

Abodes of the Dead

<i>Place</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Summary</i>
<i>Sheol</i> (Hebrew term)	Righteous, unrighteous, Abyss, Tartarus	Place for both righteous & unrighteous with compartments
<i>Hades</i> (Greek Term)	Righteous (Abraham's Bosom), unrighteous (Hades Proper), Abyss, Tartarus	Place for both righteous & unrighteous with compartments
<i>Abbadon</i> (formal name)	Unrighteous	Abbadon is unrighteous compartment of Sheol & Hades
<i>The pit</i> (descriptive name)	Unrighteous	The pit is the unrighteous compartment of Sheol & Hades
<i>The abyss</i>	fallen angels (in general)	Temporary place of confinement for fallen angels.
<i>Tartarus</i>	fallen angels (sinned in Gen. 6)	Permanent place of confinement for fallen angels who sinned in Gen. 6.
<i>Hell</i>	Unrighteous	Unrighteous compartment of Sheol/Hades
<i>Gehenna</i> (formal name)	Unrighteous (humans & fallen angels)	Eternal place for the body and souls of both unrighteous humans and fallen angels.
<i>Lake of fire</i> (descriptive name)		
<i>Abraham's bosom</i>	Righteous (until Ascension of Jesus)	Righteous compartment of Sheol/Hades
<i>Paradise</i>	Righteous	Abode of righteous no matter where they are at the time. Abraham's Bosom (from Adam until Ascension of Jesus) Heaven (from Ascension until end of Millennium) New Jerusalem on new earth (after Millennium – eternity)
<i>Heaven</i>	God, elect angels, righteous	Abode of God, elect angels and redeemed saints.
<i>New Jerusalem</i>	God, elect angels, righteous	Same as Heaven.

ABODES OF THE DEAD – Descriptive statements

Sheol:

- Sheol was a place that both the righteous (Old Testament saints) and the unrighteous expected to go upon death. (Both righteous & unrighteous: Ps. 89:48. Old Testament Saints: Gen. 37:35; 42:38; 44:29, 31; Job 14:13; Ps. 16:10; Jon 2:2 Unrighteous: Num. 16:30, 33; Job 24:19; Ps. 9:17; 49:14; Ezek. 32:21.
- Sheol was dreadful for the unbelievers. (Job 24:19; Ps. 9:17; 49:14).
- There are different levels or compartments in Sheol (Deut. 32:22; Ps. 86:13).
- Sheol was always downward (Gen. 37: 35; 42:38; 44:29, 31; Num. 16:30, 33; 1 Sam 2:6; 1 Kg 2:6,9; Job 7:9; 11:8; 17:16, 21:13; Ps. 30:3; Prov. 5:5, 7:27; 15:24; Is. 5:14; 14:9; Ezek. 32:21; Amos 9:2).
- Sheol was a place of consciousness –those who went down there were in a state of consciousness (Is. 14:9-10; Jon 2:2).
- Sheol was not removed from God’s jurisdiction Job 26:6; Ps. 139:8; Deut. 32:22).

Hades:

- Hades (Greek) is the same as Sheol (Hebrew). Ps. 16:10 used the term Sheol, when the verse is quoted in NT (Acts 2:27, 31) called Hades.
- Hades is the place for both righteous & unrighteous. (Lk 16:19-31 unrighteous rich man in Hades. Acts 2:27, 31 the Righteous One, Jesus in Hades)
- Hades was severe for unbelievers (Mat. 11:23; Lk. 10:15; 16:19-31).
- Hades was always downward (Matt. 11: 23; Lk. 10:15).
- Hades was a place of consciousness (Lk. 16:19-31).
- Hades is a temporary state, not the eternal state (Rev. 20: 11-15).

Abbadon (means destruction).

- It is paralleled with Sheol (Job 26:6; Prov. 15:11; 27:20).
- Abbadon is a Hebrew name for the unbeliever’s side of Sheol or Hades, used negatively.

The Pit Ps. 30:2; Prov. 1:12

- The direction is always downward
- It is a descriptive term for unrighteous portion of Sheol or Hades. Same as Abbadon. The Pit (descriptive name) while Abbadon (proper name), used negatively.

The Abyss (the netherworld or bottomless) Greek word (New Testament) Lk 8:31; Rev. 9:1-2; 11:7

- Direction is always downward.
- It is never associated with human beings. It is always associated with fallen angels with the exception of the Antichrist.
- Abyss is a temporary place of confinement for fallen angels. (When demons are cast out of people, they sometimes spend a temporary period of time in the Abyss. Satan will be cast into the abyss for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:3).

Tartarus II Peter 2:4

- It is called the pits of darkness, negative connotations.
- It is a place for fallen angels in connection with Noah, whereas abyss is fallen angels in general.
- These angels are the same as the sons of God of Genesis who intermarried with human women to try to corrupt the seed of the woman.
- Tartarus is that portion of Sheol or Hades which is a permanent place of confinement for those fallen angels who sinned in Genesis 6.

Hell

- Those in hell exist as shades, merely shades with no more reality than that (Prov. 9:18; Is. 14:9).
- Those in Hell are in torment (Lk. 16:23-25).
- There is total absence of righteousness in Hell.

- It is a place that is separated from God.
- It is a place of judgment.

Gehenna Mt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mk 9:45; Lk 12:5; James 3:6

- Gehenna is the eternal abode of the lost, both angels and men.
- The punishment in Gehenna includes both soul and body.
- It is not the same as Hell. Hell is a temporary place for the soul only, but Gehenna is an eternal place for both soul and body.
- It is an eternal torment
- Gehenna is associated with fire, and fire is the source of torment.

Lake of Fire (sometimes called the Second Death) Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14; 21:8

- Lake of Fire is the eternal abode of all lost ones, both angels and men.
- The punishment includes both the soul and the body. Both Death and Hades are cast into the Lake of Fire.
- Lake of fire is the same as Gehenna. Gehenna (proper name), Lake of Fire (descriptive name).
- Lake of Fire is associated with fire and brimstone as the source of torment.

Abraham's Bosom Lk. 16:22-23

- It is for the righteous ones only.
- It is located adjacent to Hell (those in Hell are able to see what is going on in Abraham's Bosom).
It is separated from Hell by an impassable gulf
- It is that portion of Sheol or Hades which was a place for the righteous where as Hell was the place for the unrighteous humans.
- Abraham's Bosom is a figure of speech describing a guest at a fest, reclining on the breast of his neighbor.
- Abraham's Bosom symbolized the blessedness after death.

Paradise Lk 23:43

- It is a term describing the abode of the righteous ones, no matter where the abode may be at any point in time. Lk 23:43 same as Abraham's Bosom. Until the death of Jesus, paradise was in Abraham's Bosom.
- Paradise today is in heaven (II Cor. 12:4). After the ascension of Jesus, Abraham's Bosom was eliminated.
- Paradise will be in the New Jerusalem in the future (Rev. 2:7 as New Jerusalem on the new earth will be the abode of all believers after the Messianic Kingdom).

Heaven (does not include 2 heavens mentioned in Scripture that are part of the visible world: Atmosphere (birds fly) & Space (sun, moon, stars)).

- The existence of the Third Heaven, the Abode of God, has been testified by eyewitnesses: Jesus (Jn. 6); Paul (II Cor. 12:1-4; John (Rev. 4:1).
- Heaven is the abode of God, the elect angels and the home of the departed saints (they no longer go to Abraham's Bosom)
- Heaven is a real and definite place.
- Heaven is always upward.
- Heaven is also the place from where God rules providentially by sovereignty.
- Heaven is the place where God received worship.

New Jerusalem Gal. 4:26; Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 21:1-22:5

- New Jerusalem is now above the earth; it already exist and is now in the Third Heaven.
- It is the abode of the whole Triune God, elect angels, and the redeemed saints.
- It is synonymous with Heaven; they are one in the same.
- In the future when new earth is created, heaven/New Jerusalem will come down upon the new earth.