

Matthew 10:28 -- "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in γέεννα." Here again, γέεννα is a place in which both soul and body are destroyed, a place which is more to be avoided than physical death itself!

Matthew 18:9 -- "And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. it is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the fiery γέεννα." (τὴν γέενναν τοῦ πυρός.)

This is quite similar to Matthew 5:29. It is interesting to note that Jesus repeated His teachings at times.

Matthew 23:15, 33 -- "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make hi. twice as much a son of γέεννα as yourselves."

"You serpents, you brood of vipers, you shall you escape the sentence of γέεννα?"

In these two uses γέεννα appears to have two related meanings. On the one hand, γέεννα is associated with wickedness, with hypocrisy, insincerity, moral perversity, and self-righteousness. On the other hand, γέεννα is associated with condemnatory judgment. Connecting the two ideas, γέεννα means condemnatory judgment upon the wicked.

Mark 9:43, 45, 47 -- "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into γέεννα, into the unquenchable fire." (τὸ πῦρ τὸ ἄσβεστον.)

"And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into γέεννα."

"And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into γέεννα."

These references are quite similar to Matthew 5:29-30 and 18:9. However, they add one idea: that of the fire which never shall be quenched. In view of the fact that both soul and body are cast into γέεννα, this addition introduces a genuine element of terror into the meaning of γέεννα!

Luke 12:4-5 -- "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into γέεννα; yes, I tell you, fear Him!"

This usage appears to be a parallel to Matthew 10:28.

James 3:6 -- "And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by γέεννα."

Here the moral wickedness and perversity associated with γέεννα appear to be in view, with Satan as the agent who with that perversity sets the tongue on fire. Of course, the association of fire with γέεννα has already been noticed.