

Doctrine of Sheol

1. Sheol was viewed as an underground region.
 - *Numbers 16:30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD....³³ They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.*
 - *Amos 9:2 Though they dig into hell [sheol], thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:*
2. Sheol was a dark, shadowy and gloomy sphere of existence where disembodied souls had a conscious but dreary and inactive subsistence.
 - *2 Samuel 22:6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;*
 - *Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*
3. According to the Old Testament, both the righteous and unrighteous entered sheol at death.
 - *Genesis 37:35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave [sheol] unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.*
 - *Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell [sheol], and all the nations that forget God.*
 - *Isaiah 38:10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave [sheol]: I am deprived of the residue of my years.*
4. Sheol was a place where punishment was received and rewards were given.
5. Sheol is represented in Scripture as having an insatiable appetite.
 - *Isaiah 5:14 Therefore hell [sheol] hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*

- *Habakkuk 2:5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell [sheol], and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:*
6. Despite its darkness and uncertainties God was thought to be present in sheol.
- *Psalms 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell [sheol], behold, thou art there.*
7. Sheol is known to God, for even in the hour of death the people of God are provided for by Him while those who have lived in an unrighteous manner can never escape a righteous retribution.
- *Job 26:6 Hell [sheol] is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.*
 - *Proverbs 15:11 Hell [sheol] and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?*
8. Sheol gives meaning to Psalms 16:10. *“For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”*
9. Peter saw the fulfillment of Psalm 16:10 in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- *Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

THE SPHERE OF THE DEAD

SHEOL	GEHENNA	HADES (HELL)	TARTAROS (HELL)
Deuteronomy 32:22	Matthew 5:22	Matthew 11:23	2 Peter 2:4
2 Samuel 22: 6	Matthew 5:29	Matthew 16:18	
Job 11: 8	Matthew 10:28	Luke 10:15	
Job 26: 6	Matthew 18: 9	Luke 16:23	
Psalms 9:17	Matthew 23:15	Acts 2:27	
Psalms 16:10	Mark. 9:43	Acts 2:31	
Psalms 18: 5	Mark 9:45	Revelation 1:18	
Psalms 55:15	Luke 12: 5	Revelation 6: 8	
Psalms 86:13	James 3: 6	Revelation 20:13	
Psalms 116:3		Revelation 20:14	
Psalms 139:8			
Proverbs 5:5			
Proverbs 7:27			
Proverbs 9:18			
Proverbs 15:11			
Proverbs 15:24			
Proverbs 23:14			
Proverbs 27:20			
Ezekiel 31:16			
Ezekiel 31:17			
Ezekiel 32:21			
Ezekiel 32:27			
Amos 9: 2			
Habakkuk 2: 5			
John 2: 2			