

## Further Biblical Study on Hades

(the Greek word *hadēs*), also known as *Sheol* (the Hebrew word שְׁאוֹל)

Hades in the Bible is the temporary abode of the dead that only exists until judgment. It consists of two compartments: a place of comfort (also called Abraham's bosom), **(Luk 16:23) In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side,** and a place of torment that will be cast into the lake of fire. **(Rev 20:14) Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.** Jesus is said to have entered Hades. **(Act 2:27) For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.** When all unbelievers are resurrected out of Hades, both compartments will be empty, and it will also be thrown into the lake of fire.

Believers in Sheol (Hades)

**(Gen 37:35) [Jacob said], "I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.";** **(Job 14:13) Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath be past!;** **(Psa 88:3) My life draws near to Sheol.;** **(Isa 38:10) I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.**

Unbelievers in Sheol (Hades)

**(Num 16:30) If the Lord creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth...and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the Lord.";** **(Psa 9:17) The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.;** **(Psa 31:17) O Let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.;** **(Isa 5:14) Sheol has enlarged its appetite...and the...multitude [of revelers] will go down.**

The Old Testament shows the righteous and wicked going to Sheol (Hades) after death. Believers were removed from Hades at Jesus's ascension.

**(Eph 4:8) Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." 9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?**

"He led a host of captives" with him when He ascended to heaven. People in Hades are called captives because they couldn't go to heaven before this. They were captive in the place of comfort in Hades. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He first "descended into the lower regions of the earth," referring to Hades, where He released the captives.

**(Mat 27:52-53) The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.**

Further reference scriptures: **Psa 16:10; Mat 11:23; Mat 16:18; Luk 10:15; Rev 1:18; Rev 6:8; Rev 20:13.**