

# Joshua 18:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to En-rogel,

## Analysis

**The border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom**—The Valley of Hinnom (Hebrew Gei ben-Hinnom, גְּיאַת הַיּוֹם) became notorious as Jerusalem's garbage dump and later a site of child sacrifice to Molech (2 Kings 23:10). Its Greek name, Gehenna, became Jesus' primary metaphor for hell.

The **valley of the giants** (Emek Rephaim) references the pre-Israelite inhabitants. The border **descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south**—Jebusi being Jerusalem—then to **En-rogel** (Fuller's Spring). These ominous place names remind Israel of conquered enemies and conquered evil.

## Historical Context

Hinnom Valley bordered Jerusalem on the south and west. By Jesus' time, its Hebrew name Ge-Hinnom (Gehenna) universally symbolized final judgment due to its association with idolatry and perpetual fires. The Rephaim were gigantic inhabitants conquered by David (2 Samuel 5:18-22).

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do places associated with evil in your past become reminders of God's deliverance?
2. What does Hinnom's transformation from border marker to judgment symbol teach about sin's consequences?

## Interlinear Text

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עַל	אֲשֶׁר	יָבֹדֶה	בְּרַכְתָּה	אֶל	פֶּגֶב	וְלִי	וְלִי	עַל
<b>and descended</b>	<b>And the border</b>	H413	<b>to the end</b>	H7097	<b>of the mountain</b>	H2022	H834	H5921
H3381	H1366			H2011				
פָּנִים	בְּגִיאָה	בְּצִדְקוֹתָה	הַבְּמִזְבֵּחַ	רָאשָׁה				
<b>that lieth before</b>	<b>the valley</b>	<b>of the son</b>	<b>of Hinnom</b>	H834				
H6440	H1516	H1121	H2011					
בְּעֵמֶל	רְפָאִים	צָפְנָה	וְלִי	וְלִי	וְלִי	וְלִי	וְלִי	וְלִי
<b>and which is in the valley</b>	<b>of the giants</b>	<b>on the north</b>	<b>and descended</b>	<b>the valley</b>				
H6010	H7497	H6828	H3381	H1516				
עַל	יָבֹדֶה	תְּגַבֵּה	יָבֹדֶה	יָבֹדֶה	יָבֹדֶה	יָבֹדֶה	יָבֹדֶה	יָבֹדֶה
<b>of Hinnom</b>	H413	<b>to the side</b>	<b>of Jebusi</b>	<b>on the south</b>	<b>and descended</b>	H0		
H2011		H3802	H2983	H5045	H3381			
רְגִלָּה:								
<b>to Enrogel</b>								
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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 23:10** (Parallel theme): And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

**Isaiah 30:33** (Parallel theme): For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

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