

was cast from the city, and the combustible part burned; while carcases of dead animals, being eaten of worms, were always to be found there, and thus it became a figure of hell as the place of unquenchable fire and undying worm, and so used by the Lord in Mark ix. 48. That part of the valley of the sons of Hinnom in which was the image of Moloch, was called Tophet; and Isaiah xxx. 33, refers to this, as the figure of a place of more direful judgment, specially prepared for "the king," and more particularly referred to in Rev. xix. 20, where the false prophet at last has royal power, subject, however, to the Emperor, who confers it upon him; and both these are cast alive into the lake of fire, burning with brimstone; and this Tophet; this place of awful judgment; is a part of Gehenna, and Gehenna is in Hades.

In II. Peter ii. 4, another word is used. God cast the angels that sinned down to Tartarus; clearly a place of judgment, and so understood by heathen writers, with whom the word originated; so that whatever word may be used, whether Gehenna, or Tophet, or Tartarus; or whether it be a statement of the pains and penalties endured there; there is no truth in the word of God more positively stated, than that a punishment after death awaits those who in this life have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Awful as the judgment of God is upon the wicked; and dreadful as the place to which they are consigned; that judgment is interminable, and the place is their portion eternally. "The smoke of their torment