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IMMORTALITY VS ANNIHILATIONISM WHERE DO WE GO WHEN WE DIE? SHEOL - OR - HADES HELL - OR - GEHENNA/LAKE OF FIRE

WHAT ABOUT:

ABBADON	Prov 15:11	"Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord. How much more the hearts of men?" Rev 9:11
THE PIT	Job 33:18 Job 17:11-16	"He keeps back his soul from the Pit, and his life from passing over into Sheol."
THE ABYSS	Rev 9:1-2 Lk 8:31	Again: Rev 9:11; 11:7; 20:1-3 (bottomless)
TARTARUS Jude 6-7	2Pet 2:4	Translated "PITS OF DARKNESS" (ONLY REFERENCE)
ABRAHAM'S BOSOM	Lk 16:23	Lazarus and the Rich Man
PARADISE	Lk 23:43	"Today you shall be with me in Paradise."
HEAVEN	Lam 3:49-50	"My eyes pour down unceasingly, until the Lord looks down and sees from heaven." Rev 4:1-ff
THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM	Heb 12:22-29	
THE NEW JERUSALEM	Rev 21:2; 22:14-15	During the Messianic Kingdom [How much detail?] the Eternal Order [Wish there was more]
PURGATORY?		What did they base it on? 1 Cor 3:12-16 Don't teach it anymore - as a place
WHAT ABOUT: AN INTERMEDIATE BODY	2Cor 5:1-5	
SOUL SLEEPING?		CONCEPT NOT IN BIBLE

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I. FROM THE HUMAN PERSPECTIVE:

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY IMMORTALITY?

The eternal, continuous, and conscious existence of the soul (immortal part)
of the person

Death is the separation of the immaterial part of man from the material part.

II. 1Cor 15:53-54 "putting on immortality" - BY MEANS OF RESURRECTION (TRANSLATION AT THE RAPTURE)

Immortality is vitally connected with the human body.

Biblically the everlasting life of the body gives the idea of immortality its
meaning.

III. IMMORTALITY AS IT IS DESCRIBED (ASSUMED) IN THE BIBLE

A. Gathered to his people

Abraham	Gen 25:8
Isaac	Gen 35:29
Ishmael	Gen 25:17 (not part of the chosen line)
Jacob	Gen 49:29,33

These are seen as joining a company that had preceded them.
Consciousness might be assumed.

NOTE: In Abraham's case: "his fathers" would be a different group of
people than his family or clan back in Haran.

Also see: Gen 15:15; 47:30 "join the fathers"

B. Enoch continues to live

Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5

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- C. The question: Job 14:14
The answer: Job 19:25-27
Job will see God without his flesh.
Dan 12:2-3,13
Why are the dead raised, but to live forever!
See: Isa 26:19; Hos 13:14; Jn 5:25-29; Rev 20:4-6, 11-15
Also See: ICor 15:13-58
- D. According to the Scripture, the immaterial part of man is with God upon death and is conscious.
Ps 73:23-26; Ecc 12:7; Lk 23:43; Jn 14:3; 2Cor 5:1-8; Phil 1:22-23
- E. David expected to be able to join his dead son in a conscious way after his own death.
2Sam 12:23
- F. The souls in Sheol (Hades) are seen in continuous consciousness.
Isa 14:9,11; Lk 16:19-31
- G. Samuel was conscious after his death.
1Sam 28:8,19
- H. The way Jesus described Lazarus in death - Jn 11:25-26 - Present Tense:
though he is now dead, his is also now living!
- I. Immortality is the product of Christ's work as described in the Gospel.
1Cor 15:21-22; 2 Tim 1:10
- J. Future reward and punishment would have no meaning if immortality were not true.
Matt 11:20-24; 13:49-55; 25:31-46 (eternal life; punishment)
Rom 2:2-11; 2Tim 4:7-8
Also see: Ecc 3:11; Matt 22:29-32; Rom 8:18

THREE APPLICATIONS:

HOPE

Phil 1:23-24

AWARENESS

Phil 3:20

MOTIVATION TO LIVE RIGHT

1Cor 15:32-33

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THE REASONINGS OF MAN

Assumptions which "beg" for these false teachings to be true!

1. It is against the love of God for eternal punishment to be true.

ANSWER: Matt 25:46; Rev 14:9-12; Lk 16:22-23

2. There is no justice in eternal punishment.

ANSWER: Rom 9:14, 19-21

3. Immortality is not inherited (gifted); it is earned.

ANSWER: Eph 2:8-10; Rom 4:1-25

4. God has failed if evil is not ended.

ANSWER: Rev 20:11

Evil is contained, not done away with.

Removal does not equal annihilation.

5. Where is the justice for dead infants and the ignorant heathen in eternal punishment?

ANSWER: Rom 5:12-21

Why are humans lost?

Rom 3:9-18

What does it mean to be lost?

6. Punishment is only beneficial or useful when it is used for reformation.

Punishment as an end is wrong.

ANSWER: Gen 19:15; Ex 21:20ff; Lam 3:39

7. Why should God and the universe be burdened with the continuous existence of those who

have scorned a useful life?

ANSWER: See #8

8. The righteous could not enjoy bliss, knowing that others are continually in Hell.

ANSWER: Who has the most to say about Hell?

Having said it, Jesus says: Jn 17:5

HOW DOES OUR SIN AFFECT GOD?

ANGERS HIM

GRIEVES HIM

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN IMMORTAL PERSON'S BODY DIES?

. I. All experience THREE DIFFERENT STATES in their life.

Because the resurrection of the body does not occur until a future date, what does the intermediate state (the state of existence between death and the resurrection of the body) hold for the human?

1. from birth to death
2. from death to resurrection
3. from resurrection into eternity

BELIEVERS' AND UNBELIEVERS' EXPERIENCES DIFFER

II. BELIEVERS

At the moment a person dies the immaterial part of the believer is made perfect in holiness and passes immediately into God's presence.

2 Cor 5:8

Their body is buried in the ground waiting for the resurrection. It returns to dust as the wait continues.

The state of the soul after death is said to be in:

1. A "far better" situation than it's condition while it was "in the flesh"

Phil 1:23-24

2. A state of rest

Rev 6:9-11; 14:13

3. A state of consciousness

Rev 7:16-17

No hunger, thirst, toil under the sun, no heat, no tears

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3. If verses 1 through 10 are one thought, the Judgment Seat of Christ happens after the resurrection of the Christian.
Would the resurrection body not suit the context better?

4. Again, another Question: Can a disembodied spirit function without some kind of body?

THREE THOUGHTS:

a. Jn 4:24 "God is a Spirit" and He is able to function without a body.

b. Jesus had no body before the Incarnation, yet He did fine.

c. Angels are Spirit Beings and they function without a body.
Heb 1:14

5. Whenever a person is seen living in the intermediate state of the dead, no

emphasis appears relating to the "body" they are in:

a. Samuel 1Sam 28:12-19

b. Lazarus & the Lk 16:19-31
rich man

c. Moses Matt 17:3; Mk 9:4; Lk 9:30-31
at the Transfiguration

d. "Souls" Rev 6:9-11
under the altar

Souls are mentioned but not bodies (all are said to be conscious.)

NOTE: In Three of the above experiences the "soul" of the individual

is recognized the same way they would have been if they had bodies.

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THOUGHTS

concerning the time given to men where they can determine where their final estate will be: 2Cor6:2; Heb 9:27.

In regards to the Lost, Jesus said in Jn *:21,24 "Unless one believes, he will die in his sins" ...and there is no possibility of belief after dying in sin.

Their final estate is described as:

1. 2 Pet 2:4 pits of darkness to be reserved for judgment
2. 2 Pet 2:9 kept under judgment until...
3. Jude 7 suffering the punishment of Eternal fire
4. Jude 13 blackness of darkness...reserved forever.
5. Matt 22:13 outer darkness; a place of weeping and gnashing of
24:51;25:30 teeth
6. Lk 16:19-31 a place where there is no opportunity to cross back
over the line
7. Final judgment is based on deeds done in the flesh and not what was
corrected while in the intermediate state.
Matt 7:22-23; 10:32-33; 25:31-46; Lk 12:46-48
2Cor 5:9-10; Gal 6:7-8; 2 Thes 1:7-10

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

WHERE DO THE IMMORTAL BEINGS RESIDE - NOW, AND THEN FOREVER?
THIRTEEN DIFFERENT TERMS DESCRIBE THE "ABODES" OF THE IMMORTAL!

SHEOL

Referred to 64 times in the OT

1. It was the place that both the righteous and the unrighteous expected to go upon death.

Ps 89:48

a. Righteous Gen 37:35; Job 14:13-14; Jonah 2:2

b. Unrighteous Num 16:30,33; Job 23:19; Ezk 32:2,18-21; Ps 9:17

2. The unbelievers' place within it is dreadful in contrast to the believers' place.

Ps 49:14-15; again Job 23:19

3. There are different levels or compartments in Sheol.

Deut 32:22; Ps 86:13

NOTE: Both #2 and #3 will become clearer when we look at the term "Hades" in the NT and see that it is the same place.

4. The direction of Sheol is ALWAYS downward. "I will go down to Sheol."

Gen 37:35 plus numerous verses

5. Sheol is a place of consciousness. Isa 14:9-10

"I cried out for help from the depth of Sheol." Jonah 2:2

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6. Sheol operates under the authority of God.

Job 26:6; Ps 139:7-8; Deut 32:21-22

HADES

Same place as Sheol - Greek NT.....It is mentioned 10 times.

Matt 11:23; 16:18

Lk 10:15; 16:23

Acts 2:27 quotes Ps 16:10 In the Psalms it is called Sheol, and in Acts it is called Hades, making both the same place.

Acts 2:27,31 quotes Ps 16:8-11 Same observation.

Rev 1:18; 6:8; 20:13,14

Hades is the same as Sheol so everything that is true of Sheol is automatically true of Hades.

Rev 20:11-15 Hades is a temporary state; not the eternal state.

ABBADON

A Hebrew word that means "destruction".

It is found 6 times in the OT.

Job 26:6; 28:22; 31:12

Ps 88:11

Prov 15:11; 27:20

It is found Once in the NT.

Rev 9:11

All six of the OT references are found in the practical books. Hebrew poetry is based on parallelism. In these three cases, Sheol is paralleled with Abbadon or vs vs hence Abbadon is a Hebrew name for the unbelievers' side of Sheol (Hades).

The term "Abbadon" is only used negatively.

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THE PIT

It is used 23 times in 5 books of the OT

1. It is always used negatively
2. It is always downward.
3. The term "Pit" is a descriptive term for the Lost's portion of Sheol.
Sheol is the same as Abbadon.
Abbadon is the proper name for the place.
the Pit is a descriptive name for the same place.

ABYSS

1. Only found in the NT once in Lk 8:31 and Rom 10:7.
The remaining seven are found in Revelation: 9:1,2,11
11:17
17:8
20:1,3
2. Direction is always down.
3. It is always associated with fallen angels, never human beings except the anti-christ, who
has a real connection with an angel. Gen 3:15
4. That section of Hades which is a temporary place of confinement for fallen angels.
Satan will be kept confined there for 1000 years and then released - Rev 20:3.
It is believed that demons go there when cast out of humans. Lk 8:26-33

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TARTARUS

One verse only - 2 Pet 2:4

1. Negative in nature - "pits of darkness"
2. A place of confinement for the angels spoken of in Jude 6-7; Gen 6:1-8
3. That portion of Sheol that is a permanent place of confinement for the angels of Genesis 6
until Rev 20:14

HELL

Term is not found in the original manuscripts. It is used in place of Hades in English Translations.

GEHENNA- VALLEY OF HINNOM

1. In the OT it was a place where Israel offered up human sacrifices by burning them.
2 Kg 23:10
2 Chron 28:3; 33:6
Isa 30:33
Jer 7:31-32; 19:1-15

The OT practice of burning humans physically moves into the NT concept of Eternal burning of humans in the unseen world.

2. The term is found 12 times in the NT
Matt 5:22,29,30 Mk 9:43,45,47 Lk 12:5 Jas 3:6
10: 28
18:9
23: 15, 33

3. Gehenna is the Eternal abode of the Lost, both angels and men.
4. For humans this punishment includes both
soul - Hades
body - death
5. Every place studied before Gehenna is Temporary. Gehenna is an Eternal place.
6. Gehenna is associated with fire; the source of torment.

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LAKE OF FIRE

Rev 19:20

20: 10, 14

21:18

What is true of Gehenna is true of the Lake of Fire.
It is both a place and a condition.

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ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

Found only in Lk 16:22-23 Found often in the Rabbinic writings.

1. The place where the spirits of the "righteous men made perfect" went before Christ's resurrection. Heb 12:23
2. Located adjacent to the compartment of Sheol which holds the Lost of all time until the Great White Throne Judgment. 1Pet 3:18-20; Rev 20:11-15
3. While being next to this place:
 - a. an impossible gulf separates the two, vs 26
 - b. each side could see the other and communicate, vs 24
4. The Term "someones" bosom was a figure of speech describing a guest at a feast reclining on the breast of his neighbor. (John 13:21-27)
This term, therefore, seems to picture a state of blessing after death for the person who resides there.

PARADISE

Found in 3 passages in the New Testament

- Lk 23:43 "Today you shall be with me in Paradise" (location - Sheol in the center of the earth) (set Captivity free-Heaven/I have not yet ascended)
- 2Cor 12:2-4 "I know a man...caught up into Paradise - The Third Heaven" (location - Heaven, some place upward)
- Rev 2:7 "I will grant to eat...in the Paradise of God" (location - again, Up)
Jn 14:1-3; Heb 12:18-24

OVERVIEW OF THE ABOVE:

1. From Adam until the Ascension of Jesus, Paradise was in Abraham's Bosom
2. From the Ascension of Jesus until the end of the Millennium, Paradise is in Heaven
3. After the Millennium, for All Eternity, Paradise will be on the New Earth (see notes on Heaven and the New Jerusalem)

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HEAVEN

The Bible speaks of Three Different Heavens

FIRST The Atmosphere (open expansion; sky; air) where the birds fly
Gen 1:20,26; Jer 4:25; Acts 14:17

SECOND Space - where the sun, moon, and stars are located
Gen 1:14-18; 22:17 plural; 26:4 singular; Matt 24:29

THIRD Where God Dwells
2Cor 12:1-4; Rev 4:1 - 5:14

1. We have Two Eyewitnesses who have testified to its existence - Paul and John
2. Heaven is a real and definite place
3. Heaven is always upward, above the earth, sky and even space
QUESTION: If there are no light-givers in Heaven, is it outside the universe?
Will there be no universe in Eternity?
4. It is the place from which God rules and receives worship

THE NEW JERUSALEM

Gal 4:26 "free"

Heb 12:22-24 "the abode of"

Rev 21:1 - 22:5 "settles on the New Earth"

1. It is now above the earth. It already exists and it is "in" or "the Third Heaven"
2. It is the Home of the Triune God; of Elect Angels and of Elect Humans
3. It comes down and rests upon the New Earth

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CONCLUSION

ONE Sheol or Hades is in the center of the earth.
 "lower parts of the earth" Ezk 26:20; 32:24; Eph 4:9-10
 "to the earth beneath...down to the pit" Ezk 3:14,16
 "nether world" Ezk 32:18
 "heart of the earth" Matt 12:40 with 1Pet 3:18-20

longer It is temporary, because when this earth is done away with it will no
 exist. 2Pet 3:7,10

It contains 4 Compartments:
 Abraham's Bosom - which has been emptied
 Abbadon or The Pit
 a. Abyss - temporary confinement of angels
 b. Tartarus - permanent confinement of Gen 6 angels
 c. Hell - found in the English Translation Rev 20:11,14

TWO Gehenna or Lake of Fire
 becomes a factor for humans (?), at the time of the Great White Throne
 Judgment. Rev 20:14
 (It was already put in use 1000 years earlier. Rev 20:10)

THREE Heaven
 The abode of the Triune God and the Elect.
 It is the present place of Paradise.
 Heaven is either the same as the New Jerusalem or the New Jerusalem is
 in Heaven.

QUESTION: Can the Saved see the Lost in Heaven as they could in
 Sheol?
 Rev 22:14-15

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THE PLACE (LOCATION) OF THE DEAD AND HOW IT CHANGES AT THE DEATH OF CHRIST

BEFORE THE CROSS

Lk 16:19-31

The animal blood sacrifices were sufficient to keep the Old Testament believer out of "Hell" - but - they were not sufficient to get them into Heaven.

Those sacrifices only "covered" their sins. Heb 10:1-4

When Jesus died, He died for all sin of both ages. Rom 3:23-26

He removed sin rather than cover it.

The descent of Christ

Eph 4:9; Matt 12:40

The proclamation of Christ to the Lost side of Hades while there

1Pet 3:18-19

The ascent of Christ with all pre-Cross believers

Eph 4:8-10

The time forward from the death of Christ

2Cor 5:6-8; Phil 1:21-23

As far as unbelievers are concerned, nothing has changed for them

Rev 6:8

Saved (Elect) people will not die after the time of the Second Advent

Rev 20:5-6

The Lost will die even at the end of the Millennium

Rev 20:7-

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THE ETERNAL ORDER

The Messianic Age (Millennium) is the high point of Old Testament Prophecy. The Millennial form of the Kingdom of God will end after 1,000 years - Rev 20:7-10; 2 Pet 3:3-15; following the final resurrection followed by damnation. Rev 20:11-15

The Kingdom of God (God's rule) will continue into the Eternal Order Rev 21-22. All that is known about the Eternal Order is in these two chapters.

1. The Eternal Order is created after the disappearance of the Present Order.
2. The first fact given to us is that there is no "sea" on the New Earth.
The present oceans may well be the result of the Noahic Flood, meaning that the original earth had no oceans. (why we find cities where the oceans now lie)
3. The New Heavens and New Earth will be created but the Heavenly Jerusalem already exists
in the Present Third Heaven.
 - a. Never been affected by sin Gal 4:26
 - b. God may have built it at the time of Creation Heb 11:9-10
 - c. The eternal abode of all the redeemed Heb 12:22-24
the spirits of righteous men made perfect
 - aa. They were righteous in their day because they were justified by their faith
 - bb. They were made perfect at the death of the Messiah.

GLEENINGS FROM REVELATION 21 AND 22

CHAPTER 21

Vs3 The habitation of God (Heavenly Jerusalem) will now be "with men"

Vs4 All the effects of the curse recorded in Gen 3:16-19 will be removed

Vs5 The Eternal Order is assured because the One who makes the promise is both Faithful
and True

vs6 Those occupying the world order will live forever because God will provide "the spring
of the water of life" to them

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vs7 Bottom line promise

vs8 The destroying of the Lost is given in contrast in "the Lake of Fire" - "the Second Death"

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21:9 - 22:5 A DESCRIPTION OF THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

vs9-10 The angels found participating in the "seven bowl judgments" Rev 15:7-17:1
leads

the Apostle John through the revelation of the Heavenly Jerusalem.

NOTE: John is shown the Bride, the wife of the Lamb...the Holy City where the
Bride

lives.

21:11-22:5 THE CITY WHICH JOHN SEES

vs11 The city has the glory of God residing in it, making any other light source unneeded.

The Shechinah Glory/Lamb vs 23

NEEDS WORK!!!

VS12-13 IT'S GATES

1. Each gate will be under the authority of an angel.
2. Each gate will bear one of the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. For all eternity these Jewish names will be remembered (and possibly their history).
3. The Gates will be 3 to a side (Levi will be one; Joseph will be one because there is no temple service carried on in the Eternal Order, vs 22.)

vs14 The foundations of the wall will bear the names of the 12 Apostles (all Jewish)
So far - 12 Tribes and 12 Individuals will be remembered for all Eternity.

vs15-17 The city measures 1,500 miles long, wide, and high. The wall - 216feet high.

vs18-21 Materials that the city is built with:

1. Jasper
2. Transparent Gold
3. 12 Different Precious Stones (2 more than found in Ezk 28:13)
4. Gates are each a pearl
5. One street

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vs22-23 Omissions - not found in the City:

1. no Temple
2. no light-giversz but the Lamb (no sun or moon)
3. no night vs 25

vs24 Gentiles apart from Jews will always be there. They will have kingdoms.

vs25-27 The Gates will never be closed.

These Gentiles will be eternally clean.

In Short: There will be life without sin; possibly more as we know it than we might think.

CHAPTER 22

vs1-2a A "River of Life" will flow with its source being the Throne of God and the Lamb. Its waters will run down the singular street of the city.

vs2b-3a The Tree of Life will be there providing food and healing. (Gen 2:9; 3:22,24)

It is said to extend to both sides of the street.

Month - some kind of time will be recovered? (months without days/nights)

Healing - therapeutic, not healing (the curse has been lifted)

Nations are again isolated.

NOTE: Jews; Christians-Lamb's wife; nations who have believed but are not part of either of the above two.

vs3b The Throne of God Rev 4:1 - 5:14
The Lamb
shall be in it.

vs3c-4 Humans who will occupy it:
a. shall serve the Lamb
b. shall see the Lamb's face
c. The Lamb's name shall be on their foreheads

vs5 God shall illumine them.
They shall reign forever.

vs14-15 Those who have "washed their robes" live and enter.
Those Outside - have not washed their robes - are excluded with an Eternal Exclusion.