

If you say that sheol means the disembodied condition you're thinking of the fate of the spirit, or of the indi,..(3½) rather than the body simply and you certainly would not say sheol means the grave. It means to go into a disembodied condition. Did sheol to the Hebrews mean a specific place to which disembodied spirits went? Of course in the Bible the Scripture is using common terms very frequently. Thus, they say, there is a place which is called so and so, and this place has certain characteristics. God may give us an explanation of some of it. He ordinarily does not do that. Ordinarily common concepts or familiar terms are taken and are expanded and developed and utilized, that's the common method in which God gives us ~~the~~ truth, rather than to come and say I will tell you about something. There is a technical thing ~~with~~ which we call so and so which is such and such a place or such and such a thing.

That being the case, if this word sheol is a common word, a word to indicate a specific thing it would be interesting to know if there are any other uses of the word. I don't know if there is anything in the Ugaritic or not, of the use of a root similar to sheol, whether there is anything in any other Semitic language, I'm quite sure that there's nothing in any extra Biblical Hebrew material from an early day. Does the Bible use the word sheol, in the first place, as something which was evidently a thing well known to his people? Does it use it as something simply as a thing that is well known to the believers, or is sheol used in the Bible in such a way as to suggest it is a concept which would be well understood by unbelievers?

See these are various questions which might be taken up in connection with the usage of it if we are to learn what the word sheol really means in the Scripture and if it means the disembodied state it is not correct to say the grave. And if it means the disembodied state simply rather than a place then it is not correct to draw from it conclusions ~~XXXX~~ as to what the speaker thought about a place, about a particular place.