

**BIBLICAL STUDY ON HEAVEN/HELL**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2005**

This handout coincides with a study that pastor Kevin Lea gave on Wednesday, December 28, 2005. You can listen to the audio teaching of this study by clicking on the following link:  
[http://www.calvarypo.org/audio\\_files/W-557-KL.mp3](http://www.calvarypo.org/audio_files/W-557-KL.mp3)

**LEAD IN**

**WHY STUDY?**

**RECENT SPECIAL LAST WEEK ON ABC – CAUSING  
CONFUSION AS USUAL**

**RECENT BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT HEAVEN.**

**THIS STUDY TO EMPHASIZE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.**

**STUDY TRIES TO PUT TOGETHER A FLOW OF EVENTS:**

**FROM CREATION TO THE FINAL CONDITION OF  
MAN WITH GOD IN HEAVEN OR SEPARATED  
FROM GOD IN THE LAKE OF FIRE (HELL).**

**VERSE BY VERSE STUDY**

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the **heavens and the earth.** (NKJ)

**GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD AS PHYSICAL UNIVERSE  
AND EARTH.**

**BUT GOD DWELT IN ANOTHER DIMENSION OF  
SPIRITUAL HEAVEN.**

**WAS HELL CREATED AS PART OF THIS “HEAVEN AND  
EARTH”?**

**WAS THERE A SATAN?**

**BIBLE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT SATAN FELL AND  
HELL WAS CREATED BEFORE GENESIS 1:1.**

Luke 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "**I saw**

**Satan fall like lightning from heaven.** 19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, **that the spirits are subject to you**, but rather rejoice because your names are **written in heaven.**" (NKJ)

**SATAN WAS IN SPIRITUAL HEAVEN BUT FELL IN HIS REBELLION.**

**HIS FALL IS DESCRIBED IN ISAIAH 14:12-17,  
EZEKIEL 28:12-1.9**

*20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, **that the spirits are subject to you**, but rather rejoice because your names are **written in heaven.**" (NKJ)*

**JESUS WAS NOT TALKING ABOUT OUR NAMES BEING WRITTEN IN THE GENESIS 1:1 UNIVERSE HEAVEN BUT A SPIRITUAL HEAVEN**

20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, **that the spirits [DEMONS] are subject to you**

**HOW MANY "SPIRITS" FELL WITH SATAN? – ANSWER IN REVELATION 12:3.**

Rev 12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon [SATAN] having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven [BELIEVED TO REFER TO THE NUMBER OF ANGELS THAT SATAN TOOK WITH HIM IN HIS FALL FROM HEAVEN] and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman [ISRAEL] who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child [MESSIAH OF ISRAEL – JESUS] as soon as it was born. (NKJ)

**SATAN'S FALL APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE GENESIS 1:1 BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING VERSES, WHICH SEEM TO INDICATE THAT GOD PLANNED TO SAVE FALLEN MAN "BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." THIS WOULD MEAN THAT SATAN FELL BEFORE GENESIS 1:1.**

1 Pet 1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a

lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (NKJ)

**IN THE FOLLOWING VERSES THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT "HELL" WAS MADE FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS WHO FELL.**

Matt 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels**: 42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; (NKJ)

**HELL APPARENTLY WAS NOT PART OF THE "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH" OF GENESIS 1:1.**

**IT MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED BEFORE GENESIS 1:1 TO BE THE FINAL HOLDING PLACE AND CONDITION FOR FALLEN ANGELS.**

**NOW THE SOULS OF MEN WHO TAKE SATAN'S SIDE WILL ALSO GO THERE.**

**BUT WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR MAN?**

Gen 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply**; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; **to you it shall be for food. 30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.** 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**GOD'S PLAN:**

**MAN LIVING ON EARTH IN HUMAN BODIES, REPRODUCING AND NOTHING IS DYING (MAN OR BEAST).**

**THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS THE FINAL HEAVEN AND CONDITION OF MAN THAT WE SEE IN THE LAST TWO CHAPTERS OF REVELATION AND IN THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS – COVERED IN VERSES BELOW.**

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (NKJ)

**SPIRITUALLY – SINCE ADAM AND EVE DID NOT DIE (IMMEDIATELY) IN A PHYSICAL SENSE.**

Gen 3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

**FIRST DEATH RECORDED IN THE BIBLE WAS THE ANIMAL THAT WAS KILLED TO PROVIDE A SKIN TO COVER ADAM AND EVE.**

22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. (NKJ)

**TREE OF LIFE AGAIN MADE AVAILABLE IN FINAL HEAVEN – SEE VERSES AT END OF THIS STUDY.**

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN O.T. PEOPLE PHYSICALLY DIED?**

**WHERE DID THEIR SOULS GO?**

2 Sam 12:21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food." 22 And he said, "While the child was

alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' 23 "But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." (NKJ)

**KING DAVID KNEW THAT HIS SOUL WOULD GO TO WHERE HIS SON'S SOUL WENT AT DEATH.**

Gen 37:35 And all his (**JACOB**) sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted (**ABOUT JOSEPH'S PRESUMED DEATH**), and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave (**SHEOL**) to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him. (NKJ)

**SHEOL IS HEBREW WORD WHICH BOTH DESCRIBES THE LITERAL GRAVE WHERE THE PHYSICAL BODY IS LAID AND THE SPIRITUAL PLACE OF THE SOUL AFTER DEATH.**

Ps 49:13 This is the way of those who are foolish, and of their posterity who approve their sayings. Selah 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave (**SHEOL**); death shall feed on them; the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling. 15 But God will redeem my soul from the **power of the grave (SHEOL)**, for He shall receive me. Selah (NKJ)

**DAVID KNEW THAT HIS SOUL WOULD BE REDEEMED (BOUGHT BACK) FROM THE POWER OF THE GRAVE.**

Prov 27:20 Hell (**SHEOL**) and Destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. (NKJ)

**WHAT IS THIS "POWER OF SHEOL?"**

**ANSWERED BY JESUS IN LUKE 16**

Luke 16:19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 "But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 "desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 "And being in torments in **Hades (GREEK EQUIVALENT OF HEBREW SHEOL)**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

**THAYER'S DICTIONARY - hades- 1) the name of Hades or**

**Pluto, the god of the lower regions 2) Orcus, the nether world, the realm of the dead 3) the later use of this word: the grave, death, hell In Biblical Greek it is associated with Orcus, the infernal regions, a dark and dismal place in the very depths of the earth, the common receptacle of disembodied spirits. Usually Hades is just the abode of the wicked, Luke 16:23, Rev. 20:13,14; a very uncomfortable place.**

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' 27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 "And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" (NKJ)

**LAZARUS WAS IN THE COMFORT OF ABRAHAM'S BOSOM – BUT NOT IN HEAVEN.**

**APPARENTLY A PORTION OF HADES THAT WAS NOT IN TORMENT – BUT WAS CAPTIVE.**

Matt 16:17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (**THE POWER OF THE GRAVE TO HOLD THE SOULS OF THOSE BELIEVERS WHO HAVE DIED**) shall not prevail against it. (NKJ)

Rev 1:17 And when I saw Him [**JESUS**], I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (NKJ)

**JESUS HAD TO PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS ON THE CROSS BY DYING IN OUR PLACE.**

**HAVING DONE SO, HE IS JUST IN HAVING THE POWER OVER DEATH TO USE THE KEY TO THE GATE OF HADES TO LOOSE THOSE WHO WERE WAITING FOR HIS PROMISED COMING.**

**AS SEEN IN THE ACCOUNT OF THE THIEF ON THE CROSS IN FOLLOWING VERSE.**

Luke 23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (NKJ)

**WHERE ELSE IS GREEK WORD FOR PARADISE USED IN SCRIPTURE?**

2 Cor 12:3 And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- 4 how he was caught up into **Paradise and heard inexpressible words**, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. (NKJ)

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the **tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.**" (NKJ)

**THIEF ON THE CROSS WENT TO ETERNAL HEAVEN**

**NOT INTO SOUL SLEEP**

**SUMMARY**

**HADES IN TWO PARTS**

**GOOD AND BAD**

**GOOD PART NOW IN PARADISE**

**TORMENTING PART WAITING FOR THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

**FOLLOWING VERSES BRING US TO THE FINAL CONDITIONS OF HEAVEN AND HELL AND EXPLAIN WHO GOES TO EACH.**

Rev 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast [ANTICHRIST] or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead (**WICKED/UNBELIEVING DEAD**) did not live again (**POWER OF THE GRAVE STILL HAS THEM**) until the thousand years were finished. This [**RESURRECTION OF THE BELIEVERS IN VERSE 4**] is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (NKJ)

#### **IN AN EARTHLY KINGDOM ON EARTH.**

**WHICH ONLY LASTS FOR 1,000 YEARS, IS DESCRIBED IN SEVERAL OLD TESTAMENT VERSES WE ARE NOT COVERING AND IS NOT THE FINAL HEAVEN.**

Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented **day and night forever and ever.**

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead [UNBELIEVING DEAD], small and great, standing before God, and books were opened [BOOK OF THEIR WORKS ON EARTH]. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life [ONLY CONTAINS THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN JESUS, WHICH IS NONE OF THE UNBELIEVING DEAD]. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them [ALL UNBELIEVING SOULS OF THE DEAD NOW



**STANDING BEFORE GOD IN JUDGMENT].** And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the **lake of fire (FINAL CONDITION OF HELL – ETERNAL BURNING PIT)**. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT THIS ETERNAL LAKE OF FIRE IN VERSES BELOW.**

Matt 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [**GREEK WORD GEENA – LAKE OF FIRE**]. (NKJ)

**THAYER'S DICTIONARY geenna- Hell is the place of the future punishment call "Gehenna" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.**

Matt 18:7 "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! 8 "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. 9 "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell (**gehenna**) fire. 10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

**THE FOLLOWING IS ONE MORE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED HELL IN KJ:**

2 Pet 2:4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell (**tartaroo**) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

**PERTAINS TO AN ANGELIC HOLDING PLACE FOR THOSE ANGELS WHO HAVE COMMITTED A SIN (OTHER THAN THEIR FALL WITH SATAN) WHICH IS SO VILE THAT THEY ARE LOCKED UP TILL THE FINAL LAKE OF FIRE CONDITION.**

**THAYER'S DICTIONARY - tartaroo (tar-tar-o'-o); from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment.**

## **JESUS TAUGHT WHAT WE WILL BE LIKE WHEN WE GO TO HEAVEN AND WHAT WE WILL EXPERIENCE:**

Matt 22:28 "Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 "For in the resurrection **they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.** 31 "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. (NKJ)

Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (NKJ)

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. 6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the

Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." (NKJ)

## **SUMMARY**

**HELL WAS MADE FOR SATAN**

**ADAM AND EVE WOULD HAVE LIVED IN AN EARTHLY HEAVEN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD HAD THEY NOT SINNED**

**NOW, THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN GOD'S SALVATION, JESUS, AND HAVE HAD THEIR NAMES WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE ARE WAITING FOR A HEAVENLY EXISTENCE WITH GOD – WHEN HE MAKES A NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH**

**HOW TO GO TO HELL?**

**REJECT THE SAVIOR**

**BENEFITS OF HEAVEN – ETERNAL LIFE**