

## THE UNDER-WORLD OF THE DEAD 17

2: 27; Rev. 2: 18; Eph. 4: 8, 9.) Into this place all departed spirits, good and bad, went up to the time of the resurrection of Christ.

Not only is Sheol or Hades a definite place, but a definite place which is manifestly distinct from the grave, the common receptacle of the body after death. A few considerations will make this plain. The word employed to designate the grave (Queber) in the Old Testament is used sixty-four times. It is spoken of in the plural, the body is represented as being placed in it by the hands of man, it is always located on the earth, human beings are represented as digging, building or making it, and man is prohibited from touching it lest he be rendered ceremonially unclean. The word for the under-world of the dead in the Old Testament and the term employed to describe the burial place for the dead body are never used interchangeably and the reason is that they set forth two different and widely contrasted things.

The same fact is true in the New Testament, where there are at least two words (Mnemion and Taphos) which describe the burial place. These words are