

# Revelation 20

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# Binding of Satan

- **Verse 1. “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.”**
  - Notice that the angel is nameless.
  - Christ uses a nameless angel to manhandle Satan, binding him and ultimately placing him in prison.

**(2-3) Satan is imprisoned for 1,000 years.**

**“He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the Devil* and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more **till the thousand years were finished**. But after these things he must be released for a little while.**

- This is not God's punishment of Satan. He is bound strictly so that he is restrained for the sake of Kingdom citizens. V.3
- He is cast into the bottomless pit. This is not hell, nor is it tartarus or the lake of fire.
  - The bottomless pit is sometimes referred to as the abyss.
  - Hell is the abode of the wicked dead
  - Tartarus is the prison of fallen angels (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6)
- Satan will serve a 1,000 year incarceration and then released for temporary leave.

- “Bottomless pit” is one word in the Greek of the New Testament and is literally the “abyss,” which means “bottomless, unbounded, the pit, or the immeasurable depth.”
- The bottomless pit of holds a unique type of demon. It is also the home of the beast who makes war against the two witnesses in Revelation 11:7-8. At the beginning of the millennial kingdom, the bottomless pit is the place where Satan is bound. At the end of the thousand years, Satan is released and promptly leads an unsuccessful revolt against God

# Tartarus

Tartarus refers to the place where “angels who sinned” are reserved in chains of darkness for judgment.

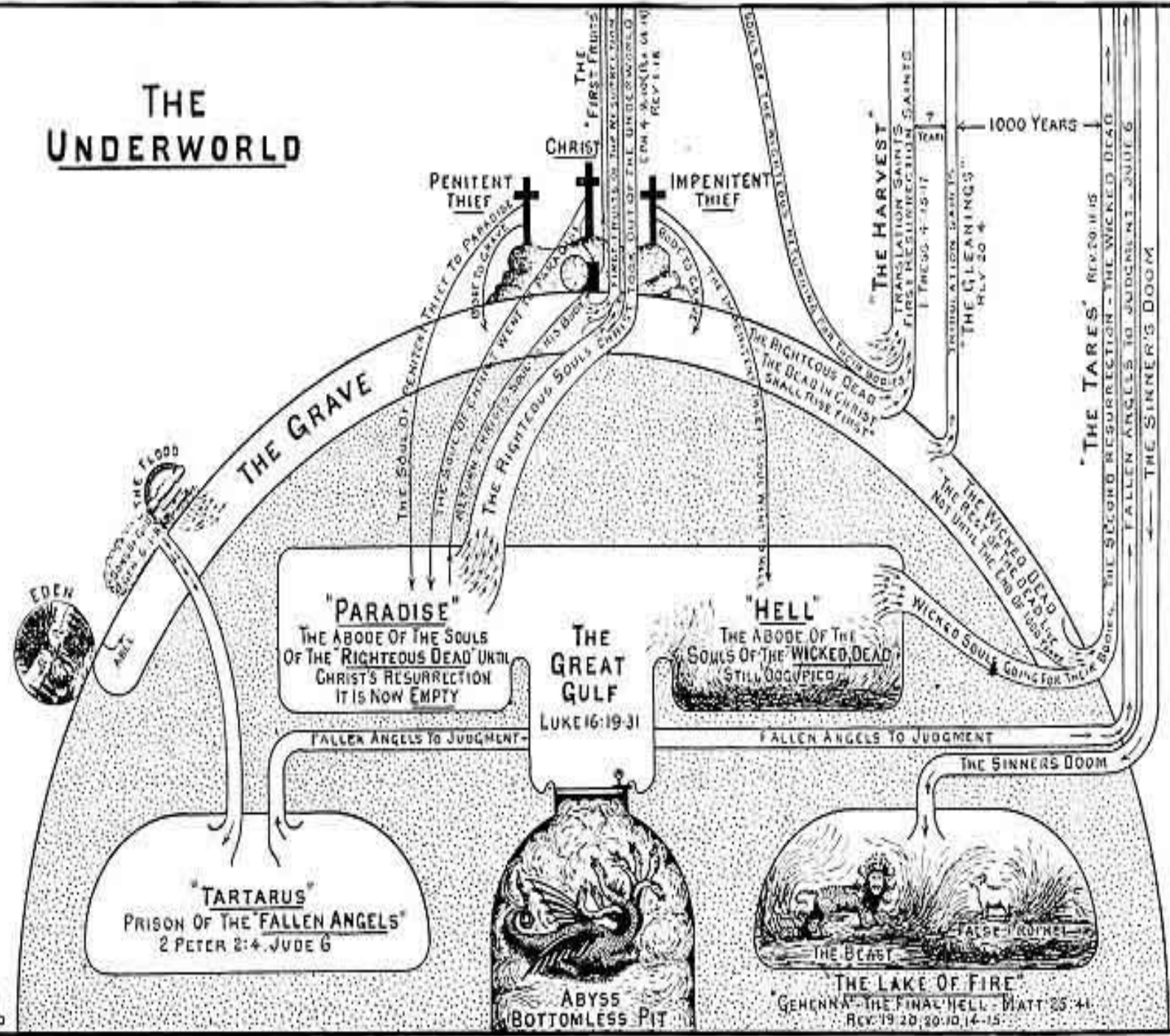
The Greek word that Peter uses for “hell” in 2 Peter 2:4 is the word “*tartaroō*”. This “hell” is believed to be different from gehenna or hades, the place of the wicked dead.

# Lake of Fire

The Greek text never refers to the lake of fire as Gehenna or hades. It has an entirely different reference "*limnē pyr*"

In the very end, death and hell shall be cast into the lake of fire. The inhabitants of tartarus, the abyss, and hell, shall all be cast into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:14)

# THE UNDERWORLD



  
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**"TARTARUS"**  
 PRISON OF THE **FALLEN ANGELS**  
 2 PETER 2:4. JUDE 6

**THE ABYSS**  
 BOTTOMLESS PIT

**"THE LAKE OF FIRE"**  
**GEHENNA - THE FINAL HELL** - MATT 25:41  
 REV 19:20, 20:10, 14-15

# Why is Satan loosed again at the end of the millennium?

## The Millennium population

- Raptured Saints in immortal bodies
- Tribulation Believers who did not die during the 7 year tribulation and are yet in their mortal bodies yet bearing a sin nature.
- Children born to tribulation believers in their mortal bodies bearing a sin nature.

- It will be a time of peace unparalleled in history
  - Isaiah 2:4
  - Micah 4:3

Jesus will be ruling on the throne of David, imposing a benevolent theocracy on all of His creation. Jesus will ensure that everyone has every need fulfilled, and even those in their mortal bodies will not sin until the end of the millennium when Satan is loosed. (Revelation 20: 7

# Raptured Saints Role in the Millennium

**v.4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw the* souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his mark* on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”**

# Sitting as Judges

- In Revelation 4:4 the twenty-four elders represent the church.
- In Matthew 19:28, the apostles shall also sit as Judges.
- 1 Corinthians 6: 2-3 indicate that the raptured saints shall judge both the angelic world and the earth world.

# The First Resurrection

## V. 5-6

- **But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is the* first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is he* who has part in the first resurrection.** Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

- The first resurrection takes place in various stages beginning with the resurrection of Christ
- Stage 1
  - 1 Corinthians 15:20
- Stage 2
  - Matthew 27:52-53
- Stage 3
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Stage 4
  - Revelation 20:5