

# **LEGAL CONTEXT OF THE LAKE OF FIRE**

**ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN CONTEXT OF  
DIVINE JUDGEMENT AND BIBLICAL  
CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF  
REVELATION**

# Isaiah 46:

- 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; [I am] God, and there is none like me;
- 10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not [yet] done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;

**Guilt about our Past is  
the number 1 issue in  
our spiritual walk.**

# Laws of the Ancient Near East

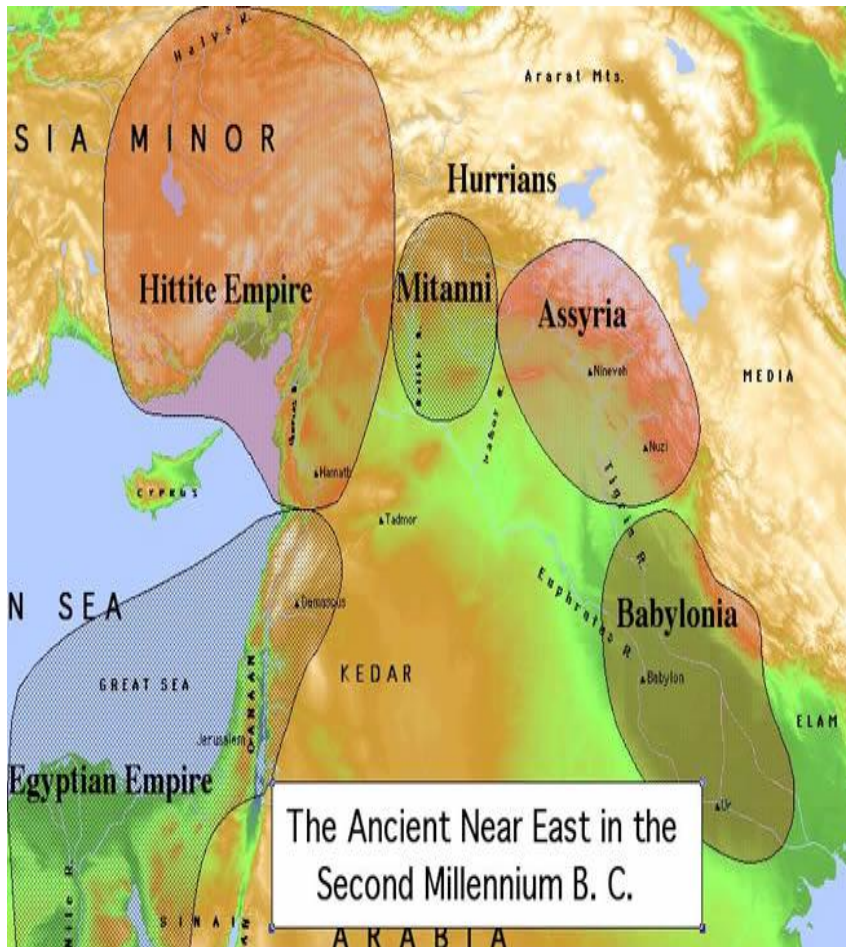
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# What is the Lake of Fire?



# The Ancient Near East



- The Ancient World believed that:
- Seas
- Lakes
- Rivers

**Was the Gateway to Hell or Sheol**

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**Waves**

**Floods**

**Deep**



# The Ancient City of Hit

Hīt ([Arabic](#): is an [Iraqi](#) city in [Al-Anbar province](#). Hīt lies northwest of [Ramadi](#), the provincial capital. On the [Euphrates River](#), Hīt is a small walled town built on two mounds on the site of the ancient city of Is; [bitumen](#) wells in the vicinity have been utilized for at least 3,000 years and were used in the building of [Babylon](#). Hīt is a marketplace for agricultural produce and oil pipelines to the [Mediterranean Sea](#) cross the Euphrates there. It was regarded as the [head of navigation](#) on the river before the decline in river traffic.<sup>[1]</sup>



# Ancient Mythology of the Levant

The Trial by the Divine River was widely practiced in the Ancient Near East as a method of divine judgment in cases where there was no evidence of guilt



# Enki or Ea-in

[Sumer](#) where kingship first descended from heaven. EA was thought to live in the 'Apsu' or submarine palace. [Zoroaster](#) can be seen above the amphibious gods



# The pagan god Ea (Enki)

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**Enki** ([Sumerian](#);) is a [god](#) in [Sumerian mythology](#), later known as **Ea** in Akkadian and [Babylonian mythology](#). He was originally patron god of the city of [Eridu](#), but later the influence of his cult spread throughout [Mesopotamia](#) and to the [Canaanites](#), [Hittites](#) and [Hurrians](#). He was the [deity](#) of [crafts](#) (*gašam*); mischief; water, [seawater](#), [lakewater](#), [intelligence](#) (*gestú*, literally "ear") and [creation](#). Beginning around the second millennium BCE, he was sometimes referred to in writing by the numeric ideogram for "40," occasionally referred to as his "sacred number." The planet Mercury, associated with Babylonian [Nabu](#) (the son of [Marduk](#)) was in [Sumerian](#) times, identified with Enki.

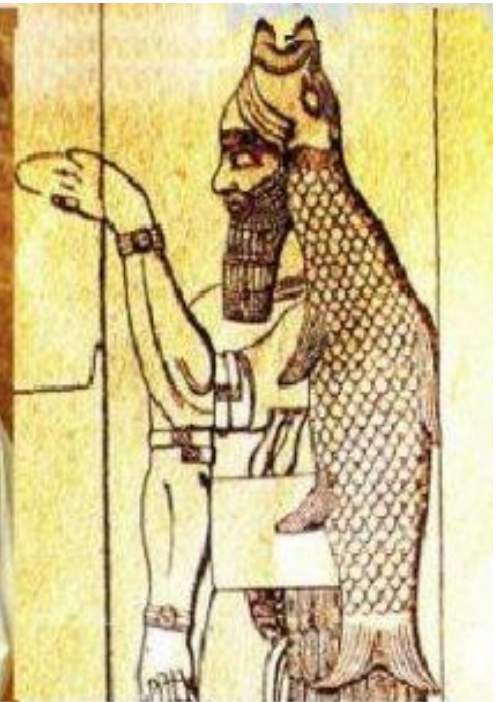
The exact meaning of his name is uncertain: the common translation is "Lord of the Earth": the Sumerian en is translated as a title equivalent to "lord"; it was originally a title given to the High Priest; *ki* means "earth"; but there are theories that *ki* in this name has another origin, possibly *kig* of unknown meaning, or *kur* meaning "mound". The name Ea is allegedly Hurrian in origin while others claim that it is possibly of Semitic origin and may be a derivation from the West-Semitic root \*hyy meaning "life" in this case used for "spring", "running water." In Sumerian E-A means "the house of water", and it has been suggested that this was originally the name for the shrine to the god at Eridu.



# Poseidon Greek god of the seas



**The Religious  
"Mitre" Hat  
From Babylon**



**The Priest of  
Ancient "Dagon"  
Fish Worship**

- Dagon was the god of the Philistines. The idol was represented in the combination of both man and fish. The name 'Dagon' is derived from 'dag' which means 'fish'. Although there was a deep affection from Dagon's worshippers to their deity, the symbol of a fish in human form was really meant to represent fertility and the vivifying powers of nature and reproduction. His name is a lot like 'Dogon'.
- Dagon was a major northwest Semitic god, the god of grain and agriculture according to the few sources to speak of the matter, worshipped by the early Amorites, by the people of Ebla, by the people of Ugarit and a chief god (perhaps the chief god) of the Biblical Philistines. His name appears in Hebrew as (in modern transcription Dagon, Tiberian Hebrew), in Ugaritic as dgn (probably vocalized as Dagnu), and in Akkadian as Dagana, Daguna usually rendered in English translations as Dagan.



# According to the Laws of Hammurabi

- The Hittites
- The Egyptians
- The Canaanites
- Assyrians
- Mesopotamians

This Myth was observed in the Ancient Near  
East



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# **What was the Meaning of Surviving the Waters in the Ancient Near Eastern?**

Surviving the water by  
Ordeal was a sign of

- Innocence
- Vindication

Ea – ENKI as Creator

This Mythological belief in  
this pagan god explains  
why YHWH uses water for  
judgment in the book of  
Genesis

# Bereshit 1:1

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form and empty.  
And darkness was on the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters.

**\*THE GOD OF ISRAEL AS CREATOR OF HEAVEN  
AND EARTH NOT ENKI\***

# Job 9

4 God who is wise in heart, and mighty in strength:  
who has hardened himself against him, and  
prospered?

5 He removes the mountains, and they don't know  
it, when he overturns them in his anger.

6 He shakes the earth out of its place. Its pillars  
tremble.

7 He commands the sun, and it doesn't rise, and  
seals up the stars.

8 He alone stretches out the heavens, and treads  
on the waves of the sea.

# Psalm 89

7 a very awesome God in the council of the holy ones, to be feared above all those who are around him?

8 Yahweh, God of Armies, who is a mighty one, like you? Yah, your faithfulness is around you.

9 You rule the pride of the sea. When its waves rise up, you calm them.

# **The Flood and Noah**

## **Genesis 7**

- **Ship**
- **Sea**
- **Floods**
- **40 days and 40 nights**
- **Dove as a type of the Seal**
- **Olive leaf as a type of Israel in the dispersion**
- **All the People drowned thus were found Guilty by Divine Judgment**

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**Seas**

**Pit**



# **2 Samuel 22**

**1 ¶ And David spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:**

**2 ¶ And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;**

**3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou saves me from violence.**

**4 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.**

5 When the waves of death compassed me, the  
floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the  
snares of death prevented me.

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and  
cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out  
of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the  
foundations of heaven moved and shook,  
because he was wroth.

# Psalms 42

6 My God, my soul is in despair within me.  
Therefore I remember you from the land of  
the Jordan, the heights of Hermon, from  
the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your  
waterfalls. All your waves and your billows  
have swept over me.

# Psalm 65

4 Blessed is one whom you choose, and cause to come near, that he may live in your courts. We will be filled with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

5 By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, God of our salvation. You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea;

6 Who by his power forms the mountains, having armed yourself with strength;

7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

# Psalm 88:

1 <<A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite.>> Yahweh, the God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence. Turn your ear to my cry.

3 For my soul is full of troubles. My life draws near to Sheol.

4 I am counted among those who go down into the pit. I am like a man who has no help,

5 set apart among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more. They are cut off from your hand.

6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.

7 Your wrath lies heavily on me. You have afflicted me with all your waves. Selah.

# Jeremiah 31:

35 Thus says Yahweh, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that the waves of it roar; Yahweh of Armies is his name:

36 If these ordinances depart from before me, says Yahweh, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

# Jeremiah 51

41 How is Sheshach taken! and the praise of the whole earth seized! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

42 **The sea is come up on Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of the waves of it.**

43 Her cities are become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land in which no man dwells, neither does any son of man pass thereby.

44 I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more to him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

## Isaiah 43:

1 But now thus says Yahweh who created you, Jacob, and he who formed you, Israel: "Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, and flame will not scorch you.



# Psalm 69

1 <<For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Lilies." By David.>> Save me, God, for the waters have come up to my neck!

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying. My throat is dry. My eyes fail, looking for my God.

# **The Trial Ordeal in the Bible**

## **Deuteronomy 9:21**

I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust: and I cast the dust of it into the brook that descended out of the mountain.

## **Exodus 32:20**

He took the calf which they had made,  
and burnt it with fire, ground it to  
powder, and scattered it on the water,  
and made the children of Israel drink  
of it.

**\*Number 5 and the bitter waters\***

# **Yeshua the Well of Living Waters**

# **The Message of Resurrection in the story of Jonah**

A photograph of a piece of light-colored, textured paper with the words "Jonah In Nineveh" written in a dark purple, rounded, handwritten font. The text is centered and arranged in three lines: "Jonah" on the top line, "In" on the middle line, and "Nineveh" on the bottom line.

**Jonah  
In  
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# The Story of Jonah as a great example of the Ancient belief in the divine river



# **The gods of the Ancient World**

- **Poseidon**

- **Neptune**

- **Ea**

- **Enki**

# Why is Baptism so Important? From a Legal perspective

Section 185 of the Code of Hammurabi (CH) may apply to this type of adoption and reads as follows:

*If a man takes in adoption a young child at birth and then rears him, that rearling will not be reclaimed.*

Yaron has translated this section as:

*If a man an infant out of his amniotic fluid for sonship has taken and has brought him up, that adopted child shall not be (re) claimed.*



**How does the salinity of amniotic fluid compare to that of sea water?**

The average salinity of seawater is 35 parts per thousand

0.9

# So why is this so importance for being innocent in the Eyes of YHVH?

1. We were born in this world under the authority of satan.
2. Legally, we belong to his kingdom
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# The Baptism of John the Baptist

## **Why it is a baptism of repentance?**

Mark 1:

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins.

5 All the country of Judea and all those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins.

# Why Nicodemus needed to be Baptist?

John 3:

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 The same came to him by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered him, "Most certainly, I tell you, unless one is born anew, he can't see the Kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he can't enter into the Kingdom of God!

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.'

# What is the Confession of Faith in Context?

Romans 10:

1 Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God is for Israel, that they may be saved.

2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they didn't subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For Messiah is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, "The one who does them will live by them."

6 But the righteousness which is of faith says this, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Messiah down);

7 or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead.)"

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart;" that is, the word of faith, which we preach:

**9 that if you will confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**Ancient Near Eastern  
Symbolism  
in the  
Book of Revelation  
of a  
Divine Judgment**

## **Revelation 8:**

8 The second angel sounded, and something like a great burning mountain was thrown into the sea. One third of the sea became blood,

9 and one third of the living creatures which were in the sea died. One third of the ships were destroyed.

10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch, and it fell on one third of the rivers, and on the springs of the waters.

11 The name of the star is called "Wormwood." One third of the waters became wormwood. Many people died from the waters, because they were made bitter.



**The Book of Revelation  
is a court case against  
Israel and the Nations**

## **Revelation 12:**

10 I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now is come the salvation, the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

11 They overcame him because of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn't love their life, even to death.

12 Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time."

13 When the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

## **Revelation 12:**

14 Two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, so that she might be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 The serpent spewed water out of his mouth after the woman like a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream.

16 The earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon spewed out of his mouth.

17 The dragon grew angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep God's commandments and hold Jesus' testimony.

## Revelation 19:

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

## **Revelation 20:**

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



