

# THE UNDER-WORLD OF THE DEAD

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## TARTARUS

**I**T IS to be regretted that in the Authorized Version of our Old and New Testaments the term "Hell" is used as the rendering of three distinct words with different meanings, ideas and applications. These three words must be distinguished and given their proper place and relation. The first of these words is "Tartarus," and is used only once, and that is in 2 Peter 2:4. The passage, reads: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into the claims of darkness to be reserved unto judgment." In the Revised Version the word "hell" is retained. Among the ancient Greeks the name "Tartarus" designated a subterranean region, where the impenitent suffer punishment for their evil deeds. Plato