

Passages with Sheol (Hell) and Associated Words

H7585. שְׁאוֹל *sh'ôwl* or שְׁאֵל; from H7592 (שָׁאֵל); Hades or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates:—grave, hell, pit.

In the KJV the word sheol is translated hell (31x), grave (31x) and pit (3x).

In the ESV the word sheol is always transliterated and capitalized except for Song 8:6.

Sheol occurs 65 times across the Old Testament.

Genesis	4
Numbers	2
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1 Samuel	1
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Hosea	2
Amos	1
Jonah	1
Habakkuk	1

Other words of significance:

These words are used synonymously or in conjunction with Sheol.

H953. בּוֹר *bôr* from H952 (בוּר) (in the sense of H877 (בְּאֵר)); a pit hole (especially one used as a cistern or a prison):—cistern, dungeon, fountain, pit, well.

H7845. שַׁחַת *shachath* from H7743 (שָׁחַת); a pit (especially as a trap); figuratively, destruction:—corruption, destruction, ditch, grave, pit.

H11. אֲבַדְדוֹן *'abaddôwn* intensive from H6 (אָבַד); abstract, a perishing; concrete, Hades:—destruction.

H6913. קֶבֶר *qeber* or (feminine) קֶבֶרָה; from H6912 (קָבַר); a sepulchre:—burying place, grave, sepulchre.

Old Testament Passages

ESV	KJV	Notes
<p>Gen 37:35 All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “No, I shall <u>go down</u> to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.</p>	<p>Gen 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 <u>go down</u> into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.</p>	<p>The first occurrence of words are important.</p> <p>Jacob expects to be in Sheol with Joseph.</p>
<p>Gen 42:38 But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would <u>bring down</u> my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.”</p>	<p>Gen 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 <u>bring down</u> my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.</p>	
<p>Gen 44:29 If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will <u>bring down</u> my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.</p> <p>Gen 44:31 as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will <u>bring down</u> the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol.</p>	<p>Gen 44:29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall <u>bring down</u> my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.</p> <p>Gen 44:31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad <i>is not with us</i>, that he will die: and thy servants shall <u>bring down</u> the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.</p>	
<p>Num 16:30 But if the LORD creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they <u>go down</u> alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the LORD.”</p> <p>Num 16:33 So they and all that belonged to them <u>went down</u> alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.</p>	<p>Num 16:30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that <i>appertain</i> unto them, and they <u>go down</u> quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.</p> <p>Num 16:33 They, and all that <i>appertained</i> to them, <u>went down</u> alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.</p>	
<p>Deu 32:22 For a fire is kindled</p>	<p>Deu 32:22 For a fire is kindled</p>	<p>cp. Psa. 63:9; 86:13</p>

by my anger, and it burns to <u>the depths</u> of Sheol , devours the earth and its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.	in mine anger, and shall burn unto <u>the lowest</u> hell , and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.	
<u>1Sa 2:6</u> The LORD kills and brings to life; he <u>brings down</u> to Sheol and raises up.	<u>1Sa 2:6</u> The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he <u>bringeth down</u> to the grave , and bringeth up.	Hannah expresses her belief in the resurrection.
<u>2Sa 22:6</u> the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.	<u>2Sa 22:6</u> The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;	Same as Psa. 18:5
<u>1Ki 2:6</u> Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head <u>go down</u> to Sheol in peace. <u>1Ki 2:9</u> Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head <u>down</u> with blood to Sheol .”	<u>1Ki 2:6</u> Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head <u>go down</u> to the grave in peace. <u>1Ki 2:9</u> Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou <i>art</i> a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou <u>down</u> to the grave with blood.	
<u>Job 7:9</u> As the cloud fades and vanishes, so he who <u>goes down</u> to Sheol does not come up;	<u>Job 7:9</u> <i>As</i> the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that <u>goeth down</u> to the grave shall come up no <i>more</i> .	
<u>Job 11:8</u> It is higher than heaven—what can you do? <u>Deeper</u> than Sheol —what can you know?	<u>Job 11:8</u> <i>It is</i> as high as heaven; what canst thou do? <u>deeper</u> than hell ; what canst thou know?	
<u>Job 14:13</u> Oh that you would hide me in Sheol , that you would conceal me until your wrath be past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! <u>Job 14:14</u> If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come.	<u>Job 14:13</u> O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave , that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! <u>Job 14:14</u> If a man die, shall he live <i>again</i> ? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.	A surprising request from Job for safety in Sheol. See context v. 14. Job is speaking of his hope in the resurrection.
<u>Job 17:13</u> If I hope for Sheol as my house, if I make my bed in <u>darkness</u> ,	<u>Job 17:13</u> If I wait, the grave <i>is</i> mine house: I have made my bed in the <u>darkness</u> .	Job describes Sheol as a place of darkness, corruption, worms and in dust. Also notice the

<p>Job 17:14 if I say to the pit, ‘You are my father,’ and to the worm, ‘My mother,’ or ‘My sister,’</p> <p>Job 17:15 where then is my hope? Who will see my hope?</p> <p>Job 17:16 Will it go down to the bars of Sheol? Shall we descend together into the dust?”</p>	<p>Job 17:14 I have said to corruption, Thou <i>art</i> my father: to the worm, <i>Thou art</i> my mother, and my sister.</p> <p>Job 17:15 And where <i>is</i> now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?</p> <p>Job 17:16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when <i>our</i> rest together <i>is</i> in the dust.</p>	<p>imagery of bars like a prison.</p>
<p>Job 21:13 They spend their days in prosperity, and in peace they go down to Sheol.</p>	<p>Job 21:13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.</p>	
<p>Job 24:19 Drought and heat snatch away the snow waters; so does Sheol those who have sinned.</p>	<p>Job 24:19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: <i>so doth</i> the grave <i>those which</i> have sinned.</p>	
<p>Job 26:6 Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering.</p>	<p>Job 26:6 Hell <i>is</i> naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.</p>	<p>See Psa. 15:11</p>
<p>Job 28:22 Abaddon and Death say, ‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’</p>	<p>Job 28:22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.</p>	
<p>Job 31:12 for that would be a fire that consumes as far as Abaddon, and it would burn to the root all my increase.</p>	<p>Job 31:12 For it <i>is</i> a fire <i>that</i> consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.</p>	
<p>Job 33:18 he keeps back his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword.</p> <p>Job 33:22 His soul draws near the pit, and his life to those who bring death.</p> <p>Job 33:24 and he is merciful to him, and says, ‘Deliver him from going down into the pit; I have found a ransom;</p> <p>Job 33:28 He has redeemed my soul from going down into the pit, and my life shall look upon the light.’</p>	<p>Job 33:18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.</p> <p>Job 33:22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.</p> <p>Job 33:24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.</p> <p>Job 33:28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.</p>	

<p>Job 33:29 “Behold, God does all these things, twice, three times, with a man,</p> <p>Job 33:30 to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be lighted with the light of life.</p>	<p>Job 33:29 Lo, all these <i>things</i> worketh God oftentimes with man,</p> <p>Job 33:30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.</p>	
<p>Psa 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?</p>	<p>Psa 6:5 For in death <i>there is</i> no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?</p>	Notable verse describing the state of the dead in Sheol.
<p>Psa 9:17 The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.</p>	<p>Psa 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, <i>and</i> all the nations that forget God.</p>	
<p>Psa 16:10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.</p>	<p>Psa 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.</p>	This is a prophecy of Christ (Acts 2:27).
<p>Psa 18:4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;</p> <p>Psa 18:5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.</p>	<p>Psa 18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.</p> <p>Psa 18:5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.</p>	
<p>Psa 28:1 Of David. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who <u>go down</u> to the pit.</p>	<p>Psa 28:1 <i>A Psalm of David.</i> Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, <i>if</i> thou be silent to me, I become like them that <u>go down</u> into the pit.</p>	
<p>Psa 30:3 O LORD, you have <u>brought up my soul</u> from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who <u>go down</u> to the pit.</p> <p>Psa 30:9 “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the <u>dust</u> praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?</p>	<p>Psa 30:3 O LORD, thou hast <u>brought up my soul</u> from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not <u>go down</u> to the pit.</p> <p>Psa 30:9 What profit <i>is there</i> in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the <u>dust</u> praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?</p>	<p>Use of three different words in this Psalm.</p> <p>Sheol = dust which is unable to praise God</p>
<p>Psa 31:17 O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon</p>	<p>Psa 31:17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have</p>	

<p>you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go <u>silently</u> to <u>Sheol</u>.</p>	<p>called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, <i>and</i> let them be <u>silent</u> in <u>the grave</u>.</p>	
<p><u>Psa 40:2</u> He drew me up from <u>the pit</u> of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.</p>	<p><u>Psa 40:2</u> He brought me up also out of an horrible <u>pit</u>, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, <i>and</i> established my goings.</p>	<p>Prophecy of Christ's resurrection (cp. Psa. 16:10)</p>
<p><u>Psa 49:9</u> that he should live on forever and never see <u>the pit</u>.</p> <p><u>Psa 49:14</u> Like sheep they are appointed for <u>Sheol</u>; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be <u>consumed</u> in <u>Sheol</u>, with no place to dwell.</p> <p><u>Psa 49:15</u> But God will ransom my soul from <u>the power</u> of <u>Sheol</u>, for he will receive me. <i>Selah</i></p>	<p><u>Psa 49:9</u> That he should still live for ever, <i>and</i> not see <u>corruption</u>.</p> <p><u>Psa 49:14</u> Like sheep they are laid in <u>the grave</u>; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall <u>consume</u> in <u>the grave</u> from their dwelling.</p> <p><u>Psa 49:15</u> But God will redeem my soul from <u>the power</u> of <u>the grave</u>: for he shall receive me. <i>Selah</i>.</p>	<p>Wonderful Psalm showing that all go to Sheol. The wicked will be consumed there but the righteous will be resurrected from it's power.</p>
<p><u>Psa 55:15</u> Let death steal over them; let them <u>go down</u> to <u>Sheol</u> alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.</p> <p><u>Psa 55:23</u> But you, O God, will cast them <u>down</u> into the pit of <u>destruction</u>; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.</p>	<p><u>Psa 55:15</u> Let death seize upon them, <i>and</i> let them <u>go down</u> quick into <u>hell</u>: for wickedness <i>is</i> in their dwellings, <i>and</i> among them.</p> <p><u>Psa 55:23</u> But thou, O God, shalt bring them <u>down</u> into the pit of <u>destruction</u>: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.</p>	<p>Echoes of Korah's rebellion in Num. 16:30</p> <p>The word pit here "be'er", normally translated "well"</p>
<p><u>Psa 86:13</u> For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered <u>my soul</u> from <u>the depths</u> of <u>Sheol</u>.</p>	<p><u>Psa 86:13</u> For great <i>is</i> thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered <u>my soul</u> from <u>the lowest</u> <u>hell</u>.</p>	
<p><u>Psa 88:3</u> For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to <u>Sheol</u>.</p> <p><u>Psa 88:4</u> I am counted among those who <u>go down</u> to <u>the pit</u>; I am a man who has no strength,</p>	<p><u>Psa 88:3</u> For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto <u>the grave</u>.</p> <p><u>Psa 88:4</u> I am counted with them that <u>go down</u> into <u>the pit</u>: I am as a man <i>that hath</i> no</p>	<p>Another amazing Psalm interchanging the word Sheol with pit, grave and destruction. Associating the grave with darkness and a place where there is no praise of God.</p>

<p>Psa 88:5 like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.</p> <p>Psa 88:6 You have put me in <u>the depths</u> of the pit, in the <u>regions dark and deep</u>.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Psa 88:10 <u>Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise you?</u> <i>Selah</i></p> <p>Psa 88:11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?</p> <p>Psa 88:12 Are your wonders known in the <u>darkness</u>, or your righteousness in the <u>land of forgetfulness</u>?</p>	<p>strength:</p> <p>Psa 88:5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.</p> <p>Psa 88:6 Thou hast laid me in <u>the lowest pit</u>, in <u>darkness</u>, in the <u>deeps</u>.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Psa 88:10 <u>Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee?</u> <i>Selah</i>.</p> <p>Psa 88:11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? <i>or thy faithfulness in destruction?</i></p> <p>Psa 88:12 Shall thy wonders be known in the <u>dark</u>? and thy righteousness in the <u>land of forgetfulness</u>?</p>	
<p>Psa 89:48 What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from <u>the power</u> of Sheol? <i>Selah</i></p>	<p>Psa 89:48 What man <i>is he that</i> liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from <u>the hand</u> of the grave? <i>Selah</i>.</p>	<p>All men die and go to Sheol, the grave. None can escape it's power by themselves.</p>
<p>Psa 94:13 to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.</p>	<p>Psa 94:13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.</p>	
<p>Psa 103:4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,</p>	<p>Psa 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;</p>	<p>Resurrection</p>
<p>Psa 116:3 The snares of death encompassed me; the <u>pangs</u> of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.</p>	<p>Psa 116:3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the <u>pains</u> of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.</p>	
<p>Psa 139:8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make</p>	<p>Psa 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou <i>art</i> there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou <i>art</i></p>	

my bed in Sheol , you are there!	<i>there.</i>	
<u>Psa 141:7</u> As when one plows and breaks up the earth, so shall our bones be scattered at the mouth of Sheol .	<u>Psa 141:7</u> Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth <i>wood</i> upon the earth.	
<u>Psa 143:7</u> Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who <u>go down</u> to the pit .	<u>Psa 143:7</u> Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that <u>go down</u> into the pit .	
<u>Pro 1:12</u> like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who <u>go down</u> to the pit ;	<u>Pro 1:12</u> Let us swallow them up alive as the grave ; and whole, as those that <u>go down</u> into the pit :	
<u>Pro 5:5</u> Her feet <u>go down</u> to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol ;	<u>Pro 5:5</u> Her feet <u>go down</u> to death; her steps take hold on hell .	
<u>Pro 7:27</u> Her house is the way to Sheol , <u>going down</u> to the chambers of death.	<u>Pro 7:27</u> Her house <i>is</i> the way to hell , <u>going down</u> to the chambers of death.	
<u>Pro 9:18</u> But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the <u>depths</u> of Sheol .	<u>Pro 9:18</u> But he knoweth not that the dead <i>are</i> there; <i>and that</i> her guests <i>are</i> in the <u>depths</u> of hell .	
<u>Pro 15:11</u> Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD; how much more the hearts of the children of man!	<u>Pro 15:11</u> Hell and destruction <i>are</i> before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?	cp. Job 26:6
<u>Pro 15:24</u> The path of life leads upward for the prudent, that he may turn away from Sheol <u>beneath</u> .	<u>Pro 15:24</u> The way of life <i>is</i> above to the wise, that he may depart from hell <u>beneath</u> .	
<u>Pro 23:14</u> If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol .	<u>Pro 23:14</u> Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell .	
<u>Pro 27:20</u> Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.	<u>Pro 27:20</u> Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.	
<u>Pro 28:17</u> If one is burdened with the blood of another, he	<u>Pro 28:17</u> A man that doeth violence to the blood of <i>any</i>	

will be a fugitive until death ; let no one help him.	person shall flee to the pit ; let no man stay him.	
<p>Pro 30:15 The leech has two daughters: Give and Give. Three things are never satisfied; four never say, “Enough”:</p> <p>Pro 30:16 Sheol, the barren womb, the land never satisfied with water, and the fire that never says, “Enough.”</p>	<p>Pro 30:15 The horseleach hath two daughters, <i>crying</i>, Give, give. There are three <i>things that</i> are never satisfied, <i>yea</i>, four <i>things</i> say not, <i>It is</i> enough:</p> <p>Pro 30:16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth <i>that</i> is not filled with water; and the fire <i>that</i> saith not, <i>It is</i> enough.</p>	
Ecc 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is <u>no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom</u> in Sheol , to which you are going.	Ecc 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do <i>it</i> with thy might; for <i>there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom</i> , in the grave , whither thou goest.	Notable verse describing the state of the dead in Sheol. Cp. v. 5-6.
Son 8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave . Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.	Son 8:6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love <i>is</i> strong as death; jealousy <i>is</i> cruel as the grave : the coals thereof <i>are</i> coals of fire, <i>which hath a</i> most vehement flame.	
Isa 5:14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure, and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude will <u>go down</u> , her revelers and he who exults in her.	Isa 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall <u>descend</u> into it.	
Isa 7:11 “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”	Isa 7:11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.	
<p>Isa 14:9 Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; <u>it rouses the shades to greet you</u>, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations.</p> <p>Isa 14:10 All of them will</p>	<p>Isa 14:9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet <i>thee</i> at thy coming: <u>it stirreth up the dead for thee</u>, <i>even</i> all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.</p> <p>Isa 14:10 All they shall speak</p>	<p>A prophetic taunt of the King of Babylon (v. 4).</p> <p>Isaiah uses symbolic language describing the dead in Sheol taunting the King of Babylon.</p>

<p>answer and say to you: ‘You too have become as weak as we! You have become like us!’</p> <p>Isa 14:11 Your pomp is <u>brought down</u> to Sheol, the sound of your harps; <u>maggots</u> are laid as a bed beneath you, and <u>worms</u> are your covers.</p> <p>Isa 14:12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!</p> <p>Isa 14:13 You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;</p> <p>Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’</p> <p>Isa 14:15 But you are <u>brought down</u> to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.</p> <p>Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own <u>tomb</u>;</p> <p>Isa 14:19 but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like <u>a dead body</u> trampled underfoot.</p> <p>Isa 14:20 You will not be joined with them <u>in burial</u>, because you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people. “May the offspring of evildoers nevermore be named!</p>	<p>and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?</p> <p>Isa 14:11 Thy pomp is <u>brought down</u> to the grave, <i>and</i> the noise of thy viols: the <u>worm</u> is spread under thee, and the <u>worms</u> cover thee.</p> <p>Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! <i>how</i> art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!</p> <p>Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:</p> <p>Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.</p> <p>Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be <u>brought down</u> to hell, to the sides of the pit.</p> <p>Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, <i>even</i> all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own <u>house</u>.</p> <p>Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, <i>and as</i> the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as <u>a carcase</u> trodden under feet.</p> <p>Isa 14:20 Thou shalt not be joined with them <u>in burial</u>, because thou hast destroyed thy land, <i>and</i> slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.</p>	
<p>Isa 24:21 On that day the LORD will punish the host of</p>	<p>Isa 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, <i>that</i> the LORD</p>	

<p>heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth.</p> <p>Isa 24:22 They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished.</p>	<p>shall punish the host of the high ones <i>that are</i> on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.</p> <p>Isa 24:22 And they shall be gathered together, <i>as</i> prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.</p>	
<p>Isa 28:15 Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter”;</p> <p>Isa 28:18 Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, you will be beaten down by it.</p>	<p>Isa 28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:</p> <p>Isa 28:18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.</p>	
<p>Isa 38:10 I said, In the middle of my days I must depart; I am consigned to <u>the gates</u> of Sheol for the rest of my years.</p> <p>Isa 38:11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, the LORD in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world.</p> <p>Isa 38:17 Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.</p> <p>Isa 38:18 For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the</p>	<p>Isa 38:10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to <u>the gates of the grave</u>: I am deprived of the residue of my years.</p> <p>Isa 38:11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, <i>even</i> the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.</p> <p>Isa 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul <i>delivered it</i> from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.</p> <p>Isa 38:18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can <i>not</i> celebrate thee: they that go</p>	<p>The righteous King Hezekiah’s expectation to go to Sheol in his death. His insights (v. 18) consistent with Biblical message about Sheol.</p>

<p>pit do not hope for your faithfulness.</p>	<p>down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.</p>	
<p><u>Isa 51:14</u> He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the pit, neither shall his bread be lacking.</p>	<p><u>Isa 51:14</u> The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.</p>	
<p><u>Isa 57:9</u> You journeyed to the king with oil and multiplied your perfumes; you sent your envoys far off, and sent down even to Sheol.</p>	<p><u>Isa 57:9</u> And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase <i>thyself</i> even unto hell.</p>	
<p><u>Eze 26:20</u> then I will make you go down with those who go down to the pit, to the people of old, and I will make you to dwell in the world below, among ruins from of old, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not be inhabited; but I will set beauty in the land of the living.</p>	<p><u>Eze 26:20</u> When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;</p>	<p>Prophecy of Tyre</p>
<p><u>Eze 28:8</u> They shall thrust you down into the pit, and you shall die the death of the slain in the heart of the seas.</p>	<p><u>Eze 28:8</u> They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of <i>them that are</i> slain in the midst of the seas.</p>	<p>Prophecy of Tyre</p>
<p><u>Eze 31:14</u> All this is in order that no trees by the waters may grow to towering height or set their tops among the clouds, and that no trees that drink water may reach up to them in height. <u>For they are all given over to death, to the world below, among the children of man, with those who go down to the pit.</u></p> <p><u>Eze 31:15</u> “Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day the cedar went down to Sheol I caused mourning; I closed the deep over it, and restrained its rivers,</p>	<p><u>Eze 31:14</u> To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: <u>for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.</u></p> <p><u>Eze 31:15</u> Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning; I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the</p>	<p>Prophecy of Pharaoh king of Egypt</p>

<p>and many waters were stopped. I clothed Lebanon in gloom for it, and all the trees of the field fainted because of it.</p> <p><u>Eze 31:16</u> I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it <u>down</u> to Sheol with those who go <u>down</u> to the pit. And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted <u>in the world below</u>.</p> <p><u>Eze 31:17</u> They also went <u>down</u> to Sheol with it, to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were its arm, who lived under its shadow among the nations.</p> <p><u>Eze 31:18</u> “Whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? You shall be <u>brought down</u> with the trees of Eden <u>to the world below</u>. You shall <u>lie</u> among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. “This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, declares the Lord GOD.”</p>	<p>floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.</p> <p><u>Eze 31:16</u> I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him <u>down</u> to hell with them that <u>descend</u> into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted <u>in the nether parts of the earth</u>.</p> <p><u>Eze 31:17</u> They also went <u>down</u> into hell with him unto <i>them that be</i> slain with the sword; and <i>they that were</i> his arm, <i>that</i> dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.</p> <p><u>Eze 31:18</u> To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be <u>brought down</u> with the trees of Eden unto <u>the nether parts of the earth</u>: thou shalt <u>lie</u> in the midst of the uncircumcised with <i>them that be</i> slain by the sword. This <i>is</i> Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.</p>	<p>Sheol is a place where Pharaoh would “lie” with all the others slain by the sword. Quite a different picture then the Egyptian afterlife.</p>
<p><u>Eze 32:18</u> “Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, and send them down, her and the daughters of majestic nations, <u>to the world below, to those who have gone down to the pit</u>:</p> <p><u>Eze 32:19</u> ‘Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go <u>down</u> and be <u>laid to rest</u> with the uncircumcised.’</p> <p><u>Eze 32:20</u> They shall <u>fall</u> amid those who are slain by the sword. Egypt is delivered to the</p>	<p><u>Eze 32:18</u> Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, <i>even</i> her, and the daughters of the famous nations, <u>unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit</u>.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:19</u> Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go <u>down</u>, and be thou <u>laid</u> with the uncircumcised.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:20</u> They shall <u>fall</u> in the midst of <i>them that are</i> slain by the sword: she is delivered to</p>	<p>Prophecy against Pharaoh continues.</p>

<p>sword; drag her away, and all her multitudes.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:21</u> The mighty chiefs shall speak of them, with their helpers, out of the midst of Sheol: ‘They have <u>come down</u>, they <u>lie still</u>, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.’</p> <p><u>Eze 32:22</u> “Assyria is there, and all her company, its graves all around it, all of them slain, fallen by the sword,</p> <p><u>Eze 32:23</u> whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit; and her company is all around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:24</u> “Elam is there, and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised into <u>the world below</u>, who spread their terror in the land of the living; and they bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:25</u> They have made her a bed among the slain with all her multitude, her graves all around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for terror of them was spread in the land of the living, and they bear their shame with those who <u>go down</u> to the pit; they are placed among the slain.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:26</u> “Meshech-Tubal is there, and all her multitude, her graves all around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they spread their terror in the land of the living.</p>	<p>the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:21</u> The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are <u>gone down</u>, they <u>lie</u> uncircumcised, slain by the sword.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:22</u> Asshur <i>is</i> there and all her company: his graves <i>are</i> about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:</p> <p><u>Eze 32:23</u> Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:24</u> There <i>is</i> Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into <u>the nether parts of the earth</u>, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:25</u> They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves <i>are</i> round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that <u>go down</u> to the pit: he is put in the midst of <i>them that be</i> slain.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:26</u> There <i>is</i> Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves <i>are</i> round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of</p>	<p>Like Isa. 14, the dead speak in prophetically symbology. Sheol is not a place of activity but laying down in silence and darkness.</p>
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<p><u>Eze 32:27</u> And they do not lie with the mighty, the fallen from among the uncircumcised, who <u>went down to Sheol</u> with their weapons of war, whose swords were <u>laid under their heads</u>, and whose iniquities are upon their bones; for the terror of the mighty men was in the land of the living.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:28</u> But as for you, you shall be broken and <u>lie</u> among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:29</u> “Edom is there, her kings and all her princes, who for all their might are <u>laid</u> with those who are killed by the sword; they <u>lie</u> with the uncircumcised, with those who <u>go down to the pit</u>.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:30</u> “The princes of the north are there, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down in shame with the slain, for all the terror that they caused by their might; they <u>lie</u> uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who <u>go down to the pit</u>.</p>	<p>the living.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:27</u> And they shall not lie with the mighty <i>that are</i> fallen of the uncircumcised, which are <u>gone down to hell</u> with their weapons of war: and they have <u>laid their swords under their heads</u>, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though <i>they were</i> the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:28</u> Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt <u>lie</u> with <i>them that are</i> slain with the sword.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:29</u> There <i>is</i> Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are <u>laid</u> by <i>them that were</i> slain by the sword: they shall <u>lie</u> with the uncircumcised, and with them that <u>go down to the pit</u>.</p> <p><u>Eze 32:30</u> There <i>be</i> the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they <u>lie</u> uncircumcised with <i>them that be</i> slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that <u>go down to the pit</u>.</p>	<p>Posture of dead warriors in the grave</p>
<p><u>Hos 13:14</u> I shall ransom them from <u>the power of Sheol</u>; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O <u>Sheol</u>, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.</p>	<p><u>Hos 13:14</u> I will ransom them from <u>the power of the grave</u>; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O <u>grave</u>, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.</p>	<p>A powerful verse about the resurrection. Quoted by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:55.</p>
<p><u>Amo 9:2</u> “If they dig into <u>Sheol</u>, from there shall my hand take them; if they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring</p>	<p><u>Amo 9:2</u> Though they dig into <u>hell</u>, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I</p>	

them down.	bring them down:	
<p><u>Jon 2:2</u> saying, “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.</p> <p><u>Jon 2:6</u> at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.</p>	<p><u>Jon 2:2</u> And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, <i>and</i> thou heardest my voice.</p> <p><u>Jon 2:6</u> I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars <i>was</i> about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.</p>	<p>For Jonah, Sheol is in the belly of the fish. Wouldn't this indicate that Sheol is not a physical location but a state of death? Jonah being spit out by the fish is like resurrection (v. 6 cp. Matt. 12:40).</p>
<p><u>Hab 2:5</u> “Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples.”</p>	<p><u>Hab 2:5</u> Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, <i>he is</i> a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and <i>is</i> as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:</p>	
<p><u>Zec 9:11</u> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.</p>	<p><u>Zec 9:11</u> As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein <i>is</i> no water.</p>	<p>The redemptive work of Christ will deliver us from the power of Sheol by resurrection.</p>

Passages with Hades (Hell) and Associated Words

G86. ἄδης *háidēs* from G1 (A) (as negative particle) and G1492 (εἶδω); properly, unseen, i.e. "Hades" or the place (state) of departed souls:—grave, hell

In the KJV the word *hades* is translated *hell* (10x) and *grave* (1x).

In the ESV the word *hades* is translated *hell* (1x) and transliterated and capitalized all other times.

Hades occurs 11 times New Testament.

Matthew	2
Luke	2
Acts	2
1 Corinthians	1
Revelation	4

Other words of significance:

G1312. διαφθορά *diaphthorá* from G1311 (διαφθείρω); decay:—corruption

New Testament Passages

ESV	KJV	Notes
<p>Mat 11:23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.</p>	<p>Mat 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.</p>	<p>A likely allusion to Isa. 14:15</p>
<p>Mat 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and <u>the gates</u> of hell shall not prevail against it.</p>	<p>Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and <u>the gates</u> of hell shall not prevail against it.</p>	<p>See note on Rev. 1:18</p>
<p>Luk 10:15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.</p>	<p>Luk 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.</p>	<p>Same as Matt. 11:23</p>
<p>Luk 16:23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.</p>	<p>Luk 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.</p>	<p>Jesus uses the language of parables against false Pharisaical beliefs</p>
<p>Act 2:27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or</p>	<p>Act 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither</p>	<p>A key passage equating Hades to Sheol of the Old Testament.</p>

<p>let your Holy One see corruption.</p> <p>Act 2:29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both <u>died</u> and was <u>buried</u>, and his <u>tomb</u> is with us to this day.</p> <p>Act 2:31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.</p>	<p>wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.</p> <p>Act 2:29 Men <i>and</i> brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both <u>dead</u> and <u>buried</u>, and his <u>sepulchre</u> is with us unto this day.</p> <p>Act 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.</p>	<p>Links the death of Jesus as being in the grave = Sheol = Hades.</p>
<p>Act 13:34 And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’</p> <p>Act 13:35 Therefore he says also in another psalm, ““You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’</p> <p>Act 13:36 For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption,</p> <p>Act 13:37 but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.</p>	<p>Act 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, <i>now</i> no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.</p> <p>Act 13:35 Wherefore he saith also in another <i>psalm</i>, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.</p> <p>Act 13:36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:</p> <p>Act 13:37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.</p>	<p>Paul’s usage of Psalm 16 similar to that of Peter in Acts 2.</p>
<p>1Co 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”</p>	<p>1Co 15:55 O death, where <i>is</i> thy sting? O grave, where <i>is</i> thy victory?</p>	<p>Paul’s usage of Hos. 13:14 to support his dissertation on the resurrection</p>
<p>Rev 1:18 <i>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.</i></p>	<p>Rev 1:18 <i>I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.</i></p>	<p>Jesus using the Old Testament language of Sheol being like a prison with locked gates.</p>
<p>Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they</p>	<p>Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with</p>	

<p>were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.</p>	<p>him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.</p>	
<p>Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.</p>	<p>Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.</p>	<p>All the dead are in Hades/Sheol which are resurrected for the final judgment.</p>
<p>Rev 20:14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.</p>	<p>Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.</p>	<p>Hades is not a place of fire but is cast into the lake of fire symbolizing complete annihilation.</p>