

## *Our Living God - The Savior of All*

**... we have our hope set on the living God,  
Who is the Savior of all people,  
especially of those who believe.**

1 Timothy 4:10

“Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.”

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

“Be merciful.”

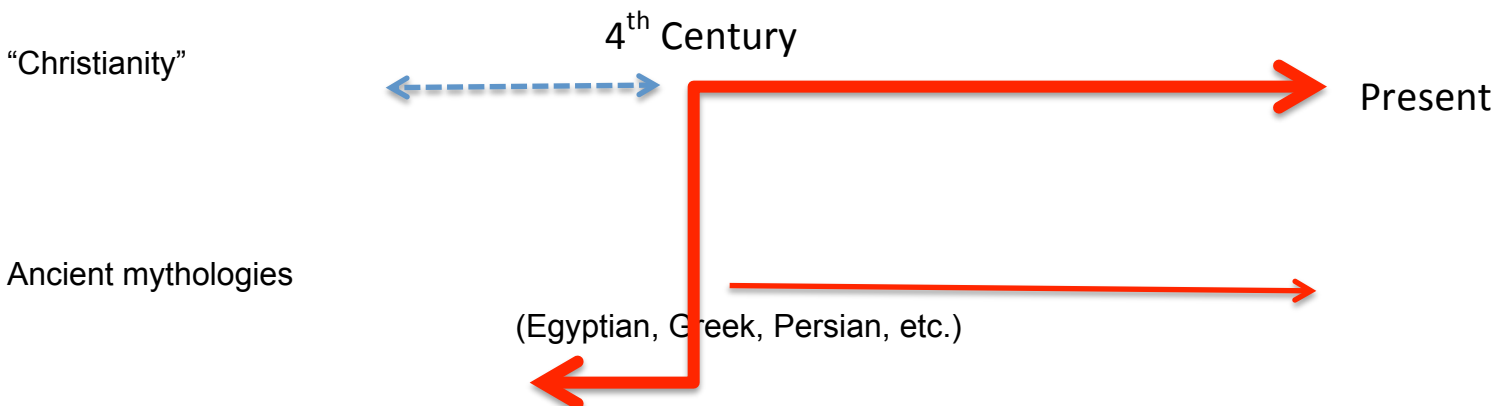
“Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

“Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most high...”

(Rom.12:17; Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27-28; Luke 6:35-36; Rom. 12:21)

### **Hell Comes to Church**



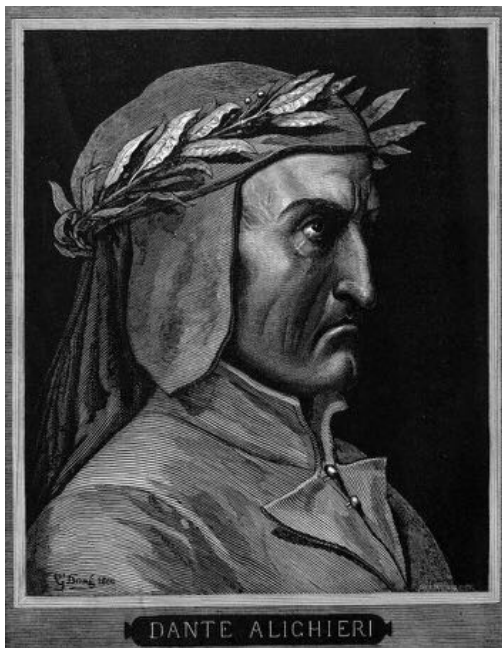


**Emperor Constantine (272-337AD)**

Introduced pagan version of “hell” to the Church

**Saint Augustine (354-430 AD)**

Promoted eternal fiery torment  
as part of “Christian” orthodoxy.

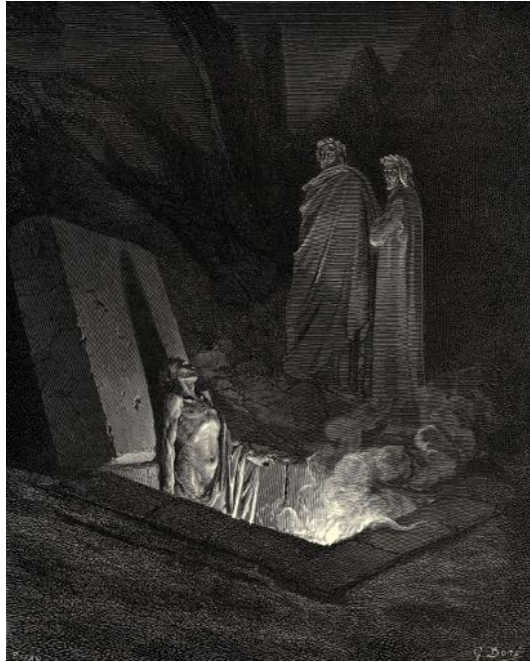


**Dante Alighieri (1265-1321)**

author of

**“The Divine Comedy”**

Eternal fiery torment on steroids!



**Gustave Doré (1832-1883)**

You think that's scary? I'll show you scary!

**Occurrences of "hell" in  
13 popular Bible translations:**

The Message	= 56
King James Version	= 54
New King James Version	= 32
New Living Translation	= 19
New Century Bible	= 15
English Standard Version	= 14
New International Version (NIV)	= 14
Amplified Bible	= 13
New American Standard	= 13
Young's Literal Translation	= 0
<b>Concordant Literal Translation</b>	= 0
Complete Jewish Bible	= 0
World English Bible	= 0

## Hebrew Scriptures:

**Sheol** = “grave, place of the dead”

**Genesis 37:35** (KJV) 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 the **grave** unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

**Psalm 9:17** (KJV) The wicked shall be turned into **hell**, and all the nations that forget God.

## Greek Scriptures:

**Hades** = Used as an equivalent for “sheol” (10x)  
Used in reference to both righteous and unrighteous dead

**Gehenna** = Used by Yeshua 11x (in four contexts).  
Used by James 1x.



**Gehenna:** “...where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:48)

## Q: What is the Hebrew word for “eternity”?

### Uses of “OLAM” (עולם):

**Genesis 49:26** The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the **everlasting** hills...

**Genesis 6:4** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were **of old**, men of renown.

**Exodus 15:18** Adonai will reign **forever and ever**. [*l'olam va'ed*]

**Exodus 21:6** ... And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave **forever**.

**Leviticus 24:9** And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of Adonai's food offerings, a **perpetual** due.

**Leviticus 4:13** If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally and the thing is **hidden** from the eyes of the assembly...

### Examples of words using the root ALAM (עלם):

**Genesis 24:43** *“Behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the **virgin** who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink...’”* (*almah*)

**1 Samuel 17:56** And the king said, “Inquire whose son the **boy** is.” (*elem*)

**Psalm 26:4** I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with **hypocrites**. (*na'alamim*)

**Psalm 90:8** You have set our iniquities before You, our **secrets** in the light of Your presence. (*alum*)

**Genesis 13:15** ...for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring **forever**. (*ad olam*)

**OLAM (עולם) ≠ “Eternity”**

What is the Greek word for “eternity”?



## The KJV translates Aion (αιων) as:

- **age** 2x
- **beginning of the world** 2x
- **course** 1x
- **eternal** 2x
- **ever** 2x
- **for ever** 27x
- **for ever and ever** 21x
- **for evermore** 3x
- **never** 7x (lit. “not for the eon”)
- **world** 32 x
- **world began** 1x
- **world without end** 1x
- **while the world standeth** 1x

**AION (αιων) ≠ “Eternity”**

**OLAM (עולם) = AION (αιων)**

**“Age”**

**“God’s decreed time”**

## Some uses of AIONIOS (αιωνιος) in the New Testament:

**Matthew 12:32** And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this **age** or in the **age** to come.

**1 Corinthians 10:11** Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the **ages** has come.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** In their case the god of this **world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, Who is the image of God.

**Galatians 1:4** Who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil **age**, according to the will of our God and Father.

**Ephesians 2:7** ...so that in the coming **ages** He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Yeshua.

**Jude 1:7** ...just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of **eternal** fire.

**2 Timothy 1:9** ...Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Messiah Yeshua before **the ages** of time.

**Romans 16:25** Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Messiah Yeshua, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret from times of **the ages**...

**Revelation 11:15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He shall reign **forever and ever**." (*aionos ton aionon*)

**1 Corinthians 15:25-28** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death ... When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be All in all.

**AIONIOS (αιωνιος) ≠ "Eternal"**

**AIONIOS (αιωνιος) = AD OLAM (עד עולם)**

**"To the Age"**

**"For God's decreed time"**

*"Plato does not mean by this word **aionios** simply indefinite continuance...but that which is above and beyond time....Simply to take the word **aionios**, when it refers to blessings and punishment, to mean lasting for ever is to oversimplify, and indeed to misunderstand, the word altogether. It means far more than that. It means that that which the faithful will receive and that which the unfaithful will suffer is that which it befits God's nature and character to bestow and to inflict – and beyond that we who are men cannot go, except to remember that that nature and character are holy love."*

☞ William Barclay

### **Passages expressing God's Salvation of All:**

**John 1:29** The next day he saw Yeshua coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!"

**John 3:17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

**John 3:35-36** The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. Whoever believes in the Son has **eonian** life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

**John 6:37-39** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him Who sent Me. And this is the will of Him Who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day.

**John 12:32** And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.

**Romans 5:10** For if while we were enemies we were conciliated to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are conciliated, shall we be saved by His life.

**Romans 5:15-19** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Yeshua the Messiah abounded to the many.

<sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

<sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

<sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one Man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Romans 8:29** For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah shall all be made alive.

**2 Corinthians 5:18-20** All this is from God, who through Messiah conciliated us to Himself and gave us the ministry of conciliation; that is, in Messiah God was conciliating the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of conciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Messiah, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Messiah, be conciliated to God!

**Ephesians 1:9-10** ...making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which he set forth in Messiah as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**Philippians 2:9-11** Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, so that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Messiah Yeshua is Master, to the glory of God the Father.

**Isaiah 45:23** By Myself I have sworn; from My mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance. Only in Adonai" – it shall be said of Me – "are righteousness and strength. To Him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against Him. In Adonai all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

**Colossians 1:20** ...and through Him to reconcile all to Himself (making peace by the blood of His cross), whether on earth or in heaven.

**1 Timothy 2:4-6** ...Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Messiah Yeshua, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all (the testimony given in its own **aioms**).

**1 Timothy 4:10** For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.



**2 Timothy 2:11-13** The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot disown Himself.

**Hebrews 2:14** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Adversary.

**Hebrews 7:25** Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always (πάντοτε) lives to make intercession for them.

**1 John 2:2** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 3:8** Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the Adversary, for the Adversary has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the Adversary.

**Isaiah 25:8** He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord Adonai will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for Adonai has spoken.

**Psalms 139:8** If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol [KJV "hell"], You are there!

**Ezekiel 33:11** Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord Adonai, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**Isaiah 55:11** ...so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**Isaiah 53:4-6** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and Adonai has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... **11-12** Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make the many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

### Quotes from the Rabbis:

*God's law and judgment originate in his love. His punishment is not hateful revenge, but the discipline of a loving father, who only desires good for His children. This principle has two corollaries: (a) First, the punishment itself is alleviated. God's love tempers his judgment with mercy, and the punishment is therefore not harsh and cruel. (b) Secondly, when necessary, God can sometimes suspend the rule of justice completely, and operate with mercy alone.*

**Hebrews 12:9-10** Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.

*“The Sages say, that when Mashiach comes, Gehinnom will be abolished.”*

☞ **Elazar Dov** (quoting Toldos Yaakov Yosef)

**1 Corinthians 15:24-28** Then comes the end, when [Messiah] delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all his enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ... When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

*“The future rectification will be shared by all – just as the imperfection was.”*

☞ **R' Moshe Chaim Luzatto**

**Romans 5:18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

*“And as long as the just measure of anguish is not exhausted, the soul remains in Hell. Which is to say, the soul is punished not by something extraneous but by that manifestation of evil it itself created according to its level and according to its essence.”*

☞ **R' Adin Steinsaltz**

**Luke 12:47** And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to His will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating.

**Revelation 21:24-26** By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

***Truth is true – even if no one knows it.***

***Truth is true – even if no one admits it.***

***Truth is true – even if no one agrees what it is.***

***Truth is true – even if no one follows it.***

***Truth is true – even if no one but God grasps it fully.***

☞ Anonymous



**Jeremiah 7:30-31** “For the sons of Judah have done evil in My sight, declares Adonai. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by My Name, to defile it. And they have built the high places of *Topheth*, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, **nor did it come into My mind.**” (See also Jeremiah 32:35)

### Offering children to Molech in the Valley of Gehenna

#### Questions for Consideration:

1. If it is God’s will that all men be saved (1Tim.2:3-4), and if most men are lost, then how can God be supreme?
2. If Messiah is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world (1John 2:2), did He die in vain for the lost?
3. If God is going to reconcile the universe through Messiah (Col.1:20), how can some be tormented forever?
4. How can God, in Messiah, gather all things together as one (Eph.1:10)while billions remain eternally estranged?
5. If all men are condemned by Adam’s offense, why are not all justified by the ‘Last Adam’s’ one just award? (Rom.5:18)
6. If all die in Adam (1Cor.15:22), why shall not all be made alive in Messiah?
7. How can every knee bow confessing Messiah as lord, to God’s glory (Phil.2:10-11), unless they are reconciled?
8. Since the lake of fire is the second death, what happens to the wicked when death is destroyed (1Cor.15:26)?
9. If “forever” (*aionios*) means “eternity”, what does “forever and ever” (*aionos ton aionon*) mean?
10. If God is love and has all power, will He not find a way to save all (1Tim.4:9-11)?
11. If Messiah is to reign for ever and ever Rev.11:15), what does it mean that He will abdicate His throne (1Cor.15:24)?
12. Will God ever actually become “All in all” (1 Cor.15:28)?
13. Who are the “kings of the earth” who come to pay homage to the King and His bride in Revelation 21:24-26?

**For further reading:**

**Raising Hell**, by Julie Ferwerda

**Hell, A Final Word**, by Edward Fudge

**The Restitution of All Things**, by Andrew Jukes

**Her Gates Will Never Be Shut**, by Bradley Jersak

**The Inescapable Love of God**, by Thomas Talbott