

## What happens after Death (after Life)?

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

Millions of people have been exploited and kept in fear on the basis of the Babylonish teaching that man has an immortal soul. From ancient times, false religions have exploited fear of the soul’s possible torture eternally in hellfire after death.

A more subtle refinement of that teaching is the temporary suffering in the fires of purgatory. Sincere people pay to have Masses said for the dead, but never know when the payments will cease to be necessary!

These blasphemous doctrines have no basis in Scripture. For his disobedience Adam was not sentenced to Hell fire or purgatory but to death. Simply stated, “the wages of Sin is Death.” **Romans 6:23, Genesis 2:7,17, Genesis 3:19.**

The Scriptural hope for the dead is based, not on an immortal soul, but, rather, on **יהוה** (Yahuah)’s promise of a resurrection to perfect eternal life on a renewed paradise here on Earth **John 5:28-29, Revelation 21:1-4.**

**יהוה** (Yahuah) will bring humans to life with suitable manifested bodies that are not made of Flesh and bones, but of Ruach (Spirit). **1 Corinthians 15:35-58**

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.**

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. Peter on 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 everlasting contempt (Judgement). **Daniel 12:2.**

### **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.

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, 'Adonai, 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.**

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) Alahym (God) formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life (Ruach/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 Ruach (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 (Ruach/Spirit) departs from the Body, the Soul no longer exists.

That's what Scripture says. "The dust (Body) returns to the ground it came from, and the Ruach (Spirit) returns to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) who gave it" (At the Resurrection of the Dead, both the Righteous (Snatching Away/being Caught up) and at the time of the Great White Throne Judgement when the rest of the dead will rise to be judged according to your Sins. **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 **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is Immortal. **1 Timothy 6:15-16**, but he also grants Immortality (Eternal life) to Believers in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) sealed by his Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit)

that Sets you Apart unto **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

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 Baptism of the Ruach HaKodesh.

### **The Resurrection 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 **אֵלֹהִים** (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 (1<sup>st</sup>) first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam that is, Messiah is a life-giving Ruach (Spirit). **46** What comes (1<sup>st</sup>) first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. **47** Adam, the (1<sup>st</sup>) first man, was made from the dust of the Earth, while Messiah, the (2<sup>nd</sup>) second man, came from Shamyim (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 **וְיֵשׁוּעָא** (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.**

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 Alahym of love really inflict such suffering on his creation? Anyone who does not love does not know **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), because **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is love. **I John 4:8.**

“Alahym proceeded to form the man out of the dust of the ground and to blow into his nostrils the Breath of Life (Ruach) and the Man came to be a Living Soul.” **Genesis 2:7.**

The original Hebrew text reads: “And **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) Alahym formed the Man out of dust from the ground, and Breathed into his nostrils Breath (Ruach) of Life. And the Man became a Living Being.”

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

Nestled in a passage that discusses the role **וְיֵשׁוּעָא** (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.**

Scripture describes "the Grave" in English for many different things in Hebrew, which Sheol seems to have more than (1) one level just as Shamyim (Heavens) does.

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 Yisrael 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**

She'ol (/ˈʃiːoʊl/ SHEE-ohl or /ˈʃiːəl/ SHEE-əl; Hebrew שְׁאוֹל Š'ōl), translated as "Grave", "Pit", or "Abode of the Dead", in the Tanakh (Old Testament), 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 אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah).

While the Tanakh (Old Testament) writings describe Sheol as the permanent place of the Dead (an eternal state of being Dead), in the (2<sup>nd</sup>) 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 (1<sup>st</sup>) first section, the faithful believers blissfully await Judgment Day, in the (2) second section, the moderately-good await their Reward, in the (3<sup>rd</sup>) third section, the wicked are Punished and await their Judgment at the Resurrection (Gehenna), and in the (4<sup>th</sup>) 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 New Testament where Hades is both the underworld of the Dead and the personification of the Evil it represents.

## **Death is like sleep**

In several locations of Scripture Death is likened to Sleep. Notice 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.**

**(2) Two matters to Address:**

(1) How is Death similar to Sleep?

(2) Second, 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.**

**Psalms 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 (Ruach) Spirit departs to Sheol.

In Ecclesiastes we read “The Dead know not anything” **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 Ruach (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 Ruach (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 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 Ruach (Spirit) creating a Soul (Yahuah's Breath (Ruach) 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 Book of Hanok (Enoch)**

Section II. Chapters XXXVII-LXXI

The Parables

[Chapter 37]

The second vision which he saw, the vision of wisdom -which Hanok (Enoch) the son of Yared, the son <sup>2</sup> of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, saw. And this is the beginning of the words of wisdom which I lifted up my voice to speak and say to those which dwell on Earth: Hear, you Men of old time, and see, you that come after, the words of the Kadosh (Holy) <sup>3</sup> (1) One which I will speak before אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of Ruachs (Spirits). It were better to declare (them only) to the men of old time, but even from those that come after we will not withhold the beginning of Wisdom. <sup>4</sup> Till the present day such Wisdom has never been given by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of Ruachs (Spirits) as I have received according to my insight, according to the good pleasure of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of Ruach (Spirits) by whom the lot of <sup>5</sup> Eternal Life has been given to me. Now (3) three Parables were imparted to me, and I lifted up my voice and recounted them to those that dwell on the Earth.

[Chapter 38]

The (1<sup>st</sup>) first Parable.

When the congregation of the Righteous shall appear, And Sinners shall be Judged for their Sins, And shall be driven from the face of the Earth: <sup>2</sup> And when the Righteous One shall appear before the eyes of the Righteous, Whose elect works hang upon אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of Ruachs (Spirits), And light shall appear to the Righteous and the Elect (Chosen) who dwell on the Earth, Where then will be the dwelling of the Sinners, And where the resting-place of those who have denied אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of Ruachs (Spirits)? It had been good for them if they had not been Born. <sup>3</sup> When the Secrets of the Righteous shall be revealed and the Sinners

Judged, And the Unrighteous driven from the presence of the Righteous and Elect, <sup>4</sup> From that time those that possess the Earth shall no longer be Powerful and Exalted: And they shall not be able to behold the face of the Kadosh (holy), For **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) of Ruachs (Spirits) has caused His light to appear on the face of the Kadosh (Holy), Righteous, and Elect (Chosen). <sup>5</sup> Then shall the Kings and the Mighty perish And be given into the hands of the Righteous and Kadosh (Holy). <sup>6</sup> And thenceforward none shall seek for themselves mercy from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) of Ruachs (Spirits) For their life is at an end.

### **The New Testament 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.

**וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said: Our friend Lazarus Sleeps but I go, that I may awake him out of Sleep... Then said **וַיֹּאמֶר** (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 **וַיֹּאמֶר** (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 Ruach (Spirit): and having said thus, He gave up the Ruach (Spirit)” **Luke 23:46**. He was the (1<sup>st</sup>) First to rise from Sheol (the Grave) and assend to the Right hand of the Father.

Only a little over (3) three decades before, Messiah had come from the presence of the Father, His Ruach (Spirit) having taken its abode in the body prepared by **אֵלֹהִים** (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 **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s Righteous Torah (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 Ruach (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 Ruach (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 Ruach (Spirit) and simple Amanah (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 Saviour said to the dying Sinner: “Today shall You be with me in Paradise.” They were killing his Body to be sure, but **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) 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 Ruach (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: “**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, receive my Ruach (Spirit)” **Acts 7:59**. This disciple of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) did not seek to postpone Death or to fight it off. He remembered the Words of **OWYAZL** (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 **OWYAZL** (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 **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) can never cheat us out of the presence of our Adon and the place that He has prepared for us.

Paul gives us a glimpse into his inner life in an experience that appears only once in all of his writings. It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). I knew

a Man in OWYAZL (Yahusha) above (14) fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell, or whether out of the Body, I cannot tell: AYAZL (Yahuah) knows;) such as (1) one caught up to the (3<sup>rd</sup>) third Shamyim (Heaven). And I knew such a Man, (whether in the Body, or out of the Body, I cannot tell; AYAZL (Yahuah) knows;) How that He was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable Words, which it is not lawful for a Man to utter **2 Corinthians 12:1-4**.

There is no doubt that Paul is referring to himself, although he refers to himself in the (3<sup>rd</sup>) third person. (14) Fourteen years before the writing of this Epistle, Paul says that he was caught up into the “(3<sup>rd</sup>) third Shamyim (Heavens),” also called “Paradise.” Scripture speaks of (3) three Shamyim (Heavens). There is the atmospheric Heaven in which the Birds fly, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Heaven is the Heaven where the Stars, the Sun and the Moon shine, and the (3<sup>rd</sup>) third Heaven is called Paradise, where AYAZL (Yahuah) is and where His esteem (glory) is set forth. It was into the (3<sup>rd</sup>) third Heaven, into the presence of AYAZL (Yahuah), where Paul was taken. If we study the chronology of Paul’s journeys and labors, we find that a little more than (14) fourteen years before he wrote his Epistle to the Corinthians he was laboring at Lystra **Acts 14:19**.

There the Hebrews stoned him and dragged him outside the city thinking he was Dead. It is generally believed that his experience in Paradise to which he refers took place at Lystra while he lay unconscious. He tells us that he was so enraptured by the glories that he saw in Shamyim (3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven) that he did not know whether or not he was there in Body--“whether in the Body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the Body, I cannot tell: AYAZL (Yahuah) knows.”

There are (3) three accounts of OWYAZL (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 OWYAZL (Yahusha) came to the daughter of Jairus, 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 OWYAZL (Yahusha) speaks to the person as if he were Alive.

### **The Rich man and Lazarus**

In OWYAZL (Yahusha)’s account of the Rich Man and Lazarus we have the matter summed up and settled that the Ruach (Spirit) is conscious after

death. Both Men Died and were Buried. Though their Bodies were in Sheol (the Grave), each of them was Alive and Conscious. The Rich Man in Sheol (the Grave) could see, hear, speak, and feel. **Luke 16:19-31.**

### **What does the parable mean?**

The ‘Rich Man’ represented the Pharisees in **Luke 16:14**. The beggar Lazarus represented the common Yahudim people who were despised by the Pharisees, but who repented and became followers of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach. **Luke 18:11, John 7:49, Matthew 21:31-32**

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is relating an illustration in **Luke 16:1-31** about a Rich Man and a poor beggar named Lazarus. The Rich Man represents the Religious Leaders who are favored with Spiritual privileges and opportunities, and Lazarus pictures the common people who hunger for true Spiritual nourishment.

Their Deaths were symbolic, representing a change in circumstances. Thus, the formerly despised ones came into position of divine favor, and the formerly seemingly favored ones were rejected by **AYAZL** (Yahuah), while being tormented by the judgment messages delivered by the ones whom they had despised. **Acts 5:33, Acts 7:54**

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) continues His story, describing a dramatic change in the Men’s circumstances. “Now in course of time”, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) says, “the Beggar Died and he was carried off by the Malakym (Angels) to the Bosom (the Breast or Chest area of the Body) of Abraham (The Father of Amanah (Faith)). Also, the Rich Man Died and was Buried. And in Sheol he lifted up his Eyes, he existing in torment, and he saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in the bosom position with him.

These (2) Two symbolize classes of people, What do their Deaths symbolize, or represent? **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) had just finished pointing to a change in circumstances by saying that “Torah (the law) and the prophets were until Yahuchanon (John) the Immerser (the Baptizer), but from then on the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is being declared.” Hence, it is with the preaching of Yahuchanon (John) and **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach that both the Rich Man and Lazarus Die to their former circumstances, or condition. Those of the Humble who Repentant. The Lazarus class, Die to their former Spiritually deprived condition and come into position of Divine Favor. **Genesis 12:3**

Now the Scriptural Truths imparted by **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) declare they are thus brought into the bosom, or favored position, of the promise of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) through Amanah (Faith) through Abraham (Bosom).

On the other hand, those who make up the Rich Man class come under divine disfavor because of persistently refusing to accept the Kingdom message taught by **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach. They thereby Die to their former position of seeming Favor. In fact, they are spoken of as being in figurative Torment.

Listen as the Rich Man speaks: “Father Abraham, have Mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in this Blazing Fire. Has this person already been Judged? In some regard that happens at Death according to Scripture where we are divided and Separated in Sheol.

**AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s fiery judgment messages proclaimed by **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)’s disciples are what torment individuals of the Rich Man class. They want the disciples to let up on declaring these messages, thus providing them some measure of relief from their torments. “But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you received in full your good things in your lifetime, but Lazarus correspondingly the injurious things. Now, however, he is having comfort here but you are in anguish. And besides all these things, a great gulf (chasm) has been fixed between us and your people, so that those wanting to go over from here to your people cannot, neither may people cross over there to us.”

How just and appropriate that such a dramatic reversal takes place between the Lazarus class and the rich man class! The change in conditions is accomplished a few months later at Pentecost 31 A.D., when the New Covenant went into full effect. It then becomes unmistakably clear that the disciples are favored by **AYAZL** (Yahuah), not the Pharisees and other religious leaders. The “Great Chasm” that Separates the symbolic Rich Man from **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)’s Disciples therefore represents **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s Unchangeable, Righteous Judgment.

The Rich Man next requests “Father Abraham” to send Lazarus to the house of my father, for I have (5) five brothers.” The Rich Man thus confesses he has a closer relationship to another father, who is actually HaSatan (the Devil). The Rich Man requests that Lazarus water down **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s Judgment messages so as not to put his “(5) five brothers”, his Religious allies, in “this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets, let them listen to these.” Yes, if the “(5) five brothers” would escape Torment, all they have to do is heed the Writings of Moses and the Prophets that identify **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) as the Messiah and then become His disciples.

But the Rich Man objects: “No, indeed, Father Abraham, but if someone from the Dead goes to them they will Repent. But he said to him, If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the Dead.”

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.**

### **Is there life after Death?**

Though we may Die, **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) comes again (**1 Corinthians 15:51-54.**

According to this verse, the Righteous do not to go Heaven when they die. They remain asleep in Sheol (the grave) or Abrahams Bosom until **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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). **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) and His Disciples teach it. When **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 **אֵלֹהִים** (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 **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 Incorruption, 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.**

## **Reincarnation**

There are many insinuations about being someone else many times throughout Scripture.

"For all the prophets and the law have prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is EliYah (Elijah) who was to come." **Matthew 11:13-14**

"And the disciples asked him, saying, 'Why then do the scribes say that EliYAH (Elijah) must come first?' "But he answered them and said, 'EliYah indeed is to come and will restore all things. But I say to you that EliYah has come already, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also shall the Son of Man suffer at their hand.' "Then the disciples understood that he had spoken of John the Baptist." **Matthew 17:10-13**

"Behold I will send you EliYah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of **אֲדָמָה** (Yahuah)." **Malachi 4:5**

Now when **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” **14** And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say EliYah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” **15** He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” **16** Simon Peter replied, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Aluah (God).” **17** And **וְיָהוּשָׁע** (Yahusha) answered him, “Baruch (Blessed) are you, Simon Bar-Yonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Shalyim (Heavens). **Matthew 16:13-17, Mark 8:29**

This is a study on Reincarnation to understand what could possible happens after Death, it is not what you would expect, but how does this fit into what scripture actually teaches?

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## Can the Human Soul Die?

The prophet Ezekiel wrote: “All the Souls – to me they belong. As the soul of the father so likewise the soul of the son – to me they belong. The soul (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 Pentecost 31 A.D., the apostle Peter declared: “Indeed, any Soul that does not listen to that Prophet **OWYAF** (Yahusha) HaMashiach will be completely destroyed from among the people.” So the Soul is Mortal, it will Die the (2<sup>nd</sup>) Second Death. **Acts 3:23.**

The Scriptures state: “As for the Dead, they are conscious of nothing at all”. **Ecclesiastes 9:5, Psalms 146:3,4.** The Word specifically tells us that there is no Purgatory, nor burning Hell, and that there is a hope that Dead people will be resurrected.

**OWYAF** (Yahusha) said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' "Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'" **OWYAF** (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**

## Hell

The word “Hell” is a Manmade 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 She’ohl’ (sheol) and its Greek equivalent hai’des’ (hades), which refer, not to an individual burial place, but to the common grave of dead mankind; also the Greek ge’enna (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.

Our study on Hell to help you gain more understanding.

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### **Hinnom:**

Hinnom was a deep, narrow valley next to Yerusalem. "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 Yerusalem 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 Yerusalem. 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 Messiah to symbolize capitol 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 Yisrael 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 Alahym, 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 Yisrael. It was used for burning trash, dead bodies, execution of certain criminals and in **Jeremiah 7:31-33**, we see where some of the Yisraelites 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 **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, **Ecclesiastes 12:7, Romans 6:23, Acts 24:15, John 5:28,29**.

We know from the Scriptures that the (1<sup>st</sup>) first resurrection is all Righteous people who served and walked for Messiah 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 (1<sup>st</sup>) 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."

The Torah is the answer to life and holds the establishment for the coming Reign (Kingdom) of Messiah. Therefore it is the Book of the Living, not the Dead. It is opened up for knowledge to be given to those in **Revelation 20:12-15, I Peter 4:5,6, Acts 10:42**.

**John 5:28** "All that are in the Graves shall rise." Now if they rise, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) already knowing what they've 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Sheol (The Grave) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the (2<sup>nd</sup>) second Death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> 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).

## **Soul and Spirit**

**Genesis 2:7** “And man became a living soul (being).” Our life force is the Ruach (Spirit) **Ecclesiastes 12:7**. Man and animals and all other creatures live through the life force (breath of life) of אַחַד (Yahuah), which is a Ruach (Spirit). Scriptures indicate that we will have spiritual bodies, invisible, and visible in the world to come. **John 3:6, Psalms 49:6-14, Psalms 86:13, Psalms 116:8, 1 Peter 1:21-25, 1 Corinthians 15**

**Revelation 1:18** “I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of Sheol (the Grave) and of Death”: (1<sup>st</sup>) First 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 אַחַד (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 Messiah & 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 אַחַד (Yahuah) giving us an example and promise of what He will do upon His return. **Psalms 30:3**

**Genesis 2:7** specifically states that man (Body) became a Living Soul . After Alahym put the life force within him **Ecclesiastes 12:7**

אַחַד (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 **OWאַחַד** (Yahusha) dying for us, we can be brought back to a place where we have direct contact with אַחַד (Yahuah) the Father, in which we lost through our (1<sup>st</sup>) first parents, Adam and Eve, who will be resurrected in the last day. **OWאַחַד** (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. Messiah being raised from the Dead was **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s way of showing us security.

By His love we are assured that we will also rise, when **וְיָשׁוּעָה** (Yahusha) returns. **וְיָשׁוּעָה** (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 Scriptures indicate where the righteous will be, and where the wicked will be. Throughout the entire writings we are informed of the Creator's plan for Mankind.

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**.

### **The (1<sup>st</sup>) First Resurrection:**

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the (1000) thousand years were ended (AFTER). This is the (1<sup>st</sup>) First Resurrection. **ב** Baruch (Blessed) and Kadosh (Holy) is the (1) one who shares in the (1<sup>st</sup>) First Resurrection! Over such the (2<sup>nd</sup>) Second Death has no Power (therefore you are granted Eternal Life), they will be Priests of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and of Messiah, and they will reign with him for a (1000) thousand years. **Revelation 20:5-6** Think about this and let it soak it in.

**Proverbs 30:5-6:** "Every Word of Aluah (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 Alahym, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth (Torah).

### **Hellenism of the concept of the Grave**

Today we just glance over the term "Hellenized" and think of that term as simply translating the Hebrew texts into the Greek language. That is not at all what happened nor what the term "Hellenized" means. Hellenism is the ancient Greek Religion. Hellenized is taking that ancient Greek Religion and blending it with the Truth of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) also known as Syncretism.

Our concepts of Death, Hell, and Heaven are a result of Hellenism, Pagan Philosophies and Beliefs. The Pagan Word and Philosophy for the after life is Hades which replaced the Hebrew Word and Concept of Sheol (the Grave).

## **Afterlife**

The Greeks believed in an underworld where the Spirits of the Dead went after Death. It was commonly supposed that unless the proper funeral rituals were performed, the deceased person's Spirit would never reach the underworld and so would haunt the upper World as a Ghost forever. One of the most widespread areas of the underworld was known as Hades. This was ruled over by a god, a brother of Zeus, who was called Hades (his realm was originally called 'the place of Hades'). Another realm, called Tartarus, was the place where the Damned were thought to go, a place of torment. A (3<sup>rd</sup>) third realm, was a pleasant place where the virtuous Dead and initiates in the mystery cults were said to dwell.

In Christianity the popular belief is that there is a cosmic battle between God (Zeus) 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 (Elysium or the Elysian Fields). All of this is totally unscriptural and Pagan in origin.

## **(2) Second Question**

Now, let's return to our (2) second question regarding **1 Thessalonians 4:14**: From where does **OWYִאֵל** (Yahusha) bring these people who "Sleep in **OWYִאֵל** (Yahusha)" (i.e., people who are Dead)? Some would say He brings them from Heaven. Is this what Scripture teaches?

**OWYִאֵל** (Yahusha) HaMashiach said in **John 3:13**: "No one has ascended to Shamayim (the Heavens) but He who came down from Shamayim (the Heavens), that is, the Son of Man who is in Shamayim (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 **אֵלֵאֵל** (Yahuah), that we who are alive and remain until the coming of **OWYִאֵל** (Yahusha) will by no means precede those who are asleep [are Dead]. For **OWYִאֵל** (Yahusha) Himself will descend from Shamyim (the Heavens) with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the Shofar (trumpet) of

אָיִשׁ (Yahuah). And the Dead in **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) will rise (1<sup>st</sup>) first”. **1 Thessalonians 4:15-16**

When **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) returns. He or she would be descending from Shamyim (Heavens), yet this is not what Paul taught the Thessalonians.

This teaching of our being raised from Sheol (the Grave) at **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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.”

**וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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 **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach returns to the Earth at the last day, the followers of **וְיָשׁוּעַ** (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.