



Afterlife Overtime: The History of Hell

HELL
TARTARUS

Examine Our “Lense”

The principles of hermeneutics are a set of rules and methods for interpreting texts, especially the Bible, with a focus on understanding the author's original meaning. Key principles include considering the text's context (historical, cultural, and literary), understanding its grammar and language, identifying the specific genre, and using scripture to interpret scripture, author's intent.

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SHEOL

Sheol is a term found in the Hebrew Bible, often translated as "the grave," "the pit," or "the realm of the dead."

Daniel 12:2

And many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, but others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3Then the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

Plato’s Republic/ Myth of Er 375 B.C.

Book of Enoch 300 B.C Apocrypha

Pharisees and Essenes 150 B.C

New Testament Writings

Gehenna - Valley of Hinnom

Hades - Greek god of the dead and later the realm of the dead

Tartarus

Primeval god, offspring of Chaos. Later Tartarus becomes deep abyss used as a dungeon of torment and suffering for the wicked and as the prison for the Titans.

Apocalypse of Peter - 150 A.D.

The Gospel of Nicodemus/Acts of Pilate 350 A.D.

Hell as word in literature 725

Norse Mythology - 9th century

Hel (Hell) goddess of Norse underworld

Artist Dante Alighieri 1265-1321

The Divine Comedy, the Inferno - 1308

King James Version inserts the word hell into its translation of the Bible - 1611

Sheol, Hades, Gehenna and Tartarus all translated as Hell

Three Orthodox Views on Hell held by Early Church

Councils and Creeds define Orthodoxy

Patristic Fathers - Traditional/Eternal Conscious Torment
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Clement of Rome. 35 A.D.

Tertullian 160 to 220 A.D.

Augustine of Hippo 345 - 530 A.D.

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Polycarp 69-155 A.D.

Justin Martyr 90 A.D - 165 A.D

Patristic Fathers - Universal Restoration

Apokatastasis

A Greek term meaning "restoration" or "return to an original state"

Catechetical Schools

Clement of Alexandria 150-215 A.D.

Origen 185-253 A.D

Gregory of Nyssa. 335-394 A.D.

Clement of Alexandria 150-215 A.D.



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