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I counsel thee to  
buy of me gold  
tried in the fire...  
Revelation 3:18



# The 8<sup>th</sup> Day

## Starting at the Beginning Session IV

# Plan of Attack

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# Sheol Review

What have we learned about **sheol** so far?

# Sheol Review

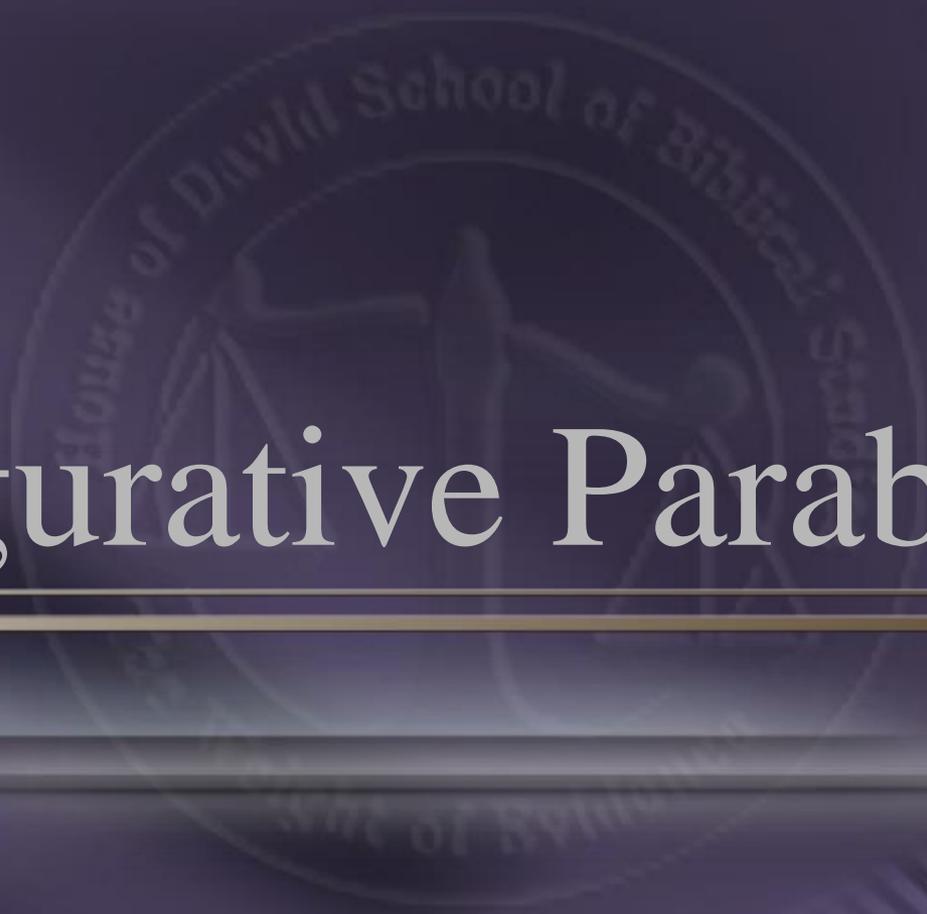
- The dead know nothing
- Their thoughts come to an end
- The body becomes dust again
- The spirit has departed and is back with God
- No expressions of emotion
- The small and the great are there.

# Sheol Review

- The wicked cease from troubling; the weary are at rest.
- Prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.
- Servants are free from their masters.

# Sheol Review

- One lies in sheol until the heavens be no more
- During their stay in sheol, they will not awake nor be aroused out of their sleep
- But...If Yahweh calls, I will hear His voice and I will answer.



# Figurative Parables

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# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:1-18 Oracle theme relating to improper haughtiness. Yahweh had raised up a nation by His own hand and that nation forgot Him and therefore had to be brought down. This oracle is told from the standpoint of comparison whereby another nation that was greater had been brought down in the past and so this specific nation shall experience the same.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:1-18 In the eyes of Judah, Egypt was a giant power. They hoped they could help them starve off Babylonian pressure. This oracle attempts to undermine the confidence of Ezekiel's contemporaries by contrasting Egypt's greatness with a nation who was greater but now lies in ruins.
- If Assyria could fall, so could Egypt!

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:1 And it came to pass in the 11<sup>th</sup> year (from the carrying away of Jehoiachin), in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying,

# Sheol

- 2 Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude:  
To whom (of your class) can you fitly be compared to by an objective beholder?
- Answer: To another great king greater than you, who nonetheless fell.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:3 Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon, with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest; it towered on high, its top above the thick foliage.
- 4 The waters (Tigris) nourished it, deep springs made it grow tall; their streams flowed all around its base and sent their channels to all the trees of the field.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:5 It towered higher than all the trees of the field; its boughs increased and its branches grew long, spreading because of abundant waters.
- 6 **All** the birds of the air nested in its boughs, **all** the beasts of the field gave birth under its branches; **all** the great nations lived in its shade.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:7 It was majestic in beauty, with its spreading boughs, for its roots extended to many waters.
- 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it, nor could the pine trees equal its boughs, nor could the chestnut trees compare with its branches - no tree in the garden of God could match its beauty.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:9 I (Yahweh) made it beautiful with abundant branches, **the envy of all the trees of Eden** in the garden of God.
- 10 Therefore this is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: Because it is high in stature, and it has set its top among the clouds, and its heart is haughty in its loftiness, (the pride of the affluent, who forget God)

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:11 I (Yahweh) have therefore delivered him (Assyria) into the hand of a mighty one of the heathen; for him to deal with according to their wickedness.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:12 I (Yahweh) cast it aside, and the most ruthless of foreign nations (Babylon) cut it down and left him prostrate. Its boughs fell on the mountains and in all the valleys; its branches lay broken in all the ravines of the land. All the nations of the earth came out from under its shade and left it.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:13 All the birds of the air settled on the fallen tree, and all the beasts of the field were among its branches.

# Sheol

- 14 Therefore no other trees by the waters are ever to tower **proudly** on high, lifting their tops above the thick foliage. No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height; they are all destined for death, for the earth below, **among mortal men, with those who go down to the pit.**

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:15 This is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: On the day it (Ayssria) was brought down to **sheol**, I caused mourning for him: As mourners cover their heads in a token of mourning, I covered the deep springs for him; I held back its streams, and its abundant waters were restrained: I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I brought him down to **sheol** with those who go down to the pit. Then all the trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, all the trees that were well-watered, were comforted in the **earth** below because so great a king as the Assyrian was brought down to their level with them.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:17 They also went down into **sheol** with him, that is, those that had been killed with the sword; and those who were allied militarily, having therefore enjoyed his protection among the nations.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:18 Which of the trees of Eden can be compared with you in splendor and majesty? **Yet you, too**, will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowest parts of the earth below; you will lie among the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his hordes, declares the Sovereign Yahweh.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:18 All that has been said of the Assyrian consider as said to thyself. To whom art thou so like, as thou art to the Assyrian? To none!
- Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh: Pharaoh's end shall be the same humiliating one as I have depicted the Assyrian's to have been.

# Sheol

- Review Ezekiel 31...
- The Overthrow of Egypt illustrated by that of Assyria via a tree parable
- Yahweh instructs Ezekiel to speak to Judah about the Pharaoh and his hordes
- Say to Pharaoh, Who can be compared with you in majesty? Consider Assyria...

# Sheol

- Yahweh describes the greatness of Assyria using figurative terms about trees.
- Yahweh made it (the tree, which is Assyria) beautiful to the **envy** of all the trees in Eden.
- In it's heart it (Assyria) became haughty because of its loftiness

# Sheol

- Yahweh therefore delivered Assyria over to her enemies so that her iniquity could be dealt with. She was completely cast aside.
- Yahweh brought Assyria down to **sheol**.
- I made the nations to shake at the sound of your fall, when she was brought down.
- \*\*\*I also sent down to **sheol** those who were militarily allied with her...

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32 “chant a poem of bereavement”
- קִינָה **qin** This noun represents a poem which is chanted (sung). It is to be distinguished from other types of mourning (different Hebrew word).
- This lamentation was sung prophetically of impending death and/or destruction.  
(TWOT)

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:1 And it came to pass in the 12<sup>th</sup> year (from the carrying away of Jehoiachin), in the 12<sup>th</sup> month, in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying,
- Ezekiel 32:2a Son of man, **chant a poem of bereavement** concerning Pharaoh, king of Egypt and say to him:

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:2b You are like a lion among the nations; you are like a crocodile (of the Nile) in the seas thrashing about in your streams, churning the water with your feet and muddying the streams.
- 3 Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh: I will cast over thee the nets of many nations, and will bring thee up with my hook:

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:4 I will leave you on the land (as a fish drawn out of the water loses all its strength) and hurl you onto the open field. I will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you and all the beasts of the earth to **gorge** themselves on you.
- 5 I will spread your flesh on the mountains and fill the valleys with your remains.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:6 I will water the land with what flows from thee, even thy blood, reaching to the mountains.
- 7 When I snuff you out, Pharaoh, you, as a bright star, at your extinguishing, by the going out of your light in the political sky, the whole heavenly host will be shrouded in sympathetic darkness.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:8 All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you, and set darkness over your land, declares the Sovereign Yahweh.
- 9 I will trouble the hearts of many peoples when I bring about your destruction among the nations, into lands which you have not known.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:10 I will cause many people to be astonished at you, and their kings shall be utterly amazed, when My sword flies in their faces, as they wait for their own fall from the day they hear of your fall.
- 11 For this is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come against you.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:12 I will cause your hordes to fall by the swords of mighty men - the most ruthless of all nations. They will shatter the pride of Egypt, and all her hordes will be overthrown.
- 13 I will destroy all her cattle from beside abundant waters no longer to be stirred by the foot of man or muddied by their hoofs.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:14 Then I will let her waters sink and make her streams flow quietly like oil, declares the Sovereign Yahweh.
- 15 When I make Egypt desolate and strip the land of everything in it, when I strike down all who live there, then they will know that I am Yahweh.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:16 This is the **poem of bereavement they will chant** for her: The daughters of the nations will chant it; for Egypt and all her hordes they will chant it, declares the Sovereign Yahweh.
- This is the end of the first lament.
- Second lament begins in v 18 after the date of the lament is stated in v 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> – 15th

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:17 It came to pass also in the 12<sup>th</sup> year, in the 15<sup>th</sup> *day* of the month, *that* the word of Yahweh came unto me saying,
- 18 Son of man, wail for the hordes of Egypt and speak this **prediction that they shall be cast down** to the **earth below** both her and the daughters of mighty nations, **with those** who have gone down to the **pit**.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:19 Say to them, As beautiful as thou art, thou art not more so than other nations, which nevertheless have perished and gone down to the **nether world**, where all 'beauty' is quickly lost.
- 20 They will fall among those killed by the sword. The sword is drawn; let her be dragged off to death with all her hordes.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:21 From **sheol** the mighty “Els” (LXX giants) **will say** to Egypt and her allies with a taunting welcome, They have come down and they lie with the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword.
- 22 Assyria is there with her whole army; she is surrounded by the **graves** of all her slain, all who have fallen by the sword.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the **pit**, and her army lies around her **grave**. All who have spread terror in the land of the living are slain, fallen by the sword.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:24 There is Elam, with all her hordes around her **grave**. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword. All who had spread terror in the land of the living went down uncircumcised to the nether parts of the **earth below**, bearing their disgrace with those who have already gone down to the **pit**.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:25 A bed is made for her among the slain, with all her hordes around her **grave**. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword. Because their terror had spread in the land of the living, they bare their shame with those who have already gone down to the **pit**; they are laid among the slain.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:26 Meshech and Tubal are there, with all their hordes around their **graves**. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword because they spread their terror in the land of the living.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:27 They shall not have separate tombs such as mighty conquerors have, who have gone down to **Sheol** with their weapons of war, and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their iniquity shall be upon their bones, though the terror of these mighty ones was once in the land of the living.

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# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:28 You too [O Pharaoh] will be broken and will lie among the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, notwithstanding their might, they shall be brought down by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the **pit**. (Edom was probably circumcised, being descended from Issac, but this is about Egypt)

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:30 All the princes of the north and all the Zidonians are there; they went down with the slain in disgrace despite the terror which resulted from their might. They lie uncircumcised with those killed by the sword and bare their shame with those who go down to the **pit**.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:31 Pharaoh shall see them, and **shall be comforted** at the knowledge of having other kingdoms companions in his downfall, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Sovereign Yahweh.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 32:32 For I have caused My terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, declares the Sovereign Yahweh.

# Sheol

- Review Ezekiel 32...
- Yahweh instructs Ezekiel to chant a lamentation **about** the Pharaoh
- First Yahweh builds up how great Pharaoh is
- Then He describes how He will destroy him and it's effect on the solar system, figuratively speaking

# Sheol

- Because of how great Pharaoh was, his fall shall cause others to be astonished and their kings, after recovering from that shock, will receive another as Yahweh flashes His sword in their faces, so that they can anticipate their upcoming fall too.

# Sheol

- Yahweh says: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come against you.
- I will cause your hordes to fall by the swords of mighty men.
- They will shatter the pride of Egypt.
- I will make Egypt desolate and strip the land of everything in it, and then I will strike down all who live there.

# Sheol

- Wail for the hordes of Egypt...
- As beautiful as thou art, thou art not more so than other nations, which nevertheless have perished and gone down to the nether world.
- Mighty “Els” **will say** to Egypt and her allies with a taunting welcome, They have come down and they lie with the uncircumcised...

# Sheol

- Elam, Edom, Zidonians, Meshech, and Tubal are already in **sheol**
- You too [O Pharaoh] will be broken and will go down to **sheol** too.
- Pharaoh **shall see them**, and shall be comforted at the knowledge of having other kingdoms companions in his downfall.

# Sheol

- Ezekiel 31:15, 16, 17; 32:21, 27  
The dead are said to be in **sheol**.
- Ezekiel 32:22, 23, 25, 26  
The dead are said to be in the **grave**.
- Ezekiel 31:14, 16; 32:18, 23, 24, 25, 29  
The dead are said to be in the **pit**.
- Ezekiel 31:14, 16, 18; 32:18, 24  
The dead are said to be in the **earth below**.

# Sheol

- KJV Old English ‘helan’ -> to conceal or cover
- “helling of potatoes” means putting them into pits in the ground ...

# Sheol

- Confirmation of the certainty of deliverance from Babylon
- Isaiah 14:4 Take up this **proverb** [taunt] מִשָּׁל against the king of Babylon, and say, “How hath the oppressor ceased! How has his boisterous behavior ceased!
- 5 Yahweh hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers.

# Sheol

- Isaiah 14:6 He which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggression.
- 7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

# Sheol

- Isaiah 14:8 Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.’
- 9 **Sheol** from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you arrive; It arouses for you **the spirits of the dead**, all those who were leaders of the earth; It **raises** all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

# Sheol

- Isaiah 14:10 They shall all speak and say unto thee, 'You also have become weak, as we are; you have become like us.'
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# Sheol

- Isaiah 14:18 All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb.
- 19 But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch; Your body is covered with the bodies of dead soldiers, with those pierced by the sword, those who descend to the stones of the pit, like a corpse trampled underfoot.

# Sheol

- So far+...
- Boisterous behavior ceases
- They who once were strong have become weak, like the rest of the inhabitants...
- Yeshua went to **sheol** but his soul was not left there

# Sheol

- Psalm 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in **sheol**; neither wilt thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.
- LXX Psalm 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in **ᾗδην** [hades]...
- Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in **ᾗδην** [hades] , neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

# Sheol

- Acts 2:30 Therefore [David] being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;
- 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of Yeshua that his soul was not left in ᾠδην [hades]...

# Sheol

- Hosea 13:14 From the hand of **sheol** I do ransom them, From death I redeem them. Where is thy plague, O Death? Where is thy destruction, O **Sheol**?
- LXX From the hand of **Hades**, I will save them; and set them free from death: Where is thy penalty, O death? O Hades, where is thy sting? ? ?

# Final Summary

- We have established a working definition for “sheol” and thereby “hades” through the application of the Procedure of Usage technique in the Tanakh.
- **Sheol** signifies the “State of the Dead”, in general, without regard to the goodness or badness of the persons, with no activity or knowledge whatsoever.

# Final Summary

- No compartments in sheol
- No levels in sheol
- No separations within sheol
- No river to cross to get to the entrance of sheol
- No fee to enter into sheol
- Proper burial not required for entrance

# Final Summary

- Those already in sheol have no power to keep others out
- No thoughts or expressions of emotion
- No forms of communication unless Yahweh calls
- The spirit has departed and is back with God
- Mankind lies in **sheol** until the heavens be no more

# Patriarchal Alert

- There's no mention of **Abraham** being “alive” in any sense including in a place of welcoming believers (Abraham's bosom)
- There's no mention of **Paradise** in Sheol
- There's no mention of a “blisful state” of the righteous after they arrive
- There's no mention of torture of the unrighteous after they arrive

# Moving Forward

- The Hebrew Scriptures – Sheol **DONE**
- **Hades**: Extreme Makeover: Homer -> 1<sup>st</sup> Cen.
- Etymology and hell
- KJV Old English ‘helan’ -> to conceal or cover
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- Some history of translation

# Sheol

1. History of translation שְׂאוֹל Grave, hell, pit
2. Greek hades ᾗδης (lit. an unseen place)
3. Latin **in-fer-num** -> of the lower regions
4. Italian **in-fer-no** -> the underworld

# Moving Forward

- The Hebrew Scriptures – Sheol **DONE**
- Some history of translation
- Homework assignment Session 5
- 1. Intertestamental Literature
- 2. I Enoch, II Baruch, Wisdom of Solomon, Testament of Abraham, IV Ezra, II & IV Maccabees, Philo & Josephus...





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