

**graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER<sup>1</sup> The Papou Study Bible** is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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**Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)**

<sup>27</sup>To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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**Nahum 1 Part 6<sup>2</sup>**



**What is “eternal” judgment? Hebrews mentions it as one of the foundational and elementary doctrines of Christianity. Hebrews 6 lists it as such: 6** Therefore let us move

beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death,<sup>[a]</sup> and of faith in God, <sup>2</sup> instruction about cleansing rites,<sup>[b]</sup> the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And God permitting, we will do so.

**What is it? How might it tie into the book of Nahum?**

**Enjoy!**

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## Hebrews 6:1-2

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**The NIV Study Bible says this refers to “the fact of God’s judgment” or the verdict which determines “eternal” judgment.**

**Remember how Nahum 1 opens:**

Nahum 1 New International Version

**1** A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

### **The LORD’s Anger Against Nineveh**

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished.

**Consider that in light of this Scripture, too:**

## **2 Peter 2:9**

if this is so, then **the Lord knows** how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

**God “rescues” the godly from trials, but holds the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. Notice what the previous verses in 2 Peter 2 says about this.**

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, (**Greek Tartarus**) putting them in chains of darkness (**some manuscripts say in gloomy dungeons**) to be held for judgment; <sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; <sup>6</sup> if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the

depraved conduct of the lawless <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—

**A few things to note here:**

**The Greek word for hell is a verbal derivative of this word:**

**G5020** tartaroo tar-tar-o'-o

from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades);

to incarcerate in eternal torment.

**So Peter apparently believed in the concept enough to use the word. I wonder if this is the “eternal” judgment that Hebrews is talking about. Sodom and Gomorrah was burned to ashes, and made an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.**

**Let me just finish overviewing the Scriptures in the NT about judgment.**

**Hebrews 9:27**

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face **judgment**,

**Hebrews 10:27**

but only a fearful expectation of **judgment** and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

**Here is the fuller verse.**

<sup>26</sup> If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup> but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup> How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,”<sup>[a]</sup> and again, “The Lord will judge his people.”

**Over and over again I hear people try to make this go away. But those arguments still are not quite convincing to me. What do you think? Below are the Scriptures quoted in this verse.**

Deuteronomy 32:35-36

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<sup>35</sup> It is mine to avenge; I will repay.

In due time their foot will slip;  
their day of disaster is near  
and their doom rushes upon them.”

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people  
and relent concerning his servants  
when he sees their strength is gone  
and no one is left, slave or free.<sup>[a]</sup>

Psalms 135:14

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<sup>14</sup> For the LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants.

**Here they are in the literal.**

[CLV Dt 32:35 - Dt 32:36](#)

35 For <sup>7</sup>the day of<sup>n</sup> vengeance and repayment, For the season when their foot shall slip? For the day of their calamity is near, And impending doom hurries <sup>7</sup>upon them.

36 For Yahweh shall adjudicate His people And show Himself <sup>l</sup>merciful over His servants <sup>t</sup>When He <sup>l</sup>sees that the power of their hand has departed And has become nil for both the restrained<sup>l</sup> and the ones set free<sup>l</sup>.

**Here's another interesting verse.**

1 Peter 4:16-18

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<sup>16</sup> However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And,

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Proverbs 11:31

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<sup>31</sup> If the righteous receive their due on earth,  
how much more the ungodly and the sinner!

**1 John 4:17**

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of **judgment**: In this world we are like Jesus.

**Jude 1:6**

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for **judgment** on the great Day.

**Ok. Have to stop here. More to come.**