

NORTHERN IRON AND BRASS EMPIRE OF THE DESTROYER EMERGENCE OF THE INVISIBLE

Jeremiah 15:12 "Can anyone break iron, The northern iron
and the bronze?" NKJV



Daniel 2:19 "'Then I wished to know the truth about the
fourth beast, which was different from all the others,
exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of
bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the
residue with its feet;'"



NORTH: REALM OF SPIRIT

Lexicon Results

Strong's H6828 - *tsaphown*

צָפוֹן

Transliteration

tsaphown

Pronunciation

tsä·fön' (Key)

Part of Speech

feminine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

From צָפַן (H6845)

TWOT Reference

1953b

Outline of Biblical Usage

- 1) north (of direction), northward
 - a) north
 - b) northward

Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count — Total: 153

AV — north 116, northward 24, north side 11, northern 1, north wind 1

Gesenius's Lexicon (Help)

צָפוֹן comm. (f, Isa. 43:6; Cant. 4:16).—(1) *the north, the north quarter* (prop. hidden, obscure, inasmuch as the ancients regarded the north as obscure and dark; *πρὸς ζόφον*, Hom. Od. ix. 25, seqq.; x. 190, seqq., the south, on the contrary, as clear, and lighted by the sun; see **דָּרוֹם**), Num. 34:7. **אֶרֶץ צָפוֹן** the north land (Babylonia), Zech. 2:10; Jerem. 16:15; compare Jer. 6:22. Poet. also used for *the north wind* (**רוּחַ צָפוֹן**), Cant. 4:16; and for *the northern heavens*, which is almost the same as for the heaven generally, as the greater part of the southern hemisphere is hidden, Job 26:7. **מִצְפוֹן לְ** northward of any place, Josh. 8:11, 13; and without **לְ** Josh. 11:2. With **פָּרָה** parag. **צָפוֹנָה** northward, Gen. 13:14; also a region situated towards the north, as **מַמְלְכוֹת צָפוֹנָה** the kingdoms of the north, Jerem. 1:15; and with prep. **אֶל־הַצָּפוֹנָה** Eze. 8:14; **לְצָפוֹנָה** 1 Ch. 26:17, towards the north. **מִצְפוֹנָה** from the north quarter, Josh. 15:10; **לְ** **מִצְפוֹנָה** from the north of any place, Jud. 21:19; **מִפְּנֵי צָפוֹנָה** from the north, Jer. 1:13. Compare **נִגְבָּה**.

Strong's H6845 Uses:

"Lurk" Psalm 56:6 ^{KJV}
 "Hidden ones" Psalm 83:3 ^{KJV}
 "Stealthily" Psalm 10:8 ^{N.A.S.B.}
 "Ambush" Proverbs 1:11 ^{N.A.S.B.}
 "Concealed" Job 10:13 ^{N.A.S.B.}



Lexicon Results

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צָפַן

Transliteration

tsaphan

Pronunciation

tsä·fan' (Key)

Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

A primitive root

TWOT Reference

1953

Outline of Biblical Usage

- 1) to hide, treasure, treasure or store up
 - a) (Qal)
 - 1) to hide, treasure, treasure up
 - 2) to lie hidden, lurk
 - b) (Niphal) to be hidden, be stored up
 - c) (Hiphil) to hide, hide from discovery

Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count — Total: 33

AV — hide 16, lay up 7, esteemed 1, lurk 1, hidden ones 1, privily 1, secret places 1, secret 1, misc 4

Gesenius's Lexicon (Help)

צָפַן fut. **יִצְפֵּן** (cogn. **טָמַן**)—(1) TO HIDE, TO CONCEAL, Ex. 2:2; Josh. 2:4. Part. pass. **צָפוּן** *hidden*, i. e. secret, inaccessible, Ezek. 7:22. Especially to guard and defend any one, Psalm 27:5; 83:4, **צָפוּנִי יְהוָה** those protected by Jehovah. Intrans. *to hide oneself* (or ellipt. to hide nets, snares), to lie in wait, followed by **לְ** Prov. 1:11, 18; Psalm 10:8; absol. 56:7 קרי.

(2) *to lay up, to store up*. Part. **צָפוּנִים** riches, treasures, Job 20:26; Ps. 17:4 קרי. Followed by **לְ** *to lay up for any one*, Job 21:19; Ps. 31:20. Job 20:26, **כָּל־חֵשֶׁךְ טָמַן לְצָפוּנָיו** "every misfortune is laid up for his treasures." **צָפַן בְּלִבּוֹ** to hide with one's self (lay up in one's heart), Job 10:13; **צָפַן אִתּוֹ** id. Pro. 2:1; 7:1.

(3) *to restrain*, Prov. 27:16; followed by **מִן** *to deny to any one*, Job 17:4.

NIPHAL, *to be hidden* from any one, i. e. *to be unknown to him*, followed by **מִן** Job 24:1; Jer. 16:17.

(2) *to be laid up*, i. e. *to be destined for any one*, followed by **לְ** Job 15:20.

HIPHIL, i. q. Kal No. 1, *to hide*, Ex. 2:3; Job 14:13; *to lie in wait* Ps. 56:7 כתיב.

ABODE OF YAH

Job 37:22 "Out of the north comes golden *splendor*; Around God is awesome majesty." N.A.S.B.

Isaiah 14:13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.'" N.A.S.B.

Isaiah 41:25 "I have raised up [one] from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as [upon] mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay." KJV
(See also Malachi 4:3 Nazareth)

Psalms 48:2 "Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, [Is] Mount Zion [on] the sides of the north, The city of the great King." N.A.S.B.

Ezekiel 1:4 "And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness [was] about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire." KJV

Psalms 75:6 "For exaltation [comes] neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south." KJV

Isaiah 40:22a "[It is] He who sits above the circle of the earth" NKJV

1 Enoch 77:3 "And the fourth quarter, named the north, is divided into three parts : the first of them is for the dwelling of men : and the second contains seas of water, and the abysses and forests and rivers, and darkness and clouds ; and the third part contains the garden of righteousness." R.H. Charles

1 Enoch 76:4 "The fourth wind, which is named the north, is divided into three parts ; one of which is for the habitation of man ; another for seas of water, with valleys, woods, rivers, shady places, and snow ; and the third part contains paradise." Richard Laurence

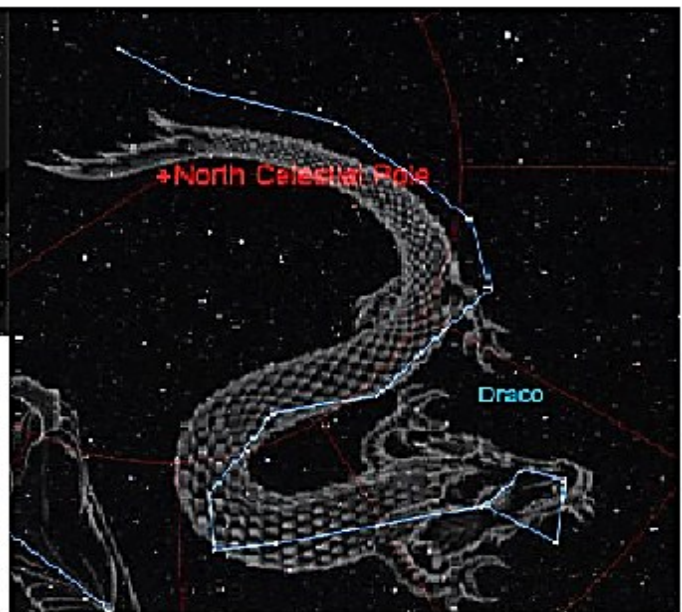
CIRCUMPOLAR SERPENT



Gesenius's Lexicon (Help)

נָחָשׁ m.—(1) a serpent, so called from its hissing (see the root) Gen. 3:1, seq.; Ex. 4:3; 7:15; 2 Ki. 18:4. Used of the constellation of the serpent or dragon in the northern part of the sky, Arab. حية Job 26:13.

(2) [Nahash], pr. n.—(a) of a town otherwise unknown, 1 Ch. 4:12.—(b) of a king of the Ammonites, 1 Sam. 11:1; 2 Sam. 10:2, and of various men.—(c) 2 Sa. 17:27.—(d) 2 Sa. 17:25.



REALM OF ANGELIC WEAPONRY/JUDGEMENT

Ezekiel 9:2 “And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them [was] clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.” ^{KJV}

2 Enoch 10

*“¹And those two men led me up on to the Northern side, and showed me there a very terrible place, and *there were* all manner of tortures in that place: cruel darkness and unilluminated gloom, and there is no light there, but murky fire constantly flaming aloft, and *there is* a fiery river coming forth, and that whole place is everywhere fire, and everywhere *there is* frost and ice, thirst and shivering, while the bonds are very cruel, and the angels fearful and merciless, bearing angry weapons, merciless torture, and I said: 2 Woe, woe, how very terrible is this place. 3 And those men said to me: This place, O Enoch, is prepared for those who dishonour God, who on earth practice sin against nature, which is child-corruption after the sodomitic fashion, magic-making, enchantments and devilish witchcrafts, and who boast of their wicked deeds, stealing, lies, calumnies, envy, rancour, fornication, murder, and who, accursed, steal the souls of men, who, seeing the poor take away their goods and themselves wax rich, injuring them for other men's goods; who being able to satisfy the empty, made the hungry to die; being able to clothe, stripped the naked; and who knew not their creator, and bowed to the soulless and lifeless gods, who cannot see nor hear, vain gods, *who also* built hewn images and bow down to unclean handiwork, for all these is prepared this place among these, for eternal inheritance.” ^{Pseudepigrapha}*

DIMENSIONAL STRATUM

N.A.S.B.:

Job 26:7		Spiritual Dimension/Entities
“He stretches ⁵¹⁸⁶ out the north ⁶⁸²⁸ over ⁵⁹²¹ empty ⁸⁴¹⁴ space ⁸⁴¹⁴ And hangs ⁸⁵¹⁸ the earth ⁷⁷⁶ on nothing. ¹⁰⁹⁹ ”		1.Rephaim (vs. 5) 3. Abaddon (vs. 6) 5. Rahab (vs. 12) 2. Sheol (vs. 6) 4. Pillars of Heaven (vs. 11) 6. Leviathon (vs. 13)

Literal, Sequential, Non-Paraphrased Rendition:

“HE EXTENDS THE NORTH ^{עַל} Strong's H5921, H5920: UPON, BESIDE, IN, ADDITION TO, BEYOND, OVER, ABOVE; REGARDING PRE-EMINENCE, AGAINST, ADJOINING, TOGETHER WITH, AROUND; DENOTING SUPERADDED, SURPASSING, GOING BEYOND; WITH SENSE OF CONTIGUITY) EMPTY SPACE IN WHICH HANGS THE EARTH UPON NOTHING.”

1. A stratifying of realities/existences/planes co-existing, converging with the third and fourth dimensions of the space time continuum.
2. A type of melding of the tabular formations of each reality in a multidimensional matrix.
3. Interactive actualities of hierarchical levels of relative awareness = parallel unseen dimensions/heavens = second and third heavens.

YEREKAH TSAPHOWN

Uttermost Extremities of the Heavens

Gesenius's Lexicon (Help)

יֶרֶכָה [יֶרְכָה Thes.] f. i. q. יָרֵךְ No. 2, *the hinder part, or side* (of a country), Gen. 49:13. Compare שָׂכָם, בְּחָף.

Dual יֶרְכָתִים constr. יֶרְכָתִי, properly *both sides, the haunches, the buttocks*, but always used of inanimate things—

(1) *the hinder part, the back, the rear*, Exod. 26:23; of the temple, 1 Ki. 6:16; Eze. 46:23.

(2) *in the interior area, the parts farthest in, the extremities inmost recesses*, as of a house, Ps. 128:3; of a ship, Jon. 1:5; of a cave, 1 Sam. 24:4; of a sepulchre, Isa. 14:15; Eze. 32:19. Hence יֶרְכָתִי לְבָנוֹן the recesses of Lebanon, i. e. the extreme and inaccessible parts of that wood. Isa. 37:24; and Jud. 19:1, 18, יֶרְכָתִי הַר־אֶפְרַיִם “the inner recesses of the mountains of Ephraim.” Hence—

(3) *the most remote regions*. [Is not this meaning wholly needless?] יֶרְכָתִי צָפוֹן the extreme regions of the north, Isa. 14:13. [But see Ps. 48:3, where the same phrase is applied to Jerusalem, and belongs to the description of its site; although Gesenius contradicts this in Thes., applying it to some other place.] יֶרְכָתִי אָרֶץ the extreme regions of the earth, Jer. 6:22; 25:32 (comp. הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת).

New Jerusalem

Psa 48:2 Beautiful³³⁰³ for situation⁵¹³¹, the joy⁴⁸⁸⁵ of the whole earth⁷⁷⁶, [is] mount²⁰²² Zion⁶⁷²⁶, yĕrekah³⁴¹¹ tsaphown⁶⁸²⁸, the city⁷¹⁵¹ of the great⁷²²⁷ King⁴⁴²⁸.

Mountain of God: Abysmal Hell

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said⁵⁵⁹ in thine heart³⁸²⁴, I will ascend⁵⁹²⁷ into heaven⁸⁰⁶⁴, I will exalt⁷³¹¹ my throne³⁶⁷⁸ above⁴⁶⁰⁵ the stars³⁵⁵⁶ of God⁴¹⁰: I will sit³⁴²⁷ also upon the mount²⁰²² of the congregation⁴¹⁵⁰, yĕrekah³⁴¹¹ tsaphown⁶⁸²⁸.

Isa 14:14 I will ascend⁵⁹²⁷ above the heights¹¹¹⁶ of the clouds⁵⁶⁴⁵; I will be like¹⁸¹⁹ the most High⁵⁹⁴⁵.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down³³⁸¹ to hell⁷⁵⁸⁵, yĕrekah³⁴¹¹ of the pit⁹⁵³.

Gog/Magog Invasion

Eze 38:15 And thou shalt come⁹³⁵ from thy place⁴⁷²⁵ tsaphown⁶⁸²⁸, yĕrekah³⁴¹¹, thou, and many⁷²²⁷ people⁵⁹⁷¹ with thee, all of them riding⁷³⁹² upon horses⁵⁴⁸³, a great¹⁴¹⁹ company⁶⁹⁵¹, and a mighty⁷²²⁷ army²⁴²⁸.

*See also Ezekiel 38:6, 9:2, Jeremiah 6:22, 50:41

TSAPHOWN'S BATTALION OF DARKNESS

Locust Army

Joel 2:20a “But I will remove far off⁷³⁶⁸ from you the northern⁶⁸³⁰ [army],” KJV

◇ “But I will remove far off the ‘Tsaphown’”

*Army is not mentioned in the Hebrew text, and in the proper KJV format, army is in parenthesis.

Great Northern Army of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 6:1b “For evil looks down from the north and a great destruction.” N.A.S.B.

Jeremiah 1:13b-15a “What seest thou? And I said, A caldron on the fire; and the face of it is toward the north. 14 And the Lord said to me, From the north shall flame forth evils upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, behold, I call together all the kingdoms of the earth from the north, saith the Lord;” Brenton Septuagint

Jeremiah 4:6b-7a “hasten, stay not: for I will bring evils from the north, an great destruction. 7 The lion is gone up from his lair, he has roused *himself* to the destruction of the nations,” Brenton Septuagint

KING OF THE NORTH

Defiles the Sanctuary Fortress

Daniel 11:31a "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress;" ^{NKJV}

Removal of the Daily/Perpetual Sacrifice

Daniel 11:31b "then they shall take away the daily [sacrifices]," ^{NKJV}

Sets Up the Abomination of Desolation

Daniel 11:31c "and place [there] the abomination of desolation." ^{NKJV}

Exalts Himself Above All Gods

Daniel 11:36a "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods," ^{NKJV}

Coalition with an Alien Deity

Daniel 11:39a "Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god," ^{NKJV}

Destroyers of the North Coming Upon Babylon America

Jeremiah 51:48b "For the destroyers will come to her from the north," Declares the LORD." ^{N.A.S.B.}

Jeremiah 50:3a "For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate," ^{KJV}

Gog/Magog Invasion

Ezekiel 38:15 "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:" ^{KJV}

Egypt's Desolation by Locusts

Jeremiah 46:20 "Egypt [is] a very pretty heifer, [But] destruction comes, it comes from the north." ^{NKJV}

Princes of the North Consigned to the Pit

Ezekiel 32:30a, d "There [be] the pines of the north /.../ and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit." ^{KJV}

king of kings

Ezekiel 26:7 "For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people." ^{KJV}

See also Isaiah 14:4-21

"Lucifer"

IRON AND BRASS



The Following Prophetic Narrative is,

1. Solely inclusive of Every KJV Scripture Referencing Iron and Brass
2. Biblically Sequential
3. Chronological Portrait of the Destroyer's Kingdom

1. **Genesis 4:22a** "And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron" ^{KJV}
◇ "By the Reptilian Hybrid Lineage of Cain"

2. **Leviticus 26:19** "And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:" ^{KJV}

• **Leviticus 20a** Exact Rendition: "Strong's H3581-KOACH: Large, powerful reptiles/chameleons will bring an end to the vanity of the land."

◇ "Bring an Aerial/Ground Based Curse (See Chem-Trails Chapter) Upon You Due to Your Covenant Disobedience (Lev. 26:15) And Pride Delivered By Chameleon Hybrids."

3. **Deuteronomy 8:9b** "a land whose stones [are] iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass." ^{KJV}
◇ "Upon My People's Lands"

4. **Deuteronomy 28:23-24** "And thy heaven that [is] over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee [shall be] iron. 24 The LORD shall make (Strong's H5414-NATHAN: bestow, grant, permit, give over, deliver up, commit) the rain of thy land powder and dust (Strong's H6083- 'APHAR: fine dust; such as blown by the wind, rubbish: rendered rubbish in KJV twice): from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed." ^{KJV}
◇ "The Lord Give Over and Give Over/Permit This Aerial Assault of Powders, Fine Dusts of Rubbish {ChemTrails} to be Released Upon You Unto Destruction."

5. **Deuteronomy 33:25** "Thy shoes [shall be] iron and brass; and as thy days, [so shall] thy strength [be]." ^{KJV}
◇ "The Gospel (Isaiah 52:7) Prepared and Strengthened."

6. **1 Chronicles 22:3** "And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight;" ^{KJV}
◇ "His Faithful Warrior Servants for the Breached Gates."

7. **2 Chronicles 24:12** "And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair (Strong's H2318- CHADASH: renew, repair, restore, polish as in a sword) the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend (Strong's H2388-CHAZAQ: make firm, strengthen, confirm, made powerful, established, aid, assist) the house of the LORD." ^{KJV}
◇ "As Well As To Restore, Strengthen, Aid And Confirm the House of the Lord."

8. **Job 28:2** "Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass [is] molten [out of] the stone." ^{KJV}

◇ "Released From The Inner Earth."

9. **Job 40:18** "His bones [are as] strong pieces of brass; his bones [are] like bars of iron." ^{KJV}

◇ (Of Discourse upon BEHEMOTH)

10. **Job 41:27** "He esteemeth iron as straw, [and] brass as rotten wood." ^{KJV}

◇ (Of Discourse upon LEVIATHON)

11a. **Psalm 107:16** "For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder." ^{KJV}

b. **Psalm 107:18b** "and they draw near unto the gates of death." ^{KJV}

◇ "Through The Breaking of the Gate Bars."

12. **Isaiah 45:2** "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces (Strong's H7665-SHABAR: break, cause to break through, destroy) the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:" ^{KJV}

◇ "The Breaking Forth of the Gates Will Make That Which is Crooked Straight."

13. **Isaiah 48:4** "Because I knew that thou [art] obstinate, and thy neck [is] an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;" ^{KJV}

◇ "The Obstinate."

14. **Jeremiah 6:28** "They [are] all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: [they are] brass and iron; they [are] all corrupters." ^{KJV}

◇ "Corrupt Apostates."

15. **Daniel 4:15** "Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven{anointing}, and [let] his portion [be] with the beasts in the grass of the earth:" ^{KJV}

◇ "Though An Anointed Remnant Will Be Left Amongst The Harvest and Beasts."

16. **Daniel 7:19** "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth [were of] iron, and his nails [of] brass; [which] devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;" ^{KJV}

◇ "The Beast Which Had Made War on the Saints and Overcame Them."

17. **Micah 4:13** "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth." ^{KJV}

◇ "A Company of the Warrior Bride Shall Plunder Gain of the Nations and Ascertain Dominion Over the Earth with YHWH."

*Footnote: Jude 1:14-15, Zechariah 14:5

Reptilian hybrids of Cain's lineage will bring in an aerial/ground based curse upon you due to your covenant disobedience and pride. It will be delivered by chameleons upon your lands. The Lord will give over/permit this aerial assault of powders; fine dusts of rubbish {chem-trails} to be released upon you unto destruction. Walking out the gospel has prepared and strengthened his faithful warrior servants for the breached gates as well to restore, strengthen, aid and confirm the house of the Lord. Released from the inner earth are Behemoth and Leviathan through the breaking of the gates bars. The breaking forth of the gates will make that which is crooked straight: the obstinate and corrupt apostate revolters. Though an anointed remnant will be left amongst the harvest, wild beasts and Beast Empire which will make war on the saints and overcome them. Though a company of the warrior bride will return and trample the wicked and ascertain command/dominion over the earth.

OTHER SCRIPTURES OF INTEREST

1 Enoch 55:3~56:4

"3. When I have desired to take hold of them by the hand of the angels on the day of tribulation and pain because of this, I will cause My chastisement and My wrath to abide upon them, saith God, the Lord of Spirits. 4. Ye †mighty kings† who dwell on the earth, ye shall have to behold Mine Elect One, how he sits on the throne of glory and judges Azazel, and all his associates, and all his hosts in the name of the Lord of Spirits.' 1. And I saw there the hosts of the angels of punishment going, and they held scourges and chains of iron and bronze. 2. And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: 'To whom are these who hold the scourges going?' 3. And he said unto me: 'To their elect and beloved ones, that they may be cast into the chasm of the abyss of the valley. 4. And then that valley shall be filled with their elect and beloved, And the days of their lives shall be at an end, And the days of their leading astray shall not thenceforward be reckoned.'" R.R. Charles



1 Enoch 54:6 "There likewise I beheld hosts of angels who were moving in punishment, confined in a network of iron and brass. Then I inquired of the angel of peace, who proceeded with me, To whom those under confinement were going." Richard Laurence

Zechariah 6:1-2 "Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots [were] coming from between two mountains, and the mountains [were] mountains of bronze. 2 With the first chariot [were] red horses, with the second chariot black horses," NKJV

1 Enoch 76:10 "And after these the north winds : from the seventh portal in the east come dew and rain, locusts and desolation." R.R. Charles

◊Dew/rain= teaching/anointing ~Deut 32:2, 33:13, Micah 5:7

Forgotten Books of Eden: First Book of Adam and Eve 42:5 "And if thou sadist, 'Give me of the Water of Life that I may drink and live'~ it cannot be this day, but on the day that I shall descend into hell, and break the gates of brass, and bruise in pieces the kingdoms of iron." Pseudopigrapha



The Iliad by Homer Book 8

"NOW when Morning, clad in her robe of saffron, had begun to suffuse light over the earth, Jove called the gods in council on the topmost crest of serrated Olympus. Then he spoke and all the other gods gave ear. "Hear me," said he, "gods and goddesses, that I may speak even as I am minded. Let none of you neither goddess nor god try to cross me, but obey me every one of you that I may bring this matter to an end. If I see anyone acting apart and helping either Trojans or Danaans, he shall be beaten inordinately ere he come back again to Olympus; or I will hurl him down into dark Tartarus far into the deepest pit under the earth, where the gates are iron and the floor bronze, as far beneath Hades as heaven is high above the earth, that you may learn how much the mightiest I am among you. Try me and find out for yourselves. Hangs me a golden chain from heaven, and lay hold of it all of you, gods and goddesses together~tug as you will, you will not drag Jove the supreme counsellor from heaven to earth; but were I to pull at it myself I should draw you up with earth and sea into the bargain, then would I bind the chain about some pinnacle of Olympus and leave you all dangling in the mid firmament. So far am I above all others either of gods or men."

The Gospel of Nicodemus

AND while Satan and the prince of hell were discoursing thus to each other, on a sudden there was a voice as of thunder and the rushing of winds, saying, Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lift up, O **EVERLASTING GATES**, and the **KING OF GLORY** shall come in. 2 When the prince of hell heard this, he said to Satan, Depart from me, and begone out of my habitations; if thou art a powerful warrior, fight with the King of Glory. But what hast thou to do with him? 3 And he cast him forth from his habitations. 4 And the prince said to his impious officers, Shut the **BRASS GATES OF CRUELTY**, and make them fast with **IRON BARS**, and fight courageously, lest we be taken captives. 5

But when all the company of the saints heard this they spake with a loud voice of anger to the prince of hell: 6 Open thy gates that the King of Glory may come in. 7 And the divine prophet David, cried out saying, Did not I when on earth truly prophesy and say, O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. 8 For he hath broken the **GATES OF BRASS**, and cut the **BARS OF IRON** in sunder. He hath taken them because of their iniquity, and because of their unrighteousness they are afflicted. 9 After this another prophet, namely, holy **ISAIAH**, spake in like manner to all the saints, did not I rightly prophesy to you when I was alive on earth? 10 The dead men shall live, and they shall rise again who are in their graves, and they shall rejoice who are in earth; for the dew which is from the Lord shall bring deliverance to them. 11 And I said in another place, O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? 12 When all the saints heard these things spoken by **ISAIAH**, they said to the prince of hell, Open now thy gates, and take away thine iron bars; for thou wilt now be bound, and have no power. 13 Then there was a great voice, as of the sound of thunder saying, Lift up your gates, O princes; and be ye lifted up, ye gates of hell, and the King of Glory will enter in. 14 The prince of hell perceiving the same voice repeated, cried out as though he had been ignorant, Who is that King of Glory? 15 **DAVID** replied to the prince of hell, and said, I understand the words of that voice, because I spake them by his spirit. And now, as I have above said, I say unto thee, the Lord strong and powerful, the Lord mighty in battle: he is the King of Glory, and he is the Lord in heaven and in earth; 16 He hath looked down to hear the groans of the prisoners, and to set loose those that are appointed to death. 7 And now, thou filthy and stinking prince of hell, open thy gates, that the King of Glory may enter in; for he is the Lord of heaven and earth. 18 While **DAVID** was saying this, the **MIGHTY LORD** appeared in the **FORM OF A MAN**, and enlightened those places which had ever before been in darkness, 19 And broke asunder the **FETTERS** which before could not be broken; and with his invincible power visited those who sat in the deep darkness by iniquity, and the shadow of death by sin.