices in this particular hole or valley.

This hole continually burned, kept afire, and was never put out. During medieval times in the translating of the Hebrew to English, Latin, etc... The Catholic Papacy along with Pagan rulers replaced the word Gehenna with the word Hell.

Also at the same time teaching to the people, a false doctrine of a place of torment or where people go to be punished by burning due to their Sins. The word Hell also replaced the word Sheol, which means “the Grave” and has caused many to be deceived. **Revelation 12:9, 1 Timothy 1:4**, Eternal Life is only through **OWYAF** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, **Ecclesiastes 12:7, Romans 6:23, Acts 24:15, John 5:28,29**.

We know from the Scriptures that the (1st) first resurrection is all Righteous people who served and walked for Mashiach and as he taught. For believers have been already judged while living right for Him in order to be rewarded eternal life which we receive in the (1st) first resurrection. **I Peter 4:17**.

John 5:22-23 states: “For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all should value the Son even as they value the Father. He who does not value the Son does not value the Father who sent Him.”

Acts 17:31 “Because He has set a day on which He is going to Judge the world in Righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed having given proof of this to all by raising Him from the Dead.”

John 5:28 “All that are in the Graves shall rise.” Now if they rise, **OWYAF** (Yahusha) already knowing what they have done. In **Revelation 20:12-15** And I saw the Dead, Great and Small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. **13** And the sea gave up the Dead who were in it, Death and Sheol (The Grave) gave up the Dead who were in them, and they were Judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. **14** Then Death and Sheol (The Grave) were thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the (2nd) second Death, the lake of fire. **15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire (and are terminated/extinguished, perish, cease to exist).

Revelation 1:18 “I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Aman; and have the keys of Sheol (the Grave) and of Death”: First (1st) of all, Dead or Death means: lifeless; no longer active or functional; lacking Power, the End of Life.

Ecclesiastes 9:3-6,10, 12:7 clearly states that, Dead is Dead. Only after you are resurrected, you will be alive again. Life and Death mean literally their definition and the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is truth and man-made concepts are lies and tricks of the adversary. **Genesis 3:4**

Psalms 16:10 and **Acts 13:34** “For you will not leave my Soul in Sheol; neither will you suffer your Set-apart one to see Destruction, Pit, Corruption, undergo decay (deterioration of a dead body).” These scriptures are referring to our Mashiach & Savior who sacrificed His life and was placed in a tomb for (3) three days and (3) three nights. He died just like any other human dies, but was resurrected by the power of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) giving us an example and promise of what He will do upon His return. **Psalms 30:3**

אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) gave His creatures total control of their destinies. By creating us, with free will, the Father provided that we become something or rather grow to be like Him. Yet, out of love He shortened our days of life as a punishment and that evil would and should not become eternal. **Genesis 3:22,23.**

By **OWYָּהּ** (Yahusha) dying for us, we can be brought back to a place where we have direct contact with אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) the Father, in which we lost through our first (1st) parents, Adam and Eve, who will be resurrected in the last day. **OWYָּהּ** (Yahusha) had to become one of us, and when he did, He was tempted like we were **Hebrews 4:15**, and died like we die. Mashiach being raised from the Dead was אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)’s way of showing us security.

By His love we are assured that we will also rise, when **OWYָּהּ** (Yahusha) returns. **OWYָּהּ** (Yahusha) had to finish His mission ~ be born, die, and as a person rise as we will upon His return. “Just as you have seen Him leave, is how He will return” **Acts 1:10,11.**

THE FIRST (1ST) RESURRECTION: THE RESSURECTION BODY

But someone may ask, “How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?” **36** What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn’t grow into a plant unless it dies first. **37** And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. **38** Then אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. **39** Similarly there are different kinds of flesh—(1) one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. **40** There are also bodies in the Shamyim (Heavens) and bodies on the Earth. The esteem (glory) of the heavenly bodies is different from the esteem (glory) of the earthly bodies. **42** It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. **43** Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in esteem (glory). They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. **44** They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. **45** The Scriptures tell us, “The (1st) first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam that

is, Messiah is a life-giving Ruch (Spirit). **46** What comes (1st) first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. **47** Adam, the (1st) first man, was made from the dust of the Earth, while Messiah, the (2nd) second man, came from Shamym (Heavens). **48** Earthly people are like the Earthly man, and Heavenly people are like the Heavenly man. **49** Just as we are now like the Earthly man, we will someday be like the Heavenly man. **50** What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah). These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. **51** But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! **52** It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last Shofar (trumpet) is blown. For when the Shofar (trumpet) sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. **53** For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. **54** Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O Death, where is your Victory? O Death, where is your sting?” **56** For Sin is the sting that results in Death, and Torah (the law) gives Sin its Power. **57** But thank **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)! He gives us Victory over Sin and Death through our Adon **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach. **58** So, my Dear Brothers and Sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), for you know that nothing you do for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is ever useless. **I Corinthians 15:35-58.**

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) and for the word of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Mashiach for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the (1000) thousand years were ended (AFTER). This is the (1st) First Resurrection. **6** Baruk (Blessed) and Qadosh (Holy) is the (1) one who shares in the (1st) First Resurrection! Over such the (2nd) Second Death has no Power (therefore you are granted Eternal Life), they will be Priests of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and of Mashiach, and they will reign with him for a (1000) thousand years. **Revelation 20:5-6** Think about this and let it soak it in.

In Christianity the popular belief is that there is a cosmic battle between God and Satan (the god Hades) battling out for the Souls of Men. The damned are tormented forever in a place called Hell (Hades) while the Righteous go to a place called Heaven. All of this is totally unscriptural and Pagan in origin.

Now, let's return to **1 Thessalonians 4:14**: From where does **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) bring these people who “Sleep in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)” (i.e., people who are Dead)? Some would say He brings them from Shamym (Heavens). Is this what Scripture teaches?

וְיֵשׁוּעַ (Yahusha) HaMashiach said in **John 3:13**: “No one has ascended to Shamym (the Heavens) but He who came down from Shamym (the Heavens), that is, the Son of Man who is in Shamym (the Heavens).” That seems clear! Why is it so hard for so many to believe?

People who have died are not awake in Heaven! They are “Sleeping” or Resting in Sheol (their graves). The remaining verses of **1 Thessalonians 4** confirm this. “For this we say to you by the word of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), that we who are alive and remain until the coming of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) will by no means precede those who are asleep [are Dead]. For **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)

Himself will descend from Shamyim (the Heavens) with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the Shofar (trumpet) of **אָפּאַל** (Yahuah). And the Dead in **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) will rise (1st) first”. **1 Thessalonians 4:15-16**

When **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach returns, the Dead will “Rise.” For one to “Rise,” one would have to come up from somewhere. If one had died and gone to Heaven already, then the individual wouldn’t be rising from the grave when **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) returns. He or she would be descending from Shamym (Heavens).

This teaching of our being raised from Sheol (the Grave) at **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach’s return is reiterated in **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**: “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last Shofar (trumpet). For the Shofar (trumpet) will sound, and the Dead will be raised Incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

אָפּאַל (Yahusha) HaMashiach also taught the principle of being raised up in **John 6:39-40**: “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose none, but should raise them up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life (Gift of Eternal Life); and I will raise him up at the last day.”

It is appointed for all of us to Die, but when **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach returns to the Earth at the last day, the followers of **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach who have Died will be Raised from Sheol (their Graves) and given Eternal Life. When we are resurrected, it will be as though we have awakened from sleep.

Proverbs 30:5-6: “Every Word of Aluhym (God) is tried; He is a shield to those taking refuge in Him. Do not add to His Words, Lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar.”

II Timothy 2:15-16: “Do your utmost to present yourself approved to Aluhym, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth (Turah).

Scriptures indicate that many are called, but few are chosen. Narrow is the way that leads to life and few that find it. And our Savior stated that, “No one can come to Me unless the Father draws him”. **Matthew 7:13,14; 13:11-17** and **John 6:44,65**.

One last thought. If when people die they immediately go to Heaven or Hell this would mean that judgment would have occurred at the moment of death, yet scripture declares that judgment day is still yet to take place in the future. So for me, I find it very dangerous for any man (Pope, Preacher, Pastor, Rabi, etc...) to declare anyone is in Heaven or Hell, meaning: they are making a judgment about a persons life in which they are not qualified. Putting themselves in judgments seat as if they are Aluhym. For no one knows who or who not will enter eternal life accept **אָפּאַל** (Yahuah) and his Son, **אָפּאַל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach who has been given authority to judge all creation to either eternal life or eternal death, which is the second (2nd) and final death, then death will be swallowed up in victory.