

Tartarus

Tartarus (5020) Greek Tartaros: (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment – cast down to hell.

2Peter 2:4-6 ⁴For if God spared not the **angels** that sinned, but cast *them* down to **hell**, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; ⁵And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

Jude 5-7 ⁵I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. ⁶And the **angels** which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. ⁷Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. KJV

Gen 6: 1-5 ¹And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, ²That the **sons of God** saw the **daughters of men** that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. ⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the **sons of God** came in unto the **daughters of men**, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. ⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that every* imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. KJV

Short understanding:

To understand who the angels that sinned and casted into hell (tartarus) all references go to Jude 5-7 and Gen 6:1-5. A common view is that the ‘sons of God’ in Gen were fallen angels who did not keep their positions of authority. Therefore this intrusion into the human sphere produced a race of wicked giants as they married the daughters of men, whose sin attributed to the wrath of God, bringing on the flood. In the same way Sodom and Gomorrah were judged because of their sexual sins. They are to remain in this prison called tartarus at the far end of hell until the Great White Throne Judgment.

Amplified understanding:

New Testament sons of God:

KJV John 1:12; Rom 8:14,19; Phil 2:15; 1John 3:1-2; NIV Gal3:26,4:6

Old Testament sons of God:

KJV Gen 6:2-4; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7

First of all the sons of God in the N.T. are different from the references of the sons of God in the O.T. Not to be confused with a capital S in the Son of God – Jesus. In the N.T. you are son’s of God through faith in Christ Jesus, Gal 3:26. Adam was also called the son of God Luke 3:38 for he was created in the “likeness of God” Gen 5:1; but his descendents were born in his likeness, after his image, Gen 5:3. All men are born of Adam and are sons of men and only when they are born again in this dispensation do they become sons of God in the N.T. sense.

In the O.T. sons of God applies to angels, a being brought into existence by a creative act of God. The son’s of God in Gen 6:2-4 could not be the descendants of Seth or Cain as it seems they were of superior race – angels. To look at Luke 20:27-36 angels do not need to marry to carry on their existence, but that does not mean they are sexless. Angels can and did assume the form of men and they did eat and drink, Gen 18:1-8, 19:1-3; Act 12: 7-8. Now it is not difficult to understand when it was “as men” that the sons of God (angels) married the daughters of men. These angels mentioned in 2Pet 2: 4-9 and Jude 6-7 must not be Satan’s angels, for his angels seem to roam free. They must have been a special class of angels and now are imprisoned, (tartarus) for the sin of fornication. Their sentence is given just before the flood. Their offspring must have been huge and of unnatural character and Jude uses the term “strange flesh.” This was an abnormal race with angels and humans.

WAS CHRIST TO DIE FOR SUCH A RACE THAT WAS NOT IN HIS LIKENESS FOR REDEMPTION?

