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used this word when describing the place, scene and state into which the incurably corrupt are hurled, with a view to their endless imprisonment. By Homer it is the name given to the murky abyss lying as deep beneath Hades as the earth is beneath the sun, in which the wrong deeds of sinful immortals are punished. In this one instance the New Testament adopts the heathen term for the under-world and sets forth the punishment of the fallen angels, with their present abode, and the scene and state of penalty into which these offenders are delivered, held in chains of darkness in reserve for eternal judgment.

GEHENNA

The second term translated "Hell" is "Gehenna." This word occurs twelve different times in the New Testament, and for the most part in the Gospels by Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is not found in any of the epistles except the letter of James. In the synoptical Gospels it is found eleven different times in a variety of phrases and always on the lips of our Lord. Some of the phrases in which this word is used are, "the danger of Gehenna fire," to "be cast into