

REF. MATERIAL

Where are the Dead?

Name	Level	Information	Reference
Heaven	3rd	Third Heaven —God’s throne.	Isa.66:1 2Co.12:2
		Paradise is now in the heavens. Compare with 2Co.5:6-8, Phi.1:23, 1Th.4:14, 2Ti.1:10.	2Co.12:2, 4 Rev.2:7 Rev.22:2
	2nd	Stars and the planets.	Col.1:16 Rev.6:13
	1st	Atmosphere (firmament) above the earth.	Gen.1:6 Act.14:17 Col.1:23 Jam.5:18 Rev.19:17
Earth	na	The place humans live now.	
Hell ¹	Upper	Referred to as Abraham’s Bosom .	Luk.16:23
		Referred to as Paradise .	Luk.23:43
		Upper Hades (or Paradise) was the abode of the righteous dead (Old Testament saints).	Act.2:27, 31 Luk.23:43 Psa.16:10
		Jesus preached to the spirits in prison.	1Pe.3:19
		Jesus set the imprisoned spirits free by taking them to heaven with Him when He arose from the dead.	Eph.4:8-9 Mat.27:52
	Lower ² Lowest	The abode of the wicked dead.	Deu.32:22 Psa.86:13 Pro.9:18
		Bottomless Pit.	Rev.9:1-2 Rev.9:11 Rev.11:7-8 Rev.20:1, 3
		The Pit of the Abyss.	
		Greek word TARTARUS .	
		Greek word HADES , the present abode of the wicked dead.	Luk.16:23 Luk.20:13-14
		Greek word GEHENNA ³ , final abode of the wicked dead. Also see: Everlasting Destruction [2Th.1:9], Punished Forever [Rev.20:10], and the Lake of Fire, Death & Hell .	

¹ The Hebrew word for **hell** is **SHEOL** and it means “to make hollow.”

² These 2 compartments are incorrectly translated **grave**; they should be translated **Hell** [Job 11:8, Psa.9:17, Psa.139:8, Pro.23:14, Amo.9:2].

³ Taken from the Valley of Hinnom [Jeremiah 7:31, Jeremiah 19:2-6].

DOCTRINE

Doctrinal Points1

Name	Level	Information	Reference
Purgatory	na	Purgatory means “ <i>a place of purging</i> ,” and is never mentioned in the Bible . Purging takes place during a person’s lifetime (now) not after death. If the word <u>purgatory</u> is used, we must stress the falsity of it!	

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