



We continue through a controversial section of the book of Jonah exploring Jonah's otherworldly journey in the whale to Hell and back (v. 2, 6). Our focus today will be on the very _____ horrific location the Bible describes as Hell. We will go with Jonah to Hell for a look at it through the eyes of Scripture. There are those who speak lightly about this biblical place quipping things like "*Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company!...See you in Hell!...Party in Hell, meet you there,*" yet the Bible paints a very different reality about it (Is. 28:14-18). We will seek to gain a firm understanding of the realities of this place called Hell.

TO HELL AND BACK (Part 1) – Jonah 2:2, 6

1. Hell's Specific Location

- Hell = A covered/_____ place. *Hall, hole, hollow, helmet* all come from the same root word.
- Hell is a place _____ by God for the devil and his fallen angels – Matt. 25:41.
- While Heaven is always described as up (*in the north*) by the Bible, Hell is always _____, low, deep, below, and descending beneath inside the earth – Deut. 32:22 (*first mention*); Job 11:8, 26:5-6; Ps. 55:15, 86:13; Pr. 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:24; Is. 14:9, 15; Ezek. 32:27; Luke 10:15; 2 Pet. 2:4.
- In OT times, there were two sections of Hell: 1) A _____ place for saints before the resurrection of Jesus Christ 2) A side of burning and torment – Lk. 16:19-31; Ps. 16:10; 1 Sam. 28:17-19.
- Jesus spent 3 days and nights in the belly of Hell, as did Jonah, preaching to the captives there – Mt. 12:40; Lk. 23:42-43; Eph. 4:8-10; 1 Pet. 3:18-19; Is. 61:1-2.

2. Hell's Graphic Details

- *Sorrow* – Ps. 18:5 (Rev. 21:4).
- *Pain* – Ps. 116:3.
- _____ – Luke 16:23-28; Rev. 14:10-11.
- *Everlasting / unquenchable fire* – Matt. 3:12, 18:8, 25:41.
- *Their worm* – Is. 66:24; Mark 9:44, 46, 48 (Php. 3:20-21).
- *Smoke and brimstone (sulfur)* – Rev. 14:10-11, 21:8.
- *Weeping, wailing, gnashing of teeth* – Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30.
- A _____ of fire – Matt. 13:42, 50.
- *Everlasting punishment* – Matt. 25:46.
- *Everlasting contempt* – Dan. 12:2.
- *Everlasting destruction* – 1 Thess. 1:9.
- *Outer darkness* – Matt. 8:12, 22:13, 25:30.

3. Hell's Present Reality

- Hell exists _____ as a separate place apart from God for those throughout all ages who reject God and His plan – Is. 66:23-24; Mk. 9:43-48; Rev. 14:11; 20:10, 14.
- The _____ from Hell today is to believe that the horrors of it all are real – Lk. 16:27-31.
- What destines a person to Hell is rejecting the light, _____, and goodness of God offered through the Lord Jesus Christ – Ezek. 33:11; Jn. 3:16, 19; Php. 2:10-11.
- While Hell is mentioned _____X in the Bible, Heaven is mentioned _____X – Heb. 11:10, 12:22-24.