

What happens to us when we die

“Amen, amen I say to you: If any man keep my word, he shall not see death for ever.” (John 8.51; DRA 1899)

Dear reader, the Lord taught that we must ask for His Kingdom to be established on earth (Matthew 6.10 / Luke 11.2). The message was so clear, that even one of the criminals that hanged beside the cross of the Lord understood it. While one of them blasphemed Him, the other said to Jesus: *“Lord, remember me when You **come into Your kingdom.**”* (Luke 23.42) The following verse (43) is mistranslated in the NKJV, because it says: *“And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’”* The **comma** that appears in some versions doesn’t appear in the original. The Lord could not take anyone to heaven that same day, because He ascended three days and three nights after that (John 20.17), and because Paradise will be on earth. The right translation is: *“And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you today: you will be with Me in Paradise.’”* The word of God teaches that eternal life will be given when Jesus Christ returns. Let’s read Matthew 16.27: *“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”* And in 2 Timothy 4.8, says: *“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*

The Lord warned us that some people will try to deceive us at the end (Matthew 24.4 / Mark 13.5-6). It is very strange that in spite of how well-known the “Holy Father” is, where it is asked for the “kingdom **come**”, the pagan belief of transmigration of souls has been scattered. They now teach that after we die we will go in a conscious way to the Paradise or other place, as if Paradise is in heaven. This is very different from the Bible’s teaching. The devil told Eve in the Garden of Eden: *“you will not surely die”*. Today he keeps saying the same to mankind, but in other ways such as reincarnation (you will not surely die); crossing to another astral dimensions, astral projection or astral unfolding (you will not surely die); transmigration of souls (you will not surely die); communication with the dead, spiritualism (you will not surely die); that the dead go to Paradise, purgatory or hell (you will not surely die); cloning –science– (you will not surely die). The issue is complicated because there are ignorant and unlearned people who have twisted and keep twisting the scriptures. All of us should understand that parables are general (fictional) stories that teach a lesson: it is similar to a fable but used to teach a lesson or establish a comparison. Its objective is the teaching of a spiritual lesson; in case of a short parable, it can be describe as a proverb. In simple words, a parable is an unreal event, a story. Nevertheless there are some people taking the parable of the rich man and Lazarus as a fact, or literally (Luke 16.20-31), repeating the famous phrase of the serpent of old: *“**you will not surely die**”*

are in general stories not necessarily long, obtained from nature or from human circumstances: it means a similar of a fictitious fact to establish a comparison or simile, **being** its objective the teaching of a spiritual lesson; in case of a short saying, it can be describe as a proverb. In simple words, a parable is an unreal event. Nevertheless there are some people taking the Parable of the rich man and Lazarus as a fact (Luke 16.20-31), repeating the famous phrase of the serpent of old: *“**you will not surely die.**”*

More examples to consider:

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- Some use the prophet Elijah's case where he went up by a whirlwind into heaven, in a chariot of fire with horses of fire (2 Kings 2.11), and add that he "didn't see death", when the Bible actually says that Elisha "saw him no more" (verse 12), but they don't consider that the prophet Elijah actually wrote a letter of reprimand many years later to the king Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21.12).
- In Enoch's case, the Bible says that he was not (Heb. "There is no him"), for God took him, but it doesn't say that he has immortality (Genesis 5.24). The book of Hebrews says: "*By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him;*" (Hebrews 11.5) but this doesn't confirm at all that Enoch has immortality.
- A story similar to Enoch's is the one of Philip and the Ethiopian. After the eunuch converted in the desert, in the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away and he was later found in Azotus, about twelve miles away from the place where he was transposed (Acts 8.39-40) He did not live on immortally.
- In Mark 9.1-8, the Lord said: "[...]Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God **present** with power. ²Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was **transfigured** (transform) before them. ³His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow [...] ⁴And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then **Peter** answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"— ⁶because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. ⁷[...] and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ⁸Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves." This is just a **vision** of the kingdom come!
- The apostle Paul has a wonderful experience too, but he doesn't know if it was a vision of the kingdom or if he was present in body. Let's read the testimony: "*It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ³And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*" (2 Corinthians 12.1-4) Paul saying that he was somehow in Paradise in the third heaven, in no manner guarantee that we, human beings, once dead, will be taken immediately and in a conscious way to the third heaven, before God's presence, denying in this way scriptures that do not allow interpretation.

But do not believe the enemy (the devil), believe the Bible. In God's word, the same apostle Paul that had the former experience, reveals to us clearly that **The Lord Jesus of Nazareth is "who alone has immortality"**. Let's read 1 Timothy 6.14-16: *that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, ¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or* Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." e-mail: contacto@comunidaddelabiblia.org

can see, to whom behonor and everlasting power. Amen.” The Bible says clearly that the dead are resting, even those martyrs from God’s word that rest under the altar; let’s go to Revelation 6.11 “*Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that **they should rest a little while longer**, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.*” The question that arises is: Why are these martyrs of God’s word awakened? The first thing that we must understand is that no human being received within himself the Holy Spirit before the Feast of Pentecost of the year that the Lord was crucified. (John 7.39) Before the fulfillment of this feast (Shavuot/Pentecost) the Spirit came **upon** the prophets (Judges 11.29 / 1 Samuel 10.6 / 2 Kings 2.15 / Isaiah 61.1 / Ezekiel 11.5); only after the fulfillment of this feast does the Spirit of the Lord dwell **in** his Saints, as it was prophesied in Jeremiah 31.31-33 “*Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— [...] ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.***” This was prophesied in Joel 2.28-29 too: “*And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.*” Many prophets and righteous men desired to see the first coming of the Lord, and didn’t see it (Matthew 13.17); let’s look the prophet Daniel’s situation: “*But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance **at the end of the days.***” (Daniel 12.13) Daniel’s example shows us clearly why these Saints are awakened for an instant to receive their white clothing: without this clothing they couldn’t resuscitate for the second coming of the Lord! And their resurrection would be only in a physical body, for the judgment, at the end of the millennium. Just like every human being, Daniel couldn’t inherit God’s Kingdom by himself: he needs to repent and accept the Sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus of Nazareth (Yashua: Yahue saves).

Daniel died without receiving the Spirit of the Lord, but with the certainty that he will resurrect at the last trumpet. Let’s read Daniel 12.13: “*But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.*” By God’s faithfulness, Daniel is awakened to receive white garments that make him worthy -the same as us- of his name being confessed before the Father. (Revelation 3.4-5 / 3.18); after being sanctified, Daniel is sent to rest again until the resurrection of all those who sleep and / or until the transformation of all those who are alive at the second coming of the Lord.

*Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2.8-9). The dead know nothing; nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 9.6). Dead are **DEAD!** (Genesis 2.17) (Romans 5.12), the last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15.26) (Revelation 20.14)*

Don’t let yourself to be cheated by those that are vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind (Colossians 2.18). They have preached doctrines (in many cases, doctrines of demons, 1 Timothy 4.1-3) in the name of false masters, illuminated, intermediaries, saints made by will of man, virgins, angels, elder brothers, etc.; these pagan ideas, reinforced with some supernatural sightings, are only a part of the arsenal of machinations and signs that the devil has been allowed to make before the earth’s inhabitants, for Satan transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11.14)

“*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus*” (1 Timothy 2.5) **There is no other mediator!** The Bible says that eternal life will be obtained when **the Lord comes to earth in**

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His Kingdom. Those who died in Christ shall rise and those who are alive shall be changed, but the other dead shall rise in a physical body one thousand years later, for the judgment that will last a hundred years (Isaiah 65.20-25 / 1 Corinthians 15.21-28 / Ezekiel 37.1-14 / Isaiah 26.19 / 2 Timothy 4.8). During the millennium Satan will be shut up, but at the end of this period will be released to deceive the nations, so human beings may freely choose between God or devil. Consider that the earth in that moment will be a great Paradise, ruled by the King of kings, and the ground will not have the current curses; animals will not hurt men and everyone will know God's laws (Isaiah 2.1-4 / 11.6-9 / Micah 4.3 / Revelation 20.1-15). Finally, when saints obtain eternal life (when the harvest is full), God the Father will come down out of heaven into the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, a cube of twelve thousand furlongs of edge (about 1367 miles) and God himself will dwell with men as their God (Revelation 21.1-27). Some scriptures that support this are:

Ecclesiastes 9:5-10 *“For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun. ⁷Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works. ⁸Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil. ⁹Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun. ¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”*

Isaiah 26.19 *“Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.”*

1 Corinthians 15.21-28 *“For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.”*

Isaiah 65.20-25 *“No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, And their offspring with them. ²⁴“It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” Says the Lord.”*

Isaiah 11.6-9 *““The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” e-mail: contacto@comunidaddelabiblia.org*

Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea."

Micah 4.3 *"He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore."*

Revelation 20.1-15 *"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ 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. 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. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."*

Revelation 21.1-27 *"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." ⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away*

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in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Dear reader, the following words are the Lord's words: *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' "* (Matthew 7.13-23)

We are not all brothers! *"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**"* (Romans 8.7-9)

God's Kingdom is at the gates. Our society has taken an amoral position; humans have been given over to vile passions, for even women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful (Romans 1.18-32). In the world that we live in, any depraved person may undress, and the rest of us must tolerate him; if a person is raped, numerous resources must be assigned to imprison, feed and rehabilitate the depraved. This society encourages the proliferation of all kinds of perversion, and the result will obviously be a totally perverted society, like Sodom and Gomorrah, or like Noah's generation before the flood.

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Don't let yourself be fooled: the wages of sin is death (Romans 6.23) The devil told Eve in the Garden of Eden "you shall not surely die"; you already know the result and the identity of the father of lies: don't believe in Satan. Continuing with the scientific development –Genesis 3.6: "*So when the woman saw (observation) that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise (reasoning), she took of its fruit and ate (experimentation). She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*" just like the scientific method used by Eve- we will never be like God, and we will never be able to control the creation. The disobedience to God Almighty has condemned the present world to an unavoidable end of self-destruction, and if the Lord delays His coming, the world would be completely annihilated by humanity itself, or even more accurate: by "inhumanity" itself!

Our society mocks the Creator and is filled with all kinds of injustice: fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; inhuman beings, offensives, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful. It must be clearly established that God created the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; the human being only has misused a knowledge for which man is not prepared. Our society has reached new height of wickedness: scientists have cloned human beings; if God does not intervene, the human race will be annihilated by the foolish, to whose darkened minds do not matter the destructive potential of their lucrative activities. Fruits are visible: every day younger kids are initiated into tobacco, drugs, alcohol and sex.

Pray that the Lord may give you a clean heart and understanding so you may have clarity and be out of the group of people described by the prophet Isaiah. John 12.38-40 says, "*that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"*" ³⁹Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: ⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

To conclude, in this point we remind you: "*Test all things; hold fast what is good.*" ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5.21-23)

We are hoping in the Lord that these words may be useful for the edification of those who humbly get close and obey without fear nor conditions to God's will. . Good-bye and we pray "*Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,*" ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Galatians 1.3-5)

Blessings.

Complementary information

CAGE: *fulake* (φυλακή, 5438), guard, it's used as the place where people is hold under vigilance (similar to *fulax*, guard), and is often translated as «prision». It's used as «cage» in Rev 18.2. It appears two times in this verse, and it's translated to «prision» (for every foul spirit) and «cage» (for every unclean and hated bird), CELL, GUARD, SENTRY.1

HADES: Transcription of a Greek Word used in the LXX to translate the Hebrew term →Seol, dwelling of the dead, good and bad ones without distinction. Hades deems as a place underground (Matt 11.23; Luke 10.15); it has doors to enter that symbolize the power of dead (Matt 16.18). It's mentioned in relation to Jesus' death (Acts 2.27, 31; cf.Ps 16.10). As consequence of the doctrinal development in the last books of the Old Testament, Seol's concept was bifurcated, and Hades came to allude to the place of darkness and suffering reserved to wicked (→Hinom, hell, Luke 16.23), while →Abraham's bosom and →Paradise indicated merciful destiny. Intimately related with →Death, Hades is almost personify in Rev 1.18; 6.8; 20.13s (cf. 1 Cor 15.55).

HELL: *Geenna* (γεέννα, 1067) represents the Hebrew word *Ge-Hinnom* (Tophet) and a corresponding Aramaic word. It's found twelve times in the NT, eleven of them in the Synoptic Gospels, and it's mentioned by the Lord himself in each case. Whoever says to his brother "you fool", shall be in danger of «hell fire» (Matt 5.22); it's more profitable to cast out (metaphoric description of an irrevocable law) an eye that cause its owner to sin, than for his whole body «to be cast into hell» (v. 29); similarly with the hand (v. 30). In Matt 18.8-9 warnings are said again, with an additional mention to feet. Here, the warning goes to the person himself too; the word «body» in chapter 5 makes a clear reference to the person. In the v. 8, «the everlasting fire» is mentioned as damnation, being the nature of this region which define the region's characteristics, being both aspects combined in the sentence «the everlasting fire» (v. 9). The passage of Mark 9.43-47 is parallel to Matthew 18's passage. In the first, longer descriptions are added, such as «the fire that shall never be quenched» and «where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched». The fact that God «after He has killed, has power to cast into hell», constitute a reason to fear God with fear that prevents from doing evil (Luke 12.5); the parallel passage in Matt 10.28 declares not the cast into hell, but the following loss: it is destruction (not the loss of the person, but the welfare) of «both soul and body in hell».

DESCEND TO HELL: Doctrine according to which Jesus Christ, after his dead and before his resurrection, descended to dead's dwelling: • Hades (Greek) or • Seol (Hebrew). This doctrine **is not explicitly taught in the New Testament**; only in the II century it was found in the patristics writings and in the IV century it can be found in all creeds of the church. In Matt 23 the Lord denounces pharisees and scribes, that by winning a proselyte, they make him «twice as much a son of hell» as themselves (v. 15), having this phrase a moral character, and announcing the impossibility of escape of «the condemnation of hell» (v. 33). In James 3.6 hell is described as the source of evil done by tongue's misuse. Here, the meaning of the word is "powers of darkness", whose nature and

destiny are hell. For hell descriptive terms, see, as example, Matt 13.42; 25.46; Phil 3.19; 2 Thess 1.9; Heb 10.39; 2 Pet 2.17; Jude 13; Rev 2.11; 19.20; 20.6, 10, 14; 21.8.

ANGELS THAT SINNED: 2 Peter 2.4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to **hell** {*tartaroo* (ταρταρόω)} and delivered them into chains (**Tartaroo, cells**) of **darkness**, to be reserved (kept) for judgment.

Tartaroo (ταρταρόω), translated « cast them down to **hell** » in 2 Peter 2.4, means consign to Tartaroo, that is not Seol nor Hades, nor hell, but the place where those angels whose sins are mentioned in that passage are in chains, «to be reserved for judgment»; the region is described as «chains of darkness» or «depths of darkness »

Jude 6: “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;”(NKJV)

Jude 6: “and to (the) angels that did not keep their pre-eminence, but left their own abode, for (the) judgement of (the) great day in everlasting prisons under darkness He has reserved;” (Interlinear Greek-Spanish, Francisco Lacueva)

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