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Articles, pp. 115, 116, he says: "I cannot give a better periphrasis of the word *Hades* than by translating it, *that invisible place where the souls that leave their bodies live*, whether it be a place of bliss or torment. In this sense," he affirms, "it is taken and used in Scripture, the Apocrypha, Fathers, yea, and in the heathenish authors, too." A. B. Bruce, in 'The Parabolic Teaching of Christ, pp. 391, defines Hades as "the common receptacle of the dead." According to Salmond the word means "*the covered, unseen, hidden place*, the abode of the departed, the nether world, into which men pass at the event of death." Not only in the meaning of these words, but also by every description of it in the Bible, we conclude that it is a place. Souls are spoken of as descending into it, remaining in it for a time and coming up out of it again.

At His death the Lord Himself went down into it, remained there exactly seventy-two hours, according to prophecy, and then came forth again in resurrection power, holding aloft the keys of Hades, and leading captive unto Himself a multitude of captives (Acts