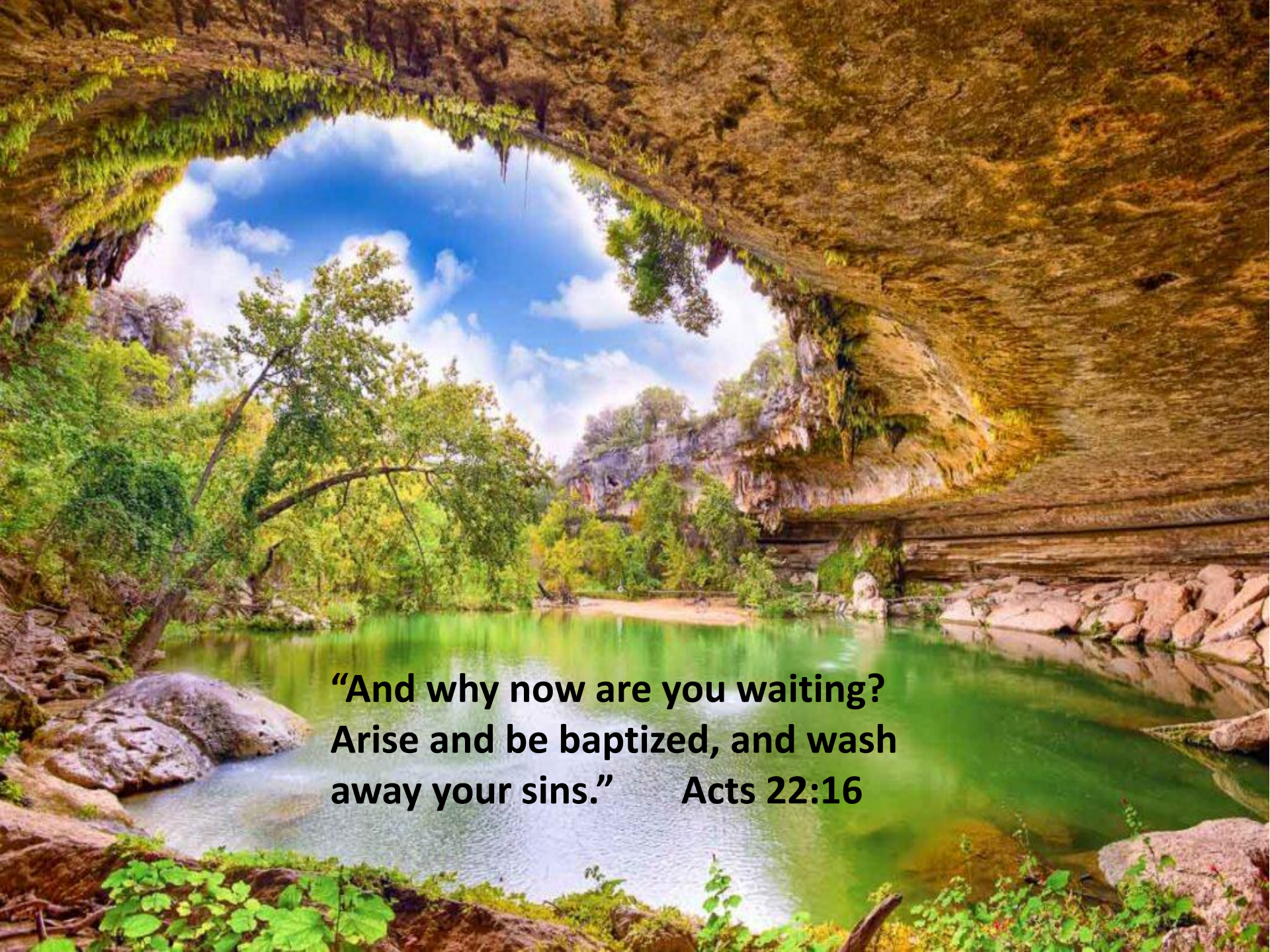
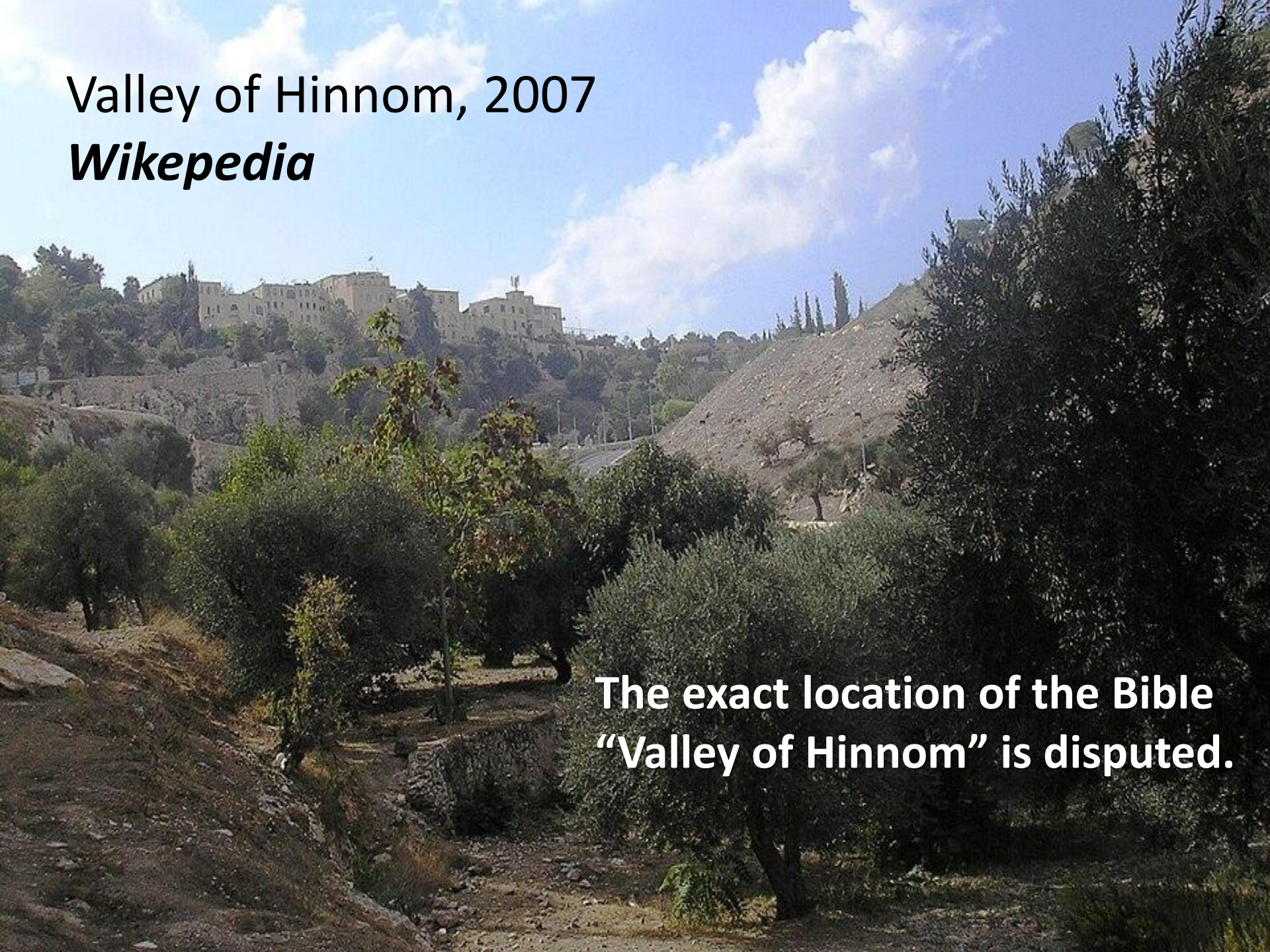

“And why now are you waiting?
Arise and be baptized, and wash
away your sins.” Acts 22:16

Valley of Hinnom, 2007
Wikepedia



The exact location of the Bible "Valley of Hinnom" is disputed.

Understanding Hell

- God uses the physical to help us understand the spiritual.
- **Valley of Hinnom** – located outside Jerusalem
- The Valley of Hinnom's biblical narrative evolved in three distinct phases:
- **1. Geographic Boundary:** In the Old Testament, it initially served as the boundary line separating the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

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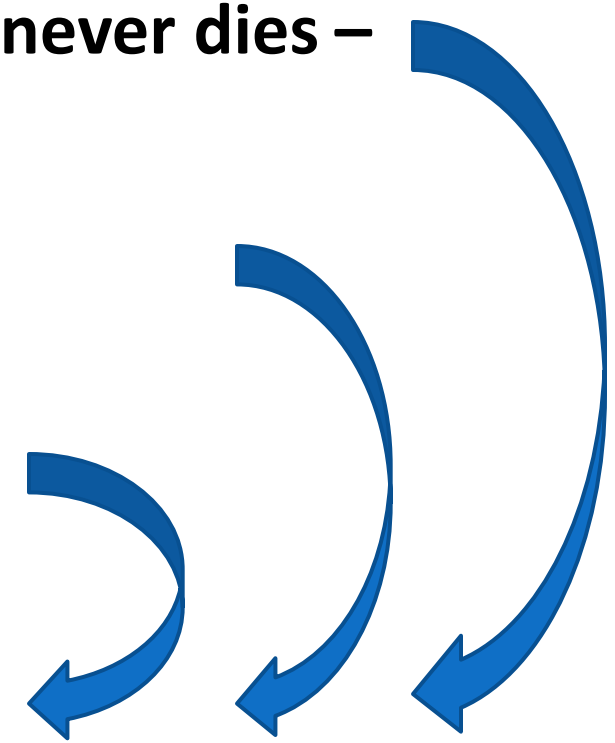
- **2. Site of Idolatry:**
  During the reigns of idolatrous kings like Ahaz and Manasseh, the valley (specifically a site called Tophet) was used for the horrific practice of burning children as sacrifices to Molech (2 Chronicles 28:3 & 33:6).
- The prophet Jeremiah strongly condemned these actions, prophesying that the valley would become a place of divine slaughter and judgment rather than worship - **Jeremiah 7:31-32, Jeremiah 19:2-6, Jeremiah 32:35**

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- **3. Garbage Dump & Metaphor for Hell:**
  Jeremiah's prophecy is fulfilled - By the time of the New Testament, the valley had become a **continually burning** refuse dump where garbage and the bodies of executed criminals were thrown.
- Because of the constant fire, smoke, worms, and association with death and destruction, Jesus used **"Gehenna"** (the Greek translation of Hinnom) as an illustration of eternal punishment – **Hell**.

The Realities of Hell

- **The fire never dies, the worm never dies –** Isaiah 66:24
- **The suffering will never end –** Matthew 25:41, Mark 9:43-44
- **The darkness will never end –** Matthew 25:30
- **For those who do evil –** Romans 2:8-9
  2 Thessalonians 1:8-9



The Realities of Hell

- **ONLY Christians will escape Hell.**
- **However, Christians can be condemned to Hell – Romans 2:3-11, 6:16-18**
- **How do I escape Hell?**
  - **By being an obedient Christian –** Romans 6:3-11
  - **Make the decision to OBEY now!**

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

- **Believe in Jesus –**
  John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
  Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
  Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
  Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
  Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
  - **Remember Matthew 7:21-23** *(not everyone, but…)*