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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 III

# Review

Resurrection is not part of the pagan hope

# Death & Beyond

In the Torah, the Writings,  
and the Prophets



# Authority

- What authority have the Scriptures?
- Have the Scriptures come from God in a way that no other book has?
- Do the Scriptures have the highest authority for the beliefs and life of believers?
- Should believers change their beliefs if they discover they are not based on those presented by Scripture?

# According To The Scriptures

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# Hebrew Scriptures

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-4
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **according to the scriptures**;
- 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **according to the scriptures**.

# Hebrew Scriptures

- Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them **in all the scriptures** the things concerning himself.



# Hebrew Scriptures

- Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, “These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, **which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms,** concerning me.

# Hebrew Scriptures

- Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might **understand the scriptures,**
- 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved **Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.”**

# What Becomes of the Dead Part I

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# Plan of Attack

1. The Hebrew Scriptures - Sheol, using the technique Procedure of Usage
2. What happened at Endor?
3. The Exceptions: Enoch and Elijah
4. Figurative Parables
5. Yeshua
6. Patriarchal Alert: MIA
7. Homework assignment



# Sheol

- Psalm 6:5 For there is no mention of Thee [יְהוָה] in death; In sheol who will give Thee thanks?
- Psalm 115:17 The dead do not praise יְהוָה, Nor *do* any who go down into sheol.

# Sheol

- KJV Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **till thou return unto the ground** [אֲדָמָה]; for out of it wast thou taken:
- **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**
- TWOT(25b) אֲדָמָה (adamâ) ground, land

# Sheol

- Ecclesiastes 3:19 Man's fate is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath; man has no advantage over the animal...
- 20 All go to the same place. **All came from the dust and all return to the dust.**

# Sheol

- Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God** who gave it.
- Psalm 146:4 When their spirit departs, they return to the earth אֲדָמָה ; (adama)
- In that very day their thoughts come to an end.
- Spirit tangent (not study)



# Sheol

- NAS James 2:26 For just as the body **without *the spirit is dead***, so also faith without works is dead.
- KJV Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit...**

# Sheol

- Luke 23:46 And when Yeshua had cried with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into thy hands **I commit my spirit**”: and having said thus, he breathed his last breath and died.

# Sheol

- Acts 7:59 And they continued stoning Stephen, who called out and said, “Master Yeshua, **receive my spirit.**”
- Luke 8:55 And **her spirit returned**, and she arose immediately; and he [Yeshua] gave instructions for something to be given her to eat. [49-56]

# Sheol

- 1 Corinthians 5:5 Hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that **his spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and *I pray God* **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Master Yeshua, the Messiah. [End of tangent]



# Sheol

- Psalm 146:4 When their spirit departs, they return to the earth אֲדָמָה ;
- In that very day their thoughts come to an end.
- KJV Ecclesiastes 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but **the dead know not any thing...**

# Sheol

- Ecclesiastes 9:6 **Their love, their hatred, and their envy have come to end**; neither have they any more a portion in that age in any *thing* that is done under the sun.
- Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor reasoning, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in **sheol**, where thou goest.

# Sheol

- 2 Samuel 14:14 Like water spilled on the ground which cannot be recovered, so we must die.
- But God does not take away life; instead, He devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from Him.

# Sheol

- So far...
- The body becomes dust again
- Their thoughts come to an end
- The spirit departs and returns to God
- If the body does not have a spirit, it is dead
- The Word of God can tell the difference between the soul and the spirit



# Sheol

- So far...
- Stephen asked Yeshua to receive his spirit just before he died
- The synagogue ruler's daughter, who was dead, received her spirit again and lived again
- The spirit is that which can be saved

# Sheol

- So far...
- No mention of the Almighty by those who are there
- Their love, hatred, and envy have come to an end
- There is no work, reasoning, knowledge, or wisdom
- The dead know nothing

# Sheol

- Continuing...
- Genesis 37:35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, “For I will go down into **sheol** mourning for my son”. Thus his father wept for him.

# Sheol

- Genesis 42:38 And he said, “My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my old age to **sheol** with sorrow.”

# Sheol

- Genesis 44:29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my old age to **sheol** with sorrow.
- Genesis 44:31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is not with us*, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the old age of thy servant our father to **sheol** with sorrow.



# Sheol

- Psalm 9:17 The wicked are turned to Sheol, *Even* all the nations who forget God.
- Numbers 16:30 But if Yahweh make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down alive into **sheol**; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked Yahweh.

# Sheol

- Numbers 16:31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground under them split open:
- Numbers 16:32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

# Sheol

- Numbers 16:33 They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into **sheol**, and the earth closed upon them: and they **perished** from among the assembly.
- Job 3:1 After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.
- 11 Why didn't I die in the womb? Why didn't I die as soon as I was born?

# Sheol

- Job 3:12 Why were there knees to receive me and breasts that I might be nursed?
- 13 For I would be laying down quietly; I would have been asleep then, I would have been at rest...
- 14 with kings and counselors of the earth, who built for themselves places now lying in ruins...

# Sheol

- Job 3:15 with rulers who had gold, who filled their houses with silver...
- 16 or why was I not hidden in the ground like a stillborn child, like an infant who never saw the light of day?
- 17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary are at rest.



# Sheol

- Job 3:18 *There* the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor...
- 19 The small and the great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.
- Psalm 88:3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto **sheol**.
- 4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man with no strength.

# Sheol

- Psalm 88:10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee?
- 11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in the land of ruin?
- 12 Are Your wonders known in the place of darkness or Your righteous deeds in the land of forgetfulness?

# Sheol

- God's rulership over...
- Amos 9:1 I saw Yahweh [134] standing by the altar: and He said, "Strike the tops of the pillars so that the thresholds shake: Bring them down on the heads of all the people; those who are left I will kill with the sword. Not one will get away, none will escape.

# Sheol

- Amos 9:2 Though they dig down into **sheol**, from there shall My hand take them; And though they ascend to heaven, From there will I bring them down.”
- 1 Samuel 2:6 Yahweh killeth, and maketh alive: He brings down to **sheol**, and raises up.

# Sheol

- Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed unto Yahweh his God out of the fish's belly,
- 2 He said: "In my distress I called to Yahweh, and He answered me. From the depths of **sheol** I called for help..."
- Psalm 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in **sheol**, behold, Thou art there.



# Sheol

- Psalm 143:3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, **as those that have been long dead.**
- Psalm 31:17b Let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in **sheol.**
- 18a Let their lying lips be silenced...

# Sheol

- Job 14:10 But man dies and is laid low; he breathes his last breath and then where is he?
- 11 As water evaporates from the sea, and a river becomes parched and dried up,
- 12a So man lieth down, and riseth not:
- 12b Until the heavens be no more, he will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep.

# Sheol

- Job 14:13 If only You would hide me in **sheol** and conceal me till Your anger has passed! That thou would set a time in which Thou wouldst remember me.
- 14a If a man dies, will he live again, having accomplished the days of his life?
- 14b I shall wait until *παλιν γένωμαι*.
- Friberg: “as what comes into existence”

# Sheol

- Job 14:15 You will call and I will answer You; You will long for the creature Your hands have made.
- 16 But Thou hast numbered my steps: and not one of my sins shall escape Thee.
- 17 An Thou hast sealed up in a bag my transgressions, and marked if I have been guilty of any transgression unawares.

# Sheol

- Job 14:21 If his sons are honored, he does not know it; If they be few, he is not aware.
- Lamentations 3:6 He has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead.
- Isaiah 38:18 For they that are in **sheol** shall not praise Thee, neither shall the dead bless Thee, neither shall they that are in the pit hope for thy mercy.



# Sheol

- Psalm 49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the hand of **sheol**: He will surely take me to Himself.
- Job 26:6 Exposed is **sheol** before Him and Abaddon cannot conceal itself from Him.

# Sheol

- So far+...
- Jacob expected to go there as do the wicked and all the nations who forget God.
- Some went “alive” there (but not really)
- A place to lie down quietly
- A place to sleep and be at rest
- Kings and counselors who have died are there

# Sheol

- So far+...
- Rulers who had gold, and who filled their houses with silver are there.
- The wicked cease from troubling; and there, the weary are at rest.
- Prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

# Sheol

- So far+...
- The small and the great are there.
- Servants are free from their masters.
- Neither Your kindness nor Your faithfulness is spoken of there.
- Neither Your wonders nor Your righteous deeds are known there.
- There, one is as a man with no strength.

# Sheol

- So far+...
- Yahweh's hand can reach all the way down into **sheol** and grasp whomever.
- Yahweh brings down to **sheol**
- Yahweh will save those in **sheol**
- Some may feel so distressed that they think they are calling out from **sheol**



# Sheol

- So far+...
- Man lies in **sheol** until the heavens be no more
- During his stay in sheol, he will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep
- But...If Yahweh calls, I will hear His voice and I will answer

# Sheol

- So far+...
- If children are honored, a resident of **sheol** does not know it
- If one has but only a few children, a resident of **sheol** does not know it
- **Sheol** is a place of hiding, concealment, sleep, an almost non-existence

# Sheol

- So far+...
- Being in **sheol** is like being in darkness
- They do not praise Yahweh, they don't bless Him, nor do they hope for His mercy
- God will also redeem my soul from the hand of **sheol**, taking me to Himself...

# What Happened In Endor

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# Endor

- Deuteronomy 31:16 And Yahweh said unto Moses, “Behold, **thou shalt sleep with thy fathers...**”
- Deuteronomy 34:5 So Moses, the servant of Yahweh **died** there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Yahweh.



# Endor

- Deuteronomy 34:6 And **He buried him** in a valley in the land of Moab...
- Joshua 1:1 Now **after the death of Moses** Yahweh said...
- 2 “Moses my servant is **dead...**”
- Matthew 17:3 Behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:3 Now **Samuel was dead**, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him... Saul had expelled the **necromancers** and spiritists from the land.
- 6 And when Saul enquired of Yahweh, Yahweh answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:7a Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek for me a woman who is a **necromancer**, that I may go to her and inquire of her.”
- 7b And his servants said to him, “Behold, there is a woman who is a **necromancer** at Endor.”

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. “Divine for me,” he said, “and bring up for me the one I name.”

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:9 And the woman said unto him, “Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the **necromancers** and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?”
- 10 Saul swore to her by Yahweh, “As surely as Yahweh lives, you will not be punished for this.”



# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:11 Then the woman asked, “Whom shall I **bring up** for you?” “**Bring up Samuel,**” he said.
- 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, “Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.”

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:13 And the king said unto her, “Be not afraid: What do you see?” And the woman said unto Saul, “I see **elohim** ascending out of the earth.”
- 14 “What does **he** look like?” he asked. “An old man wearing a **robe** is **coming up**,” she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself...

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:15 **Samuel** said to Saul, “Why have you **disquieted** me by **bringing me up?**” “I am in great distress,” Saul said. “The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.”

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:16 Samuel said, “Why do you consult me, now that Yahweh has turned away from you and become your enemy?”
- 17 “Yahweh has done what He predicted through me. Yahweh has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your companions, to David.”

# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:18 “Because you did not obey Yahweh or carry out His fierce wrath against the Amalekites, Yahweh has done this to you today.
- 19 Moreover Yahweh will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, therefore **tomorrow you and your sons will be with me...**”



# Endor

- 1 Samuel 28:20 Immediately, Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel's words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night.

# Endor

- Even if all sleep, Yahweh can bring one up like He did with Moses
- The text says “v12 And when the woman saw **Samuel**...” – The text does not say the ghost of Samuel or a demon faking Samuel
- Who revealed [who could have revealed] to her that the man was Saul?

# Endor

- v13 And the woman said unto Saul, “I see **elohim** ascending out of the earth.”
- v14 “What does **he** look like?” he asked.  
“An old man wearing a robe is coming up,” she said.
- v15 Samuel says “Why have you **disquieted** me by **bringing me up?**”

# Endor

- v16-19 Whoever this entity is [**Samuel?**], they have been given knowledge of the future (that only comes from Yahweh) and they deliver it accurately to Saul.
- The text does not state that [**Samuel**] gets released back to **sheol**.



# Exceptions

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# Sheol

- Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took [translated LXX] him.
- 2 Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.



# End Part 1

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