

Elementary Principles

or

The ABCs

Part 4

Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Messiah, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of **faith toward God**, of **instruction about washings** and **laying on of hands**, and **the resurrection of the dead** and **aionial judgment**. And this we will do, if God permits.

Most passages that Christians assume are talking about heaven are not talking about heaven at all.

✎ *D.T Lancaster*

All the Bible's sayings about the kingdom of heaven should be read as "the Messianic Era."

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Our home is here, in this world, and in this body of flesh and blood and bone. This is who we are - not a floaty ghost or vapor, not a memory or a dream.

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Spending eternity in heaven as a disembodied spirit would be eternal death, not eternal life.

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1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-46

But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?” You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. ... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. So also it is written, “The first MAN, Adam, became a living soul.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual.

Luke 24:36-43

While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and He took it and ate *it* before them.

"The good news is about resurrection - physical, bodily, resurrection from the dead. That is the true Christian hope. It is also the Jewish hope and the hope of every disciple of Yeshua...A Christianity that does not believe in a literal, physical resurrection of the dead is not Christianity."

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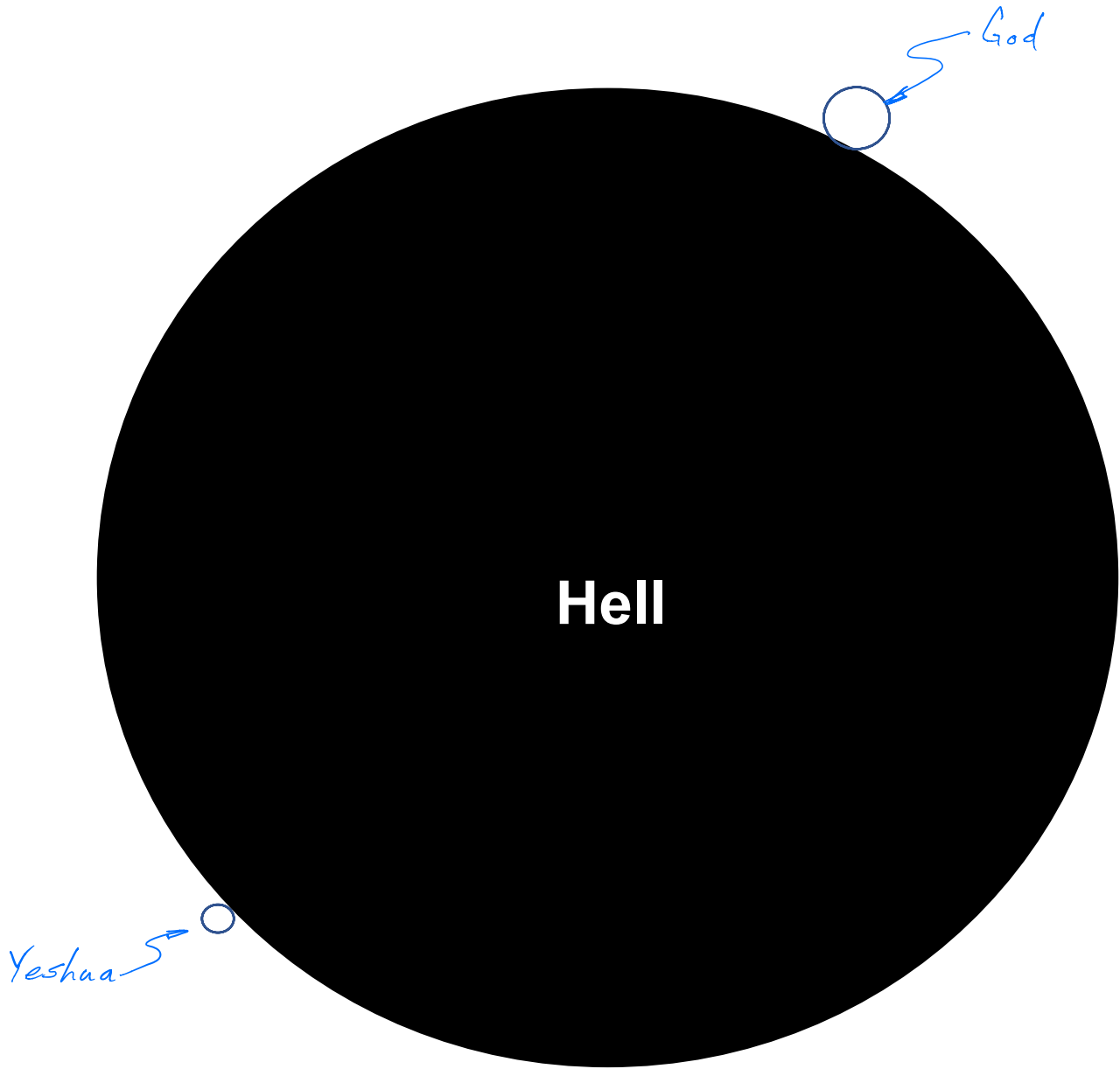
John 5:28-29

“Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.”

My God, the soul that You placed within me is pure. You created it, You formed it, You breathed it into me, and You safeguard it within me, and You will eventually take it away from me, and restore it to me in a time to come. As long as the soul is within me, I give thanks to you, Adonai, my God and God of my fathers, Master of all works, Lord of all souls, Blessed are you, Adonai, who restores souls to dead bodies.

∞ Siddur

The Mental Landscape of the Average Believer:



The church framed Christianity primarily as an avenue of escape from everlasting fiery tortures and the pitchfork of Satan. We substituted the foundational doctrine of eternal [*aionia*] judgment for the doctrine of eternal damnation.

The apostolic doctrine of eternal [*aionia*] judgment is not the same as the Christian doctrine of eternal damnation.

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1 Timothy 4:10

For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.