

# **JOY COMES IN THE MORNING**

## **Part 11**

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I know we've already read these verses, but I want to go back over them real quick to sort of lay that foundation from last week to what we're going to be talking about today. The day of judgment will begin a whole new era where the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let me explain the purpose of the Great White Throne Judgment real quick.

The purpose of the judgment is for the whole world to learn righteousness. Do you know what all of you are learning every time you hear me preach, every time you read your Bible? You're learning righteousness. What does that mean? You're learning the right way to do it, it's that simple. You're learning the right way, the narrow way. Well, you are the first harvest.

You are learning now what the whole world must learn. Remember folks, every knee is going to bow, every tongue is going to confess that Yahshua is the son of Yahweh. Therefore, once they confess that, that's not the end for them, that's the beginning. How many of you in this room have bowed your knee and confessed that Yahshua is the son of Yahweh? What happened after that? You had to learn righteousness. You had to learn how to live your life pleasing to your heavenly Father.

The whole world's going to learn that. Before they can learn it, they've got to go through what you've been through, the lake of fire, the rod of iron, the chastisement. Every one of you in this class today have felt the whippings of the Lord have you not? Amen? Anybody here ever suffered knowing it was his divine suffering? I have.

So, we've all had to go through that, but you see, we went through it *willingly*. We submitted our hearts to Yahweh. In the great white throne judgment era, which will last, we believe, about 100 years, those people are going to learn righteousness. How are they going to learn it? They're going to be cast into the lake of fire. Hallelujah.

You've got to come to understand that the lake of fire is mentioned nowhere in the Torah. Keep that in your mind, ok? Every Christian sermon is about hell. I get it, and that's alright, and I'm not against talking about the judgment to come. But it's nowhere in Torah. The only hell that Torah teaches us is hell on earth that we create in our rebellion. If you'll go look at Torah and read Torah, it says if you don't this I'm going to send this, I'm going to do this and that. Did you know that

God said he was going to send hemorrhoids on people because they didn't obey him? Did you know that? So if you get in it, you might want to see what's going on. I'm just telling you the Bible says that. It causes *emerods* but it's the same thing. So my point is, that's sort of a living hell, amen? Oh, so when you read Torah you read about a hell of an existence you create from your rebellion. But nowhere in Torah do we read about this lake of fire, nowhere do we read about this eternal torment from a psychotic creator who is going to send you to this boiling, belching hell.

If you go to part one, I teach you where that doctrine came from, the Catholic Church. Purgatory was necessary to create income for the Christian church and therefore, if you keep people in fear, you can keep them in church. So what we're trying to do here—I don't want anyone to misunderstand me—we're not teaching that there's not going to be a hell to pay for the choices you make, ok? You don't "get off" — you're going to pay a hellish price for the sins in your life. But you are not going to be tormented for all eternity. To say that about God takes away his justice which he is known for.

You cannot torment a living body for as long as Yahweh lives. It doesn't even add up. Two plus two must equal four. That doesn't equal out, that's not justice. How many of you know good people, they may have accepted Christ as their savior as a little child, never went back to church after that, but they lived a good life, they didn't molest children, they lived a good life. According to Christianity, they're all going to be tormented as long as God lives. Now folks you've got to get that out of your head. Here's why. If you're not careful you will fear the lake of fire that is supposedly coming after you die more than you fear the lake of fire right now.

I just said a mouthful so I'm going to say it again. Your greatest fear needs to be that you're not tormented daily in that lake of fire in this life from your rebellion. As we study today, I want you to keep in mind all of these things so that you can follow me where we're going today. Let's read Revelations 20:15. This is the only book of the Bible where you will find the lake of fire. Think about that folks. I want you to comprehend what I just said. That lake of fire is mentioned nowhere else in the scriptures. Do you know what that means? That means that the apostle Paul would've known nothing about a lake of fire. Did you all know that?

Do you know the apostle Peter would have known nothing about it? Why? They studied what? Torah. The lake of fire's not in Torah. Where did it come from? From a vision that is symbolic. The majority of John's visions, the vast majority, is symbolism. The seven stars—we know that's not seven stars. The seven candlesticks—we know that's not candlesticks. It's symbolism. You have to learn that symbolism or else you'll continue to walk in false doctrine.

## Revelations 20:15

**And whoever was not found written in The Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

### LEARNING RIGHTEOUSNESS

- This Day of Judgment will begin a whole new era, where the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
- That is the purpose of the “lake of fire” (**Rev. 20:15**), which is formed by the “river of fire” (**Dan. 7:10**).
- The river of fire proceeds out of the fiery throne (**Dan. 7:9**) and represents the judgments of the “fiery law” (**Deut. 33:2, KJV**).

*Alright, there we go pastor, see it says right there whoever is not found written in the book of life.* First of all that’s talking about the great white throne judgment. The books will be open and the book of life will be open. Men will be given 100 years. If their name is not written in the lamb’s book of life, then they will be cast into the lake of fire for that 100 years.

Follow me now, stay with me. Why? To learn righteousness during that judgment period. We’re going to find out more and more today what these references are referring to. Let’s read Daniel 7:10, and let me remind you of where the lake of fire is fed from. All rivers flow into the sea.

### Daniel 7:10

**A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him; thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**

Alright, do you see? Here we are at the judgment. Now who are these people who are ministering to him? The people that’s already been in the lake of fire. Hallelujah. That’s your first resurrection people. That’s your first harvest. They’re at the judgment. Why? Because they just lived at the 1,000 year millennial reign. Now the judgment is set, the books are open, and a river of fire begins to flow forth from the judgment seat of Christ.

Now why is there a river of fire flowing? Because everyone who’s not found written in the book of life who didn’t make it in that first resurrection, they’re all about to get thrown into that river of fire. Oh I wish people could hear what I’m telling you today. Amen. You’re all going into the fire.

Let's go to Deuteronomy 33:2. Now remember the books are open. What are the books that will be open? Torah. Torah is the books that will be judged by the law, will be open at the great white throne judgment. And what does Moses refer to as the Torah? You may need to read that out of the King James Version to get the reading I need out of that.

**Deuteronomy 33:2**

**And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.**

There you go. The books will be open. Did you hear me? The books will be open. What will be open? That fiery law. And what will flow forth from that judgment seat? The river of fire that comes from that fiery law. That will be a place where unbelievers will be cast into, whoremongers, liars, cheaters, rebellion. How many of you before you got thrown into the fire was a liar? Come on now. How many of you before you got thrown into the fire was an adulterer, a fornicator? Come on now, I'm trying to help you. The Bible says all liars will have their part, and he started with you! Come on now! Amen! You were a liar and you had your part in the lake of fire, did you not? Until he took that lying tongue and burned it right out of your mouth. Hallelujah.

All gossipers are going into the lake of fire. Some of you are in it right now, you're trying to stop gossiping. That fire's burning it out of you. Pity parties are going into the lake of fire. Victim mentalities are going into the lake of fire, some of them are going right now. But for those whose name is not written in the book, they'll go into it at another time. So let's put the pieces of this puzzle together.

No mention of the lake of fire in the Torah. Let's put that together. The Torah is referred to as the fiery law. Daniel says that when the books are opened, which is the Torah, that that fire will flow forth from those that are not written in the book of life, they're not the 144,000. That fiery law will flow forth and all liars will have their part in that fire, all whoremongers, all adulterers, all sorcerers—they'll all be in that lake of fire. They will burn.

Let's go and talk about why the Christian church in my opinion is so messed up on the subject of hell. By the way, every Christian I know of, not everyone but the vast majority, are all good people. They love the Lord Jesus Christ. We are not putting down on people. We are putting down on systems that have bound those people, and that's what our anger is towards, Babylon, not to those stuck in Babylon. Always remember that. We're not mad at anybody. We're mad at Satan for taking and blinding the people. We're trying to get them unblinded.



So how do they mess it up so bad about hell? I'm going to explain it right now. I'm going to break it down for you.

## LET'S DISCUSS HELL !!!

- There is one Hebrew word and three Greek words which have been translated "hell" in our commonly used King James or Authorized Version of the Bible  
Hebrew - **SHEOL** –  
**GEHANNA**
- **Tartaroo** –
- **HADES** –  
"Hell the Potatoes" or a dating couple would seek "for a hell" to getaway to for courting
- **Rev. 1:17-18** – how we MISUSE the word HELL !!!

There is one Hebrew word and three Greek words which have all been translated into the word HELL and that's where the misunderstanding comes in. In the King James (or Queen James) version of the Bible, in Hebrew, every time you see the word, it's the Hebrew word *Sheol* which simply means "the place of the dead". But when we get into the New Testament, there are three Greek words, and all three Greek words are translated hell and they should not be.

This is where the confusion comes in. *Gehenna*, *Tartaroo*, and *Hades*. Those three Greek words are what we're going to learn today. So you have three words that all mean something totally different and yet they're all translated as the word hell. If you don't know this, every time you're reading your Bible and you see the word hell, as a student, you have a duty now to find out which word was translated into that specific word hell.

So today, unlearn the lies and learn the truth. The word hell automatically in your mind means the lake of fire, the place we all go when we die. And yet only one of those three words have anything to do with the afterlife. We're going to learn more as we go along today.

Let me give you an example. In Old English they use the word hell in a different way. They would say...we're going to "hell the potatoes". What does that mean? We're going to hide, put it in a dark place because from what I understand you want your potatoes to be in a dark place. So in Old English they would "hell the potatoes". Also in Old English, if a couple were courting and they wanted to kiss on one another, neck on one another, without being seen, they would find a "hell". That was Old English. Before it's over, probably wind up doing something

that would send them to hell. But anyway, they would hell themselves, hide themselves, because they didn't want anyone to see them necking. You know you all used to go to the movie theaters, the drive-ins...the back seat, that was your hell. That was a hell. It was called a hiding place.

So you need to know how these words were used. Let's read Revelation 1:17-18. I'm going to show you how we misuse the word hell.

### **Revelation 1:17-18**

**17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.**

**18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

Alright, we automatically think that he's referring to he's got the keys to hell, the keys to the lake of fire. No he does not have the keys to the lake of fire because there is no such thing. He has the key to hell. Keep that in mind and in a moment I'll explain to you exactly what that means.

The first thing we're going to talk about. Let's go to Ephesians 4:8-10.

### **Ephesians 4:8-10**

**8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.**

**9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?**

**10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)**

We're all going to mess up all your false teachings and doctrines today. One of the biggest false doctrines in the Christian church is that Yahshua went to hell and preached to people in hell. First of all, it's the biggest lie, we're about to kill that lie out of your mind.

But according to that scripture he did. *He descended into hell pastor, it says it right there.* No it doesn't. You think that's what it says because you don't understand the three meanings of the word hell. So we're going to deal with that false doctrine here in a moment so we can get that out of your mind.

## THE LAKE OF FIRE

- Eph. 4:8-10. The quotation is from Ps. 68:18
- I believe every word from the Bible about the LAKE OF FIRE. I simply do not believe the words of ROME, the apostate churches, or tradition says about it
- The teaching concerning the lake of fire does not appear anywhere in Scripture except in the book of Revelation

I want to say before I go any further, I believe every word in the Bible about the lake of fire. I simply do not believe the words of Rome or Babylon or what tradition says about the lake of fire. So nobody leave here saying I don't believe in the lake of fire. I do. I just believe what the Bible says about it and not what the Roman Catholic Church taught me. So keep that in mind.

## GEHANNA EXPLAINED

- The city dump outside of Jerusalem that never stopped burning – the worms never died
- The word *gehenna* is a Greek transliteration from the Hebrew “Valley of Hinnom” (or *Ge-Hinnom*) which was a deep gorge to the southwest of Jerusalem. It was also called the Valley of Tophet



The first thing we're going to talk about is that word Gehenna. You're looking at Gehenna in that picture right above. That is Gehenna. That valley in the earth outside of Jerusalem just southwest of Jerusalem is the Valley of Hinnom which is where we get the word Ge-Hinnom or Gehenna. What was this valley? This is the only thing Yahshua ever refers to when he's talking because there's some folks when I said a while ago the lake of fire's only mentioned in the book of Revelation, they were immediately thinking Jesus talked about the lake of fire. Jesus/Yahshua talked about Gehenna, not a lake of fire under the earth.

But in that valley it was the city dump outside of Jerusalem that never stopped burning. The worms never died there because there was always maggoty trash for the worms to eat continuously. So the worm never died in the Valley of Hinnom.

It's a Greek transliteration from the the Hebrew Valley of Hinnom, a deep gorge just outside of Jerusalem. In the Old Testament it was also called the Valley of Tophet. It's important. Look at that picture. Every time Yahshua talked about hell that's what he was talking about. Gehenna. How do we know that? Just go look at where he mentions hell and you'll find the Greek word Gehenna. This is Gehenna.

## GEHANNA EXPLAINED

- when 185,000 Assyrian soldiers died during their siege in the days of King Hezekiah, the bodies were piled in the valley of Hinnom and set on fire (Isa 30:31-33; 37:36)
- The valley of Gehenna was not only filled with garbage, refuse, and sewage, but also with dead bodies that people were trying to dispose of (due to crime, sickness, poverty, or shame).
- City officials occasionally sought to get rid of the garbage and also cover the stench by igniting the refuse on fire. But since there was so much garbage, and since more was added every day, the fire never really died. It burned day and night, seemingly forever and ever.



When 185,000 Assyrian soldiers were surrounding Jerusalem and they all died—remember that one angel killed 185,000 Assyrians—their bodies were all piled in the Valley of Hinnom and they were what? Set on fire. The fire never went out in the Valley of Hinnom. It burned continuously to handle the dead bodies, to handle the trash in the city of Jerusalem.

### **Isaiah 30:31-33**

**31 For through the voice of Yahweh shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.**

**32 And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which Yahweh shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.**

**33 For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared...**

Tophet is prepared for the destruction of these kings of Assyria. What is Tophet? You're looking at Tophet. You automatically think in your mind...he says that hell is being prepared for these kings. But he says "Tophet". This is the valley of Tophet and it has been prepared to throw their dead bodies into. You've got to know how to read your Bible.

**...he hath made it deep and large...**

*See pastor, he's making hell, the lake of fire, deep and large!!* No, no. Look, that valley is deep and large. The picture doesn't do it justice. It's huge.

**...the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of Yahweh, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.**

*See brother Vaughn, there's hell right there.* No, that's Hinnom. Go read chapter 37 and verse 36. And it is set on fire because the worm never dies in Gehenna, it never died in the Tophet valley. The worms, the maggots always had dead bodies to live on in that valley.

But how many of you heard it preached in church that when we go to hell the worms and the maggots are all going to be eating our eyes out. I mean, come on now. Yahshua always referred to that Valley of Hinnom as the place of death where you are annihilated. You're burned up and the worm dies not, but do you know how we interpreted that in Pentecostal churches? That when you get to hell, the worms are never going to die. Well I'm sorry if my body burns up in the lake of fire—there's nothing for worms to eat on. But in the Valley of Hinnom, those dead bodies just lay there for decades. The worms never died.

I'm trying to set you all free today. But yet I'm putting a bigger burden on you. The truth is I'm not taking a burden off of you, I'm putting a bigger burden on you. Why? Because you've got to go to the lake of fire. Do you understand? I'm actually putting you all in hell now instead of you all thought you were going later, but I'm putting you in hell now. Hallelujah. So don't get it twisted, we're not letting you out of hell, but what we're doing is teaching you how to embrace the fire. I'll show you why you need to embrace that fire in just a moment.

**Isaiah 37:36**

**Then the angel of Yahweh went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.**

One angel—200,000 men were killed by one angel in a matter of minutes. You don't think you want to attract angels to your life? You don't want angels fighting for you? One angel killed 200,000 men in a matter of moments. You might want to get one of those, you might want to attract one of those. Hallelujah. They'll destroy all your enemies, they'll go before you and destroy your enemies as long as you fear Yahweh. You all that's powerful. You can have one of those angels right there that will fight your enemies for you. Praise Yahweh.

Ok, so they were thrown into Tophet or the Valley of Hinnom. Alright let's continue. I want to talk more about this Valley of Hinnom. The Valley of Hinnom was not only filled with garbage, refuse and sewage. People would bring their feces, their buckets, their privy chambers and pour it in the Valley of Hinnom. Dead bodies that people were trying to dispose of due to crime, sickness, all went into that valley.

City officials occasionally sought to get rid of the garbage and to cover the stench by igniting the refuse on fire. But since there was so much garbage, and since more was added everyday, the fire never would die. It burned day and night seemingly forever and ever. And the smoke of it went up forever and ever.



This is what came to mind when someone mentioned the word “Gehenna” in the New Testament. The term conveyed “a sense of total horror and disgust” because that’s what Gehenna looked like night and day. Do you see that smoke rising? It never went away.

Gehenna was a place of undying worm and irresistible fire, an abhorrent place where crawling maggots and smoldering heat raced each other to consume the putrefying fare served them each day.

Therefore, since Gehenna was a literal place outside the walls of Jerusalem, the word should have never been translated as hell. A word that is commonly translated as hell in the New Testament, Gehenna does not refer to a place of burning torture and torment in the afterlife. Instead the word Gehenna refers to a literal place outside the walls of Jerusalem.

So here’s the question students. Why translate a proper name into the generic word hell?

*So Gehenna was basically like a modern day landfill.* Absolutely. But our landfills are hidden. But in Jerusalem it wasn’t. It was right there. Everybody saw that smoke going up night and day, they could smell it. In other words, it was horrible. So, to take that and say that’s referring to hell, it is a stretch that we’re not allowed to take. And that is where so many people get messed up—that they don’t understand the three words for hell.



Let's continue. Yahshua uses the history and imagery of this place to warn his disciples about what can befall them in this life if they do not follow his teaching and take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from the devastation of sin.

When Yahshua speaks about Gehenna, he is not warning about hell in the next life, but a hellish existence in this life. We'll see more about this in future studies when we look at the actual New Testament texts in which the word *Gehenna* is used. And I'll get to that next week.

Whatever hell might be it is not an eternal garbage dump where God sends humans to rot and burn for eternity. Notice the words in green.

## GEHANNA EXPLAINED

- whatever hell might be, it is not an eternal garbage dump where God sends some humans to rot and burn for eternity.
- It is interesting to note that those who are pictured as going into Gehenna are, without exception, not the sinners of the world, but the **SINNERS AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE**
- **Mal. 3:1-3** - Gehenna stands as a type of the place or process of the **PURIFICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



It is interesting to note that those who are pictured as going into Gehenna from the teachings of Christ are never the sinners. It's always the make-believers or the sinners among Yahweh's people. When he spoke about Gehenna, Yahshua is talking about the pharisees.

*Gehenna from what I have studied was a place of human sacrifice to the gods (Moloch) 13,000 years before even Christ came. In Rabbinical Judaism they actually believe in the possibility of an after death purification and that's how the Catholic Church came up with purgatory. That is so true. You see the perversion? That's why we call it Twistianity. There's some truth there.*

*If you go to Jerusalem now, because Erin actually went to school right above the Valley of Gehenna, today it's a soccer field. Really? Just like we do to dumps now they cover them over with grass. So Gehenna is a soccer field, isn't that interesting? I was wondering what was there now. You're right, they need all the land they can get. That big valley they can't get nothing with so they covered it over and now they're playing soccer. So today I'm covering hell over for you all and we're playing soccer on top of it. Hallelujah.*

*Brother Vaughn, are you teaching that we shouldn't be fearful, that we shouldn't...you know, there's not going to be consequences. I'm teaching you the total opposite. I'm teaching you you're getting the consequences even now. How many of your lives wouldn't have been hell if you would've obeyed the teachings of Yahshua all the days of your life? How many of you would've burned up in those flames you created? Amen, I have. How many of you didn't pray about who you'd marry before you married them? You lived in hell ever since. Hello?*

Let's go read Malachi 3:1-3. Let's read about this fire.

### **Malachi 3:1-3**

**1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and Yahweh, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith Yahweh of hosts.**

You have two people in that verse. You have two things happening in that verse. Does somebody want to tell me who those two people are? Elijah has to come first, and then Yahshua. Who is the messenger of the covenant? In other words, if Yahshua is the messenger of the covenant, that means he's the angel of the covenant. What does the word angel mean? Malak - messenger.

Yahshua is the angel of the covenant. Before he can come to his temple, which temple? The third temple. Before he comes, Elijah is going to come first. And do what? Prepare the temple, make the crooked places straight, bring the high places low. What's going to happen when Elijah comes to the third temple to prepare it? Read the next verse.

**2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.**

Yahshua and Elijah are working together to bring a fire into the third temple—a lake of fire into the third temple. Read.



### **3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi...**

I'm about to shout now. The only people who Yahweh is trying to purify is the priesthood in the temple! The sons of Levi which have now been transferred to the Melchizedek order, those sons are the only ones the fire is meant for. You shall be kings and what? Priests unto our God. You're the only one that's in the fire. I don't know if you understand what you just read.

You're the sons of Levi. You are the priesthood. That word "sons of Levi" is a euphemism for the priesthood that's getting ready to rule and reign and before you can rule and reign, he's got to bring a fire to his temple and clean up the temple and priesthood with the lake of fire.

I love that first part...who can abide or stand? Now you may understand...he that endures to the end...who can abide this fire, who can abide it? Will there be anyone that will welcome it? Will there be anyone who will love that fire? Who is going to be left standing in First Harvest Ministries when the fire quits. *Brother Vaughn, where's everybody going? Baby, the fire!!*

Their gossiping tongues got caught by the fire! Don't cry when the Lord burns his church. Rejoice! Be exceeding glad! The Father sent a fire through our church and baby you can feel it now, just come worship with us. Hallelujah. The fire is coming and who can abide it? Who's going to be able to endure it? Amen.

*Pastor I was thinking of Matthew 21:44 where it says...whosoever falls on this stone shall be broken, but whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. You can ask for the judgment knowing God is so good and so thorough, you're going to have to go through it anyway. Why not ask? And if you ask you humble yourself...he who humbles himself shall be exalted. But if you don't humble yourself, guess what? You are going to be put under the stone. Would you rather be crushed to fine powder and tried to be reformatted into a lovely vessel or would you rather just have a big crack in your vessel that can be mended by Yahweh?*

*I prefer in 1997, I did that prayer. I said...Lord I want you to judge me. I was scared out of my skin to say it. But I said...I trust you Lord. And within one month, I did go through with that first judgment, I went through the fire. I had such a revelation and an experience of worship. After that, it was directly due to my asking for the judgment and him doing it. It's not that you are giving us a burden, you're giving us a freedom pastor. You are.*

Hallelujah! To fall onto the rock instead of it falling onto you. Amen. What a powerful scripture. Sister while you were talking, I was thinking about the song I wrote “Beautifully Broken”. What you just said, the song tells me I’ve been beautifully broken—yes I’ve been broken, but this was a beautiful brokenness—in all the right places. I didn’t break myself, I let him break me, and that’s beautiful. And now I’ve been repaired by Mercy’s strong Hand. Oh hallelujah.

When I went to prison, the first six months of that I spent my days, night and day, on the phone trying to get out, trying to hire lawyers, I wanted to bond out. I drove everybody in my family crazy. I wanted out, crying night and day. And one day I heard the voice saying...if you would surrender to what I’m doing in your life. Hallelujah. If you will give up, cast your crown down, quit trying to handle this, and just let me break you.

From that moment, I threw my crown down and I gave up. I became beautifully broken. When I did that a peace came over me for the next 2 1/2 years. I don’t even remember my time in that place anymore. I promise you I can’t even remember it because I surrendered to that lake of fire, I surrendered to that rock. Oh I fell on the rock. He said...if you’ll surrender, fall on me, and I’ll quit falling on you. Hallelujah. Oh thank you Yahweh! How many of you are glad that you can fall on the rock without it falling on you!? Hallelujah. Hallelujah! You all need to jump on that rock. Hallelujah. That is higher than I. Oh hallelujah.

*Pastor, because I asked, God said later, “do you know how precious it was to me when you asked me to judge you and that you trusted me?” He said “I want my children to ask that. I want them to trust me that much”. And he has continued that. It didn’t happen just one time. It continues to happen. Purifying, purifying, purifying.*

I know a family in Michigan that the Father threw them into a lake of fire concerning a piece of property, and trusting in the Lord. For two years, they went through what seemed so unfair. It seemed...why doesn’t God stop this? I watched that family change during that trial. I watched a more openness come onto them, more a willingness to move into the newer things of God, to open themselves up to what God wanted to do.

Brothers and sisters, your lake of fire is your lake of purification, it is your “lake of perfecting”, it is the greatest thing you’ll ever experience in your life. Amen. Thank you for sharing sister. Always wonderful.

**...and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto Yahweh an offering in righteousness.**

Oh now what did I tell you the purpose of the fire was? Does anybody remember to begin with, was to learn what? Righteousness. There it is. The sons of Levi. Notice, not the sons of Judah or anybody else, just the sons of Levi. Why? They have a responsibility in the millennial reign to offer up a sacrifice of perfection, they must be cleansed by that fire before the rest of the world gets thrown into it. Why? Because aren't you going to be displayed as trophies of grace before the whole world? These are the ones I've purified.

Alright, that's the meaning of Gehenna. We're done with Gehenna, that's the first word for hell. Now let's go to the next one. The word *Tartaroo*. Let's go to the book of 2 Peter 2:4 and then to the book of Jude verse 6.

## TARTAROO EXPLAINED

- 2 Peter 2:4
- Jude 6
- Tartarus is not the judgment itself, but a state or condition in which FALLEN ANGELS are inescapably held over unto a day of judgment.
- Should never have been translated as HELL



What is Tartaroo? Look to that picture and you'll see. The word *tartaroo* means prison. It does not mean hell. It should never have been translated as hell. Why they did it I'll never know. Let's read about this meaning about the word hell.

### **2 Peter 2:4**

**For if Yahweh spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.**

Where did he deliver these angels to? Hell. That's wrong. They're not in hell. It's a mistranslation. They are in "tartaroo". It tells you what tartaroo is. It says chains right? What's a prison? Chains. Another gross mistranslation. So you automatically think that these angels are where? In hell. They're not in hell. Why? No one goes to hell without a court date. So where did these angels get put until their court date? In prison. In chains of invisibility, of darkness.

Now notice what it says in that verse. These spirits, these angels, were cast down to prison. Remember that word SPIRIT. Read that first line again.

**If Yahweh spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell...**

Ok, take that word hell out, he didn't cast them to hell. He cast them into prison. Now why? Even angels get a judgment day. So why do we send people to hell when the angels are not even there yet. They're in prison. Where do you go waiting for your court date? You go to jail not hell. You're waiting to see the judge. These fallen angels are waiting to see the judge. Who is that judge? You!

Do you not know that the saints shall judge the angels? They're going to be judged by you. *But how, pastor Vaughn, am I going to judge angels?* Because you are going to be the great cloud of witnesses who were obedient to Yahweh. Your life is going to judge their rebellious life. Now you see why you're tormented so much by demon powers because they need you to be rebellious like them!!...so you cannot judge them!!

Oh man, you all get so much truth here. It's really mind-boggling. *That's true pastor. It really doesn't make much sense that we go every time we open the word, you have just unlocked something that has been waiting to come into this world for a long long time.* Hallelujah. And brother, when these angels go to court, do you know the only charge that gets them? Rebellion. That's the only charge they'll have. They'll be prosecuted for rebellion. If they can turn to you and I, we're going to be there. The Bible said that you will judge angels. You're going to judge the angels children.

*Pastor, one question. Being in chains means they became invisible at that moment? That's why we don't see them?* Yes. That word darkness means obscure or invisible. They at one time walked among us, they were visible. But their prison—what is their prison? Their invisibility. What is a prison? It restrains you. Now they can't sleep with the daughters of men. Why? They cannot manifest in the visible realm like the angels of Yahweh still can. Their prison is their hiding. So they're in a prison, hidden, waiting for the judgment.

Now, they can still speak to you. They can still influence people's minds, but they cannot manifest physically and cross that boundary of making more Nephelim. Is anybody with me? Read that scripture.

**1 Corinthians 6:3**  
**Know ye not that we shall judge angels...**

Now what angels? The ones that are where? In prison right now. You. Everyone of you are going to judge them by the life you have lived of obedience. Every time you keep the Sabbath day you're judging those angels. Every time you show up for the feasts you're judging them. I didn't say a life of perfection, I said a life of obedience. Ma'am, every time you obey your husband, when you obey your pastor, when you obey your leaders—your life is becoming a judgment that you don't have to walk in rebellion. Their only crime is rebellion. I pray you won't be charged with the same crime.

*Well it just dawned on me that the seriousness of us learning this message because we are instructed to rule and reign and teach those during the millennial reign this message because these angels will be released and they will tempt those we've instructed so if we haven't instructed them well, it's bad.*

You just brought it full circle. These angels were bound for a reason. These are the bad ones. These are the ones who infected the whole world and caused the flood. That flood was a lake of fire but it was a lake of water. It was sent to bring correction. Those angels, if they could still crossover, there would be Nephelim all over the earth. They would still be causing hybrid children, unwanted children. So now they convince humans to commit fornication and have babies out of wedlock and the whole thing's messed up.

So ladies and gentlemen, your life is going to judge those angels. *So you're saying that we are guilty of the same crime of rebellion like those angels.* I pray not. I pray now that we're walking in obedience. We once walked in rebellion when we were Gentiles. Mistakes is not rebellion. The lack of repentance is rebellion and the angels have never repented. You all need to know that. We're telling you perfection. We're telling you the lack of confession and repentance is the crime. Because to this day they think they were in the right for whatever reason.

If you want to listen to my teaching on the difference between fallen angels and the Nephilim, go to this website and teaching: [firstharvest.tv/video/1458](http://firstharvest.tv/video/1458). It is titled The Return of the Nephelim.

Alright, so tartaroo is a prison. Notice who was cast into that prison. Angels. Now someone tell me angels are called ministering what? Spirits. So angels can be referred to as spirits in prison. Keep that in mind because I'm ready to bust up a bad doctrine in the church. Everyone say "fallen angels are spirits in prison". Keep that in mind because there's a bad doctrine in the church. We're going to talk about it.

Now let's talk about the third word *Hades*.

## HADES EXPLAINED

- HADES is the Greek word most often translated "hell."
- **The unseen. That is Hades - the unseen world, the unknown realm**
- Our English word hell is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word "hillan" or "helan," meaning a cavern, anciently denoting a concealed or UNSEEN place. – GATES OF HELL  
**Matt 16:18 – Isa 5:14**
- "Hell the Potatoes" or a dating couple would seek "for a hell" to getaway to for courting
- Hell is certainly a place, a realm, a dimension of consciousness and existence, yet more than a place – it is the place of ETERNAL TORMENT but for WHO?
- **Luke 20:36 – Matt 25:41**

Hades is the Greek word that is most often translated as hell. Hades simply means the unseen. The unseen world, the unknown realm. That is what we call hell. Our English word hell is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word *hillan* or *helan*, meaning a cavern, anciently denoting a concealed or an unseen place.

Now, it is the grave. Hades is the grave, it's where the dead go. I want to read Matthew 16:18. In Hades is where all of the dead go to.

### **Matthew 16:18**

**And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

That is the most misunderstood verse that I've ever heard preached on (I say that on about all of them, I'm sorry). But it is one of the most. What do you think of when you read that verse? Upon this rock I'll build my church and hell shall not prevail against it. First of all, it has nothing to do with hell. Upon this rock I've given you the keys to the gates of hell.

Let me explain. Yahshua had the keys to hell. What does a key do? It locks or unlocks. Hell in that verse means the grave. Upon this rock, Yahshua, I'm going to build my church, and they are the only ones that the grave will never be able to hold in because I have the key to unlock their graves, and the gates of the grave, or the stone over the door, will not hold them back!

That's all it means folks. What is the gates of hell? The stone over the door of the grave is the gates of hell. Every one of you in this room have a key to the gate on your grave! His name is Yahshua! My, my, my. The gates of hell will be that dirt over your grave. He said upon this rock, Yahshua, I'm going to build my church and only my people will have a key to get out of the grave.

Only my people have the keys to death, hell and the grave.

All of that, you've got a key to it if you have Yahshua. That is your key out of the grave. When my grandmother went to hell, the grave, a few months ago, she went with a key in her hand already to open her own grave. Do you understand what I just told you? Everybody's got a key to their grave! Hallelujah! Whew! Glory, glory, glory!

When I hear preachers, they'll preach... "and the gates of hell will not prevail against my church" ...you don't even realize what you're talking about. Everybody in this room has a key to your own grave. You're the only ones that do! Yahweh will open up the other graves at the end of the thousand years. They won't open it, Yahweh will. You will open your own grave. Because Yahshua had the key to his own grave. Amen. And you've got that key.

I want to show you something in Ezekiel 28:13-15. I'm about to reveal to you what the majority of the church does not comprehend. It has been a mystery for decades and generations what this phrase "stones of fire" meant. I want to reveal it to you real quickly.

Now who are we talking about here? We're talking about HaShatan, Lucifer, Satan. Tell us where he's been...

### **Ezekiel 28:13-15**

**13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold** (same stones that were in the High Priests' breastplate) **the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.**

### **14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covers...**

He was one of them that was on top of the Ark of the Covenant, those two angels that covered the Ark, one of them was a representation of Satan himself. He was the angel that covered the Mercy Seat. *Wow that just sounds like his right hand and his left hand.* That's exactly what it is. That was Michael and Lucifer. They are the covering angels. As long as Lucifer (Satan) wore that breastplate of authority, something else he was doing that's a mystery to the whole church.

**...and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**

Nobody's ever understood what that means. You've walked in the midst of the stones of fire. It simply means...you were perfect, you were walking in my perfecting fire, you were obedient to me, you were in the fire, you were pure, you were holy as you walked on the stones of fire. There's some of you today walking on the stones of fire. It keeps your feet burned up so that you'll walk in the right way.

How do I know that's what it means? Because in the next verse it tells of when he quite walking in those stones of fire.

**15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

You were in the stones of fire. You were in the fire. You were walking in the way, but you jumped out of the fire and iniquity was found in you! Because you quit walking on the straight and narrow. Sometimes walking on this straight and narrow you're going to feel like your walking on fire. You're going to feel like everywhere you go to lift your feet up—that's because God doesn't want you to get comfortable in your way, comfortable in your sin, comfortable walking in your own direction. He'll put stones of fire under the sons of God so you walk softly before Yahweh! Hallelujah!

Go search all you want to. Every commentary—nobody knows what those stones of fire mean, nobody. Yahweh revealed those stones to me. He said that was when he was walking in perfection. He was in the fire. Listen to me. When you quit having fire under your feet is when your walk will grow complacent. Walk in the stones of fire children. The Bible says walk softly before him. That's what that's referring to. Don't run in your own way. Let your feet always be on fire. Hallelujah.

Why do you think we do foot-washing? Because if we wash your feet, you're being re-baptized. Do you understand? Your whole body's getting re-baptized because it's all in the feet. Do you understand the feet holds up the whole body. So if you've got stones of fire, you're baptizing the whole body in fire. Do you understand? Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Amen? Glory, glory. You need to walk on those stones of fire. Glory!

Let's read Luke 20:36. I'm going to continue to show you some mistranslations so you can know how to read them. Before we go any further, read that and I'm going to show you something about the angels.



**Luke 20:36**

**Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of Yahweh, being the children of the resurrection.**

Alright. The angels cannot die. This is the only reason Yahweh created a place called hell, the netherworld, the dark region—because angels must be punished. He cannot punish them with death. They must be tormented to have a righteous judgment. Because those humans can die but these angels cannot.

**Matthew 25:41**

**Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.**

But the everlasting fire was prepared for the devil and his angels. The everlasting torment was prepared for them not humans ever. Humans cannot burn eternally. Humans are flesh and blood. If I throw you into the fire now you'll be burned up in minutes. But there are those who will be cast into a lake of fire or tribulation or burning, but it was not prepared for humans. It's prepared for the angels who cannot die.

So if Yahweh's plan was for you all to go to hell, then why was it only prepared for the devil and his angels? Because they are eternal. Eternal torment is a righteous judgment for them because they are eternal creatures. You are not.

Once again, the reason I tell people the most important teaching we have is What Happens to the Dead ([firstharvest.tv/video/1677](http://firstharvest.tv/video/1677)) because right there if you don't know what happens to the dead you will think that you're going to live forever somewhere. That's Christian doctrine. You're going to live forever somewhere. No you're not or you would already have eternal life. Amen. It all goes back to what happens to the dead, everything does.

Now let's knock another false doctrine out. There was a verse above that we never got to read. Jude 6.

**Jude 6**

**And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

They've been put under chains until judgment. That can only mean that they're not in hell. They're waiting for judgment.

# NO - YAHSHUA DID NOT GO TELL HELL AND PREACH TO PEOPLE

- One of the most misunderstood verses in Christianity
- **I Peter 3:18-22**
- First – Men are not SPIRITS !!!! Angels are SPIRITS
- **Men are not in TARTAROO or Prison – FALLEN ANGELS are !!1**
- These are not the OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS – these are the NEPHILIM before the flood
- Yahshua went and DELIVERED A MESSAGE TO THEM after his Resurrection – the message of HIS PRE-EMINENCE over them **Luke 4:43**  
**Mat. 28:18-19**

Now let's talk about a very misunderstood verse of scripture. 1 Peter 3:18-22. Before you read that, let's establish one or two facts. Let's establish that men are not spirits. Angels are spirits. Men are not in Tartaroo. They are in Hades which is the grave. Fallen angels are in Tartaroo.

Before reading it, let me ask you: How many of you have ever heard that Yahshua went to the grave—then while he was in the grave, he went down to hell, rattled the gates of hell, took the keys from the devil, and preached to all of those Old Testament saints, and then brought them all to heaven? The whole thing is a lie from the pits of hell and I'm about to prove it to you.

## **1 Peter 3:18-22**

**18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to Yahweh, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.**

We have two things in that verse. What? The first thing, he was killed. But the last thing was talking about a resurrection. He was quickened by the Spirit. Ok? Let's get our timeline right. He was killed, and then he was raised up.

Now read the next verse because according to the Christians, before he was resurrected, he went to hell while he was dead and preached to people...David, Moses and all of those people. And if that's true, then my entire teaching on what happens to the dead is wrong. This is the first scripture everybody goes to, to challenge my teaching on what happens to the dead. But bear in mind, dead and then resurrected, and read the next verse—the first two words only.

## **19 By which...**

By which. By what? By the last thing mentioned in the previous verse. By the resurrection, not the death. He was resurrected. By that resurrection power what happened?

**...also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison.**

*There it is pastor, he went and preached while he was dead to spirits in prison.* No he went and preached to spirits in prison after he rose from the dead. Why? Because if he wouldn't have rose from the dead, there wasn't nothing to preach. He was a dead man. You all follow me now. He had to have something to brag about. He had to have some claim to authority.

The Bible said he was proven to be the son of Yahweh by the what? He was proven to be the son of man by his first birth. But he was proven to be the son of Yahweh by the what? Resurrection. So before the resurrection, he had no claim to fame, do you understand me? He had no authority. He had no message to preach without the what? The resurrection.

So now after the resurrection he goes and preaches to spirits. We found out in Jude 6 and in Peter where the spirits are, the fallen angels, the spirits were put in where? Prison, Tartaroo. He did not go preach to men. He had a message to deliver to those fallen angels that were in prison. What was the message? I'll show it to you in a second, it's about to get real good up in here. Hallelujah.

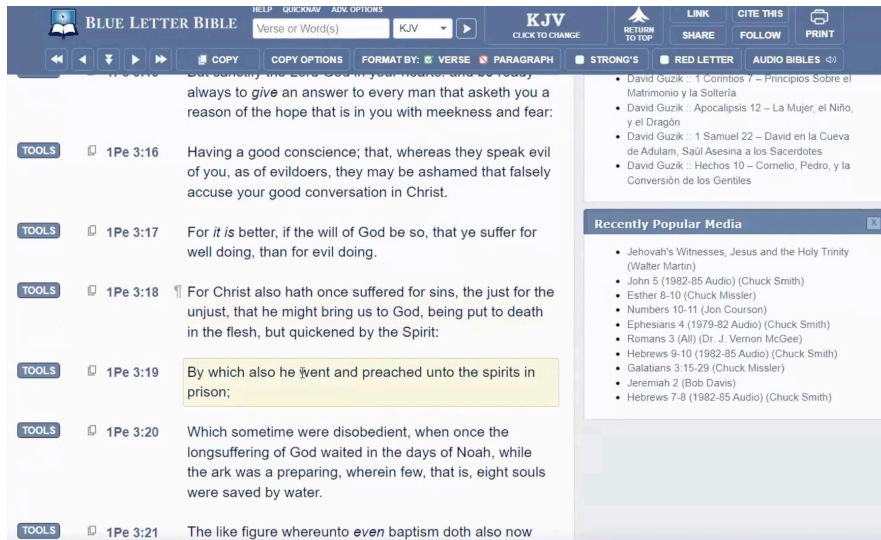
Now I want you to pay close attention to what I'm about to show you because this is important for you to get. Read Luke 4:33 and then Matthew 28:18-19.

### **Luke 4:43**

**And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of Yahweh to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.**

I want to show you all something. I'm going to show you how to study your Bible. What is the verse we just read where he preached to spirits in prison? 1 Peter 3:18-19. Let's bring it up on the Blue Letter Bible site.

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Let's look at 1 Peter 3:19. I'm going to prove to you. Before I do that, let's finish reading verse 20. It's going to prove that this was the fallen angels and not people.

**1 Peter 3:19-22** (continues)

**20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of Yahweh waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

So why did Yahweh send the flood? Because of these what? These fallen angels, these spirits in prison. They were disobedient, they left their first estate and crossed over where they shouldn't have crossed over. So these spirits in prison are the ones that were there before the flood. Read verse 21 and 22.

**21** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Yahweh,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of Yahweh; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Alright you wanted to know what he went and preached to spirits in prison, he just told you. Before the resurrection, no spirits were under subjection to him. Before the resurrection, he had no claim to fame. Read that last verse. When he came up out of the grave he brought a message to these fallen angels that all of them are now subject unto him!

“I have been resurrected and proven to be the son of Yahweh. Now you are under my control and my authority. All authority in heaven and in earth has now been

given to me. Where you once feared Yahweh, now fear me as well because I hold the power!”

That’s what Yahshua preached to those fallen angels. “There’s a new sheriff in town. I stopped by to let you all meet me. I stopped by to tell you, you’ve got two days left and I’ll be back.” Hallelujah! Why do you think the Bible says those spirits are so angry? They know their time is short. How do they know it? Because he stopped by and let them know. He stopped by and delivered a message. “You’ve got two days left and then we’re going to make it all good.” Hallelujah. He preached to spirits in prison, not to dead people!

*Right now our authority comes through Yahshua over demons? That’s why we do it in the name of Yahshua. Amen? Hallelujah. The only authority he had when he was on the earth was whatever the Father did for him or gave to him. But he inherited all authority and all power over angels. Fallen angels were now transferred from the authority of Yahweh to the authority of the son. Boy that’s powerful. It’s right there on your screen (verse 22 above)...*

**22 (Yahshua) who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of Yahweh; ANGELS AND AUTHORITIES AND POWERS BEING MADE SUBJECT UNTO HIM.**

Now look back at verse 19.

**19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison.**

See what he went and preached to them... “Hey I’ve got the power. If they come and cast you out in my name, you’ve got to go! If they come and deliver people in my name, you’ve got to go. If they call on my name, they must be healed. I HAVE AUTHORITY. MY NAME HAS AUTHORITY NOW!”

That’s why the Bible says...whatsoever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of Yahshua. Why? Because the authority was given to him by Yahweh! All of it. He is now king of kings. But he had to earn that children. Before his resurrection he couldn’t claim any of that! Hallelujah. My Lord and my God from Mt. Zion. He isn’t going to preach to dead people and bring them all to heaven! That’s impossible, the Bible said the only one in heaven right now is the son of man. That’s right, the Bible said no man has ascended to heaven except the son of man which is in heaven. Oh my, so much false doctrine, false teaching.

Now I want to prove to you once more that he wasn’t preaching to dead people. Let’s go look at 1 Peter 3:19 on the (Blue Letter Bible) screen. Follow me.

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Do you see the word *preached*? Here's the Greek word *kerysso*. Let's go to Luke 4:43 now. Let's go down to the word "preach". Now here's preaching the gospel to people. Look at the word. *Euangelizo*. That's where we get the word Evangelist from.

TOOLS    Luk 4:43    And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

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This is preaching the good news. Watch...

The KJV translates Strong's G2097 in the following manner: preach (23x), preach the Gospel (22x), bring good tidings (2x), show glad tidings (2x), bring glad tidings (1x), declare (1x), declare glad tidings (1x), *miscellaneous* (3x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to bring good news, to announce glad tidings
  - A. used in the OT of any kind of good news
    - i. of the joyful tidings of God's kindness, in particular, of the Messianic blessings
  - B. in the NT used especially of the glad tidings of the coming kingdom of God, and of the salvation to be obtained in it through Christ, and of what relates to this salvation
  - C. glad tidings are brought to one, one has glad tidings proclaimed to him
  - D. to proclaim glad tidings
    - i. instruct (men) concerning the things that pertain to Christian salvation

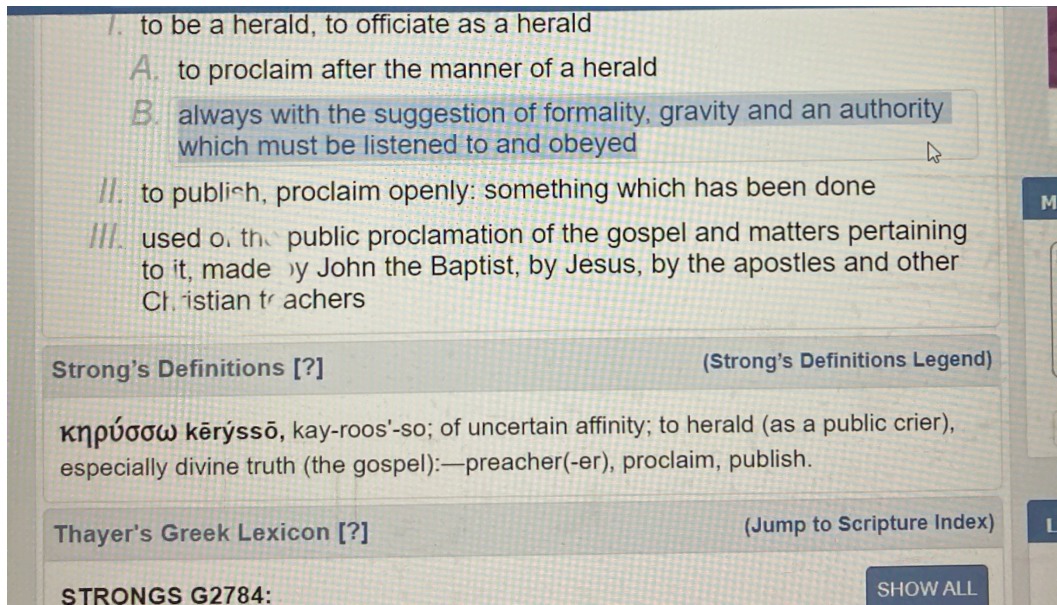
What is this? To bring good news, glad tidings, to proclaim the good news. But you see Yahshua didn't have any good news to preach that day to those fallen angels, not good news for them.

So let's go see what Yahshua preached when he rose from the dead, and it wasn't Euangelizo. It was kerysso. Right there, do you see it? (Luke 4:43) ...

The screenshot shows the Blue Letter Bible interface. At the top, it says 'BLUE LETTER BIBLE' and 'KJV'. Below that, there are navigation buttons and a search bar. The main content area shows a list of words with their Strong's numbers and Greek text. The word 'preached' is highlighted in yellow, and its Strong's number is G2784. The Greek text for 'preached' is κηρύσσω (kēryssō). Other words shown include 'also' (καί, kai), 'he went' (πορεύεις, πορεύω, poreuō), and 'unto the' (τοῖς, ὁ, ho).

English Word	Strong's Number	Greek Word	Part of Speech
also	G2532	καί	CONJ
he went	G4198	πορεύεις πορεύω	V-AOP-NSM
and preached	G2784	ἐκήρυξεν κηρύσσω	V-AAI-3S
unto the	G3588	τοῖς ὁ	T-DPN

Let's see what kerysso is. Nothing to do with good news.



It is to deliver a message, be a herald, to proclaim a message, and I love this one right here...to herald (as a public crier). And with the suggestion of what? Formality, gravity and authority which must be listened to and obeyed! He brought them a message! Surrender and submit! He brought them a message and it was not the gospel! It was a command! Surrender your authority! You are powerless over my church! You're powerless over my people!!

Hallelujah! You better know the authority in the name of Yahshua. You better use it, it's been given to you if you're walking in the stones of fire. Glory! Whew! There's power when you call on that name! It causes hell to tremble? Why? Because he paid them a visit. They know who he is. There's no more such thing as...if thou be the son of God, no, no, no, there's no more if you're the son of God. He was proven to be it by the resurrection, and he stopped by a prison to let everybody know!! Hallelujah! My God!

You better know the power you have. That's why the Bible said...do it in my name, because if you do it in my name, they've already got the message, I've personally delivered unto them. Hallelujah. When you pray for your children in the name of Yahshua, when you pray for them in that name, hell already knows they've got to give them up. Hell knows because **THEY KNOW THE NAME!** Amen.

That's why if you're not baptized in the name of Yahshua, you were never baptized because there's power in the name! Glory! My, my, my. Now I need somebody to tell me how you got that Jesus went and preached to dead people



out of that verse? Amen. Amen. That's why you need a teacher, an anointed teacher.

*I just also wanted to bring up Colossians 2:15.*

### **Colossians 2:15**

**And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**

Yes, whew! And that was right after the resurrection...by which the power of the resurrection he literally had a parade, he literally made a public display that he now had authority over them because at one time they had authority over him because the angels are greater than man and he was just a man. But after the resurrection, he was more than a man. And by the way, that's how you're going to bruise Satan under your feet shortly because you'll be more than a man and you can stop by that prison and give a good kickin' to them as well. Hallelujah. Amen! Glory! Hallelujah! Thank God for truth.

Alright let's continue on the subject of hell. I'm out of time. I'm rushing to get through here. We're basically done for the day. But I want to just tie up a few loose ends.

One of the first things people try to tell me when I tell them that no one's going to the lake of fire when they die, they always go to Lazarus. Because supposedly the rich man was being tormented in these flames. And he looked up and begged for a drop of water.

## THE LAKE OF FIRE !!!!

- **What about Lazarus?**
- The teaching concerning the lake of fire does not appear anywhere in Scripture except in the book of Revelation
- To understand the PURPOSE of the LAKE OF FIRE – we must first understand YAHWEHS perspective on FIRE !!!! He loves FIRE and its PURPOSES
- **Remember – a fire does not annihilate anything – it simply changes its form !!!**
- When fire consumes a log in your fireplace it does not destroy any of the elements within the log, it merely changes their form

The funny thing is he didn't beg an angel or God, Yahweh, or Yahshua. He begged Abraham when Abraham was just as dead as he was. Alright, so here's the deal. I don't have time to go there today. I'm not going there today but if someone will post the video where I taught on Lazarus.

“The Real Truth About Lazarus and the Rich Man”  
[firstharvest.tv/video/115](http://firstharvest.tv/video/115)

Once you get through watching that lesson, it'll all make sense to you. It had nothing to do with the afterlife, nothing to do with hell, nothing to do with the lake of fire at all. So you all can watch that after this lesson today. I'm just not going to go there today.

### Fire and the Lake of Fire

To understand the lake of fire you've first got to understand the purpose of fire. And you've got to understand how Yahweh looks at fire. He loves fire. Remember we talk about when he's burning you up, there's no such thing as being burned up in a fire. Nothing ever burns in a fire. It changes. It changes from one form to another. It never burns away. It never burns. You cannot burn up anything. All fire does is changes something from one form to another form.

Now let's talk about this lake of fire. When fire consumes a log in your fireplace it doesn't destroy one element within that log. It just changes it's form. Yahweh loves fire because he loves *change*. The tool of time is all about what? Change.

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- Thus, to burn, means to CHANGE. Furthermore, it is interesting to note that fire does not burn down; it always burns up; it seeks the highest level.
- And all that it consumes "goes up in smoke," to exist in a new form in a higher dimension. Even if you take a pan of water and place it over a fire, before long the water will take on the property of the fire and will begin to go up in steam. To burn means to CHANGE, and the change is always UPWARD in its motion
- **BURN means combustion**; to change the form of. **FIRE means heat and light**. **BRIMSTONE means divine**. Putting these three together can we not see that the lake burning with fire and brimstone is, actually, DIVINE HEAT AND LIGHT PRODUCING A CHANGE! –
- The Greek word THEION translated 'brimstone' is exactly the same word THEION which means 'divine.'

To burn means to change. The fire does not burn down. A fire always burns what? Up. Looking for it's highest level. When it runs out of stuff to burn it will quit burning. When the Holy Ghost runs out of stuff to burn in your life it'll quit burning. Do you understand? It burns UP until it gets in your thinking, and when

you run out of dross, when you run out of rebellion, you will run out of fire. You've got to feed it. My, my, my. Fire always burns up. Why? He's trying to get right here (your head). It starts as stones of fire. Where? At your feet. Are you following me? Got it? It starts at your feet and burns all the way up to your thinking, your stinking thinking. Until it changes it and turns it into another kind of thinking. Then the fire's done it's job. Oh thank you Father.

All that it consumes goes up in smoke to exist in a new form, in a higher dimension. Even if you take a pan of water and place it over a fire, before long the water's gone. But it's not gone is it? What did it do? It just turned into steam didn't it? Fire doesn't burn anything. It changes the form. The fire wasn't meant to burn you up. It wasn't meant to destroy you. It was meant when people look at you, they're like...who are you and where did you go? Amen? Say...oh I left him in the fire. Hallelujah. I left him in the fire because this new man...he didn't leave me the way he found me. Hallelujah? Oh no he didn't leave me the way he found me.

Now let's talk about this fire. To burn means to change. The change is always upward, it's an upward journey. Now burn means *combustion*, to change the form of. Fire is heat and light. The word brimstone is the same Greek word *Theion* which means *divine*. Isn't that something? So let's break it down. The fire is divine heat and light that's producing a change. Amen. A divine change. Heat and light that's producing a divine change. That is what the fire does. It produces that divine change in you children. And that's why we welcome it. Don't run from it.

Now, let's answer the question. *Brother Vaughn, my Bible says that this is an eternal fire.* No that's not what your Bible said. You thought that's what it said. Let's go study that for just a moment. Let's go to Jeremiah 17:27. Is the fire eternal?

## THE LAKE OF FIRE !!!!

- BUT IS THIS FIRE ETERNAL? More than 2500 years ago the Holy Spirit warned the wicked inhabitants of Jerusalem that YHWH would kindle a fire at Jerusalem's gates
- [Jer 17:27](#)
- Did God mean this fire would burn FOREVER/ For all eternity? ince it accomplished the work it was sent to do, and since it is NOT BURNING TODAY, it obviously went out by itself after accomplishing its purpose! Unquenchable fire is not eternal fire - it is simply fire that cannot be put out until it has consumed or changed everything it is possible for it to change!
- [Jude 1:7](#)

*Brother Vaughn, I read in Revelation where the fire be the eternal fires of hell. Alright. Let's read. Because 2,500 years earlier, the Holy Ghost warned the wicked inhabitants of Jerusalem that Yahweh was going to kindle a fire at their gates. Let's read about that.*

**Jeremiah 17:27**

**But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.**

What did you say? The fires will not quenched. *There you go pastor, it's eternal.* Ladies and gentlemen have you been to Jerusalem lately? Those fires were quenched 2,500 years ago. The gates are still standing. *I thought the fires could not be quenched.* How many's heard that about hell? The fires cannot be quenched. So that means it's eternal fire. Wrong. Let me show you what it means.

God did not mean that the fire would burn forever or for all eternity. Since it accomplished the work that it was sent to do, and since that fire's not burning there today, it obviously went out by itself after what? Accomplishing it's purpose. Unquenchable fire's not eternal fire.

It's unquenchable until it runs out of stuff to burn. It is fire that cannot be put out until it is consumed or changed everything it is possible to change. It's unquenchable as long as it's got something to feed on. But when it runs out of stuff it quits burning. Do you want the fire to quit burning in your life? Quit giving it stuff to burn. Because the first time you gossip about your brother or sister, you just turned the fire up. You just said...oh I've got dross in my mouth, I'm sorry I've got zinc in my mouth, I need gold, I need a golden tongue, I need a golden core, a golden city, street of gold, a core of gold. So when we find dross, the fire comes back up. Do you want the fire to go out? Quit feeding it and it will go out in your life.

I want to read one more verse to you. Jude 1:7.

**Jude 1:7**

**Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

Wait a minute. Sodom and Gomorrah had eternal fire? How is that when the fire's out today? Is Sodom and Gomorrah still burning? No. That word eternal

there is a bad translation. It should be until time enduring, until it's time, until it's purpose has been accomplished.

Before I go today, I want to say something to all of you. The fire that's burning in your life does not have to be eternal. It's up to you. *Brother Vaughn, I can't take the heat much longer.* Then die. Just lay down and die. Quit questioning God about everything and surrender. Quit being rebellious and surrender. And learn brothers and sisters. The level of the fire is determined by your level of rebellion. Amen. And let God finish in your life what he started.

He who started a good work in you, he will finish it. And it's up to you how long that will take. Amen. Praise Yah. Thank you Father for your word today. May it find a lodging place in the hearts of your people I pray. In the mighty name of Yahshua. Amen. Praise the Lord. Thank you Father. Hallelujah.

Do you know you can live a more sanctified life if you were more afraid of the lake of fire today than the one that's coming in the afterlife? You can live an overcoming life. If you wanted to get out of that fire, you could jump out of it. Hallelujah. Just by walking in obedience. Amen.

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