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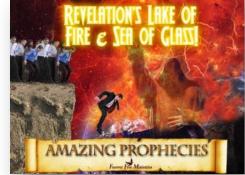
REVELATION'S LAKE OF FIRE & SEA OF GLASS! GOD'S LOVE IN THE FIRES OF HELL

Discovering Revelation's Hottest Prophecy
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Scripture guide for the truth about hell fire.

The simple question to ask is: "What does the Bible say about the fate of the lost?" Let us prayerfully look at over 50 texts on this important subject. Remember Jesus has delivered us from hell fire. As believers we do not fear hell fire because we have surrendered our lives to Jesus and believe that He is our personal Lord and Savior.

The final events of this world's history include the total eradication of sin and suffering. Those who have chosen sin will reap the results of sin. Hell conjures up gruesome images in most people's minds. Indeed, it is a terrible event. It is the fate of the lost. But there is a popular teaching about this thing called hell that terribly distorts God's character. Is it possible that God's great love is revealed even through what the Bible teaches about the fate of the unjust?



2 Peter 2:9 – Wicked are not burning in hell now, but wait until the judgment day.

Matt. 13:40-42 – Wicked cast into Hell-fire at the end of the word.

John 12:48 – They will be judged at the last day; the day when they are thrown into hell fire.

Job 21:30-32 – The wicked will remain in the graves until the day of their destruction.

John 5:28,29 – Both the wicked and the righteous remain in their graves until their resurrection.



The Millennium or 1,000 Years

1000 YEARS



The Resurrection of Life
When Jesus Comes Again
The Dead in Christ rise and
The Righteous living ascend to heaven

The Resurrection of Damnation
After the New Jerusalem Descends
The Wicked Dead Rise
The Wicked Consumed

- Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death (eternal death).
- John 3:16 The wicked shall perish or cease to exist.
- Revelation 21:8 The wicked receive the "second death."
- Ezekiel 18:4,20 The soul which represents the person, a living soul, can die. No such thing as

an immortal soul.

- 1 Timothy 6:16 Only God has immortality.
- Revelation 20:9 After the Millennium, hellfire comes down from God and consumes the

wicked. They are reduced to ashes on planet earth.

- Proverbs 11:31 Both wicked and righteous receive their rewards upon the earth.
- Matthew 13:39-42 Wicked receive their fate upon this world.
- Revelation 21:2 God will create a new heaven and earth.
- Matthew 5:5 (Psalms 37:11) The meek shall inherit the earth.
- 2 Peter 3:10 Fire will burn up the elements.



Malachi 4:1,3 – Fire will reduce wicked to ashes.

- Isaiah 47:14 Fire will finally go out!
- Psalms 37:10,20 Wicked shall perish into smoke/ vanish away/exist no more.
- Revelation 21:4 All tears will be wiped away by God.
- Revelation 22:12 Wicked are punished according to their works.
- Matthew 16:27 We will be rewarded according to deeds done in this life.
- Luke 12:47,48 Everyone is judged according to light and opportunities spurned.



Matthew 5:30 – The wicked will physically enter hell. Therefore no one is in hell now! When a person goes to hell the whole body goes.

- Matthew 10:28 Both the soul and body will be cast in hell.
- Ezekiel 18:20 Soul (Person) dies in hell. No such thing as an undying or immortal soul.
- Revelation 19:20 Living will be cast into hell.
- Revelation 20:10 Devil is not in charge of hell.
- Ezekiel 28:17-19 The devil will be turned into ashes.
- Job 4:17 God is just in all His ways. He would never keep sinners alive in hell fire for eternity.
- Matthew 25:41 Hell was planned for the Devil and his evil angels.
- Isaiah 28:21 The destruction of wicked in hell-fire is called God's 'strange act."
- Ezekiel 33:11 God does not love to punish sinners. He allows everyone to make choices.
- Hosea 11:8 God has to give up the wicked to their own destructive ways.
- Nahum 1:9 Sin will not arise again after hell-fire.

IMPORTANT BIBLICAL EXPRESSIONS EXPLAINED

- Note: Forever is used 56 times in the Bible in connection with things that have already ended! It all depends on the context in understanding how the word "forever" is being used.
- Revelation 20:10 Tormented "Forever and Ever."
- 1 Samuel 1:22,28 Samuel was to serve the Lord "forever" or "as long as he lived."
- Psalms 48:18 "Forever" can mean until death.
- Jonah 2:6,17 Jonah said he was in the belly of the fish "forever" yet it was only 3 days.
- Luke 3:17 "Unquenchable Fire."
- Jeremiah 17:27 Jerusalem was destroyed with unquenchable fire yet it is not still burning.
- Matthew 25:41 "Everlasting Fire or "Eternal Fire."
 Eternal not in duration but RESULTS.
- Jude 7 Sodom and Gomorrah were consumed with everlasting or eternal fire. Eternal = RESULTS.
- 2 Peter 2:6 Sodom and Gomorrah were reduced to
- ashes. Therefore, eternal fire meant RESULTS of the fire.
- Malachi 4:1 Wicked will be brought to ashes. This is the final eradication of the wicked.
- Matthew 25:46 "Everlasting Punishment" not "Punishing" (death, not burning is eternal).
- Romans 6:23 Punishment of the wicked = death. Eternal death. The second death.
- Revelation 21:8 Wicked receive the "second death" from which there is no resurrection.

What about the Rich man and Lazarus? First read Luke 16:19-31

- Things to remember:
- Parables are figurative: Talking trees? "The <u>trees</u> went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they <u>said unto the olive tree</u>, Reign over us. But the <u>olive tree said</u> unto them Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? And <u>the trees said</u> to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us. But the <u>fig tree said</u> unto them,....Judges 9:8-11a
- This is a parable that is figurative and symbolic not to be taken literal in every detail.
- Abraham's bosom is symbolic of heaven but is not literally heaven (Hebrews 11:8-10,16).
- People in hell can't talk to those in heaven (Isaiah 65:17).
- The dead are in their graves (Job 17:13; John 5:28,29)
- The rich man was in bodily form, yet we know that at death the body doesn't go anywhere.
- The dead are in their graves (Job 17:13; John 5:28,29)
- The rich man was in <u>bodily form</u>, yet we know that at death the body doesn't go anywhere.
- The point of the story is found in verse 31.
- Parables cannot be taken literally. (See examples of figurative parables: Wedding garment parable Matthew 22:2-14, Talking trees. Judges 9:8-15)

Did Christ descend into hell? 1 Peter 3:18-21

- Jesus had to die in order to save us from our sins. (see 1 Cor. 15:13,14)
- Through the "Spirit" Christ preached to the people (spirits) in Noah's day. They were in the prison house of sin.



THE WICKED WILL BE OBLITERATED

- The wicked suffer "death" (Romans 6:23)
- Will suffer "destruction" (Job 21:30)
- "shall perish" (Psalms 37:20)
- Fire will "burn them up" (Isaiah 47:14)
- "shall be destroyed together" (Psalms 37:38)
- Will "consume away" (Psalms 37:20)
- "Shall be cut off" (Psalms 37:9)
- "will devour the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:27)
- God will "destroy" them (Psalms 145:20)
- "fire shall devour them" (Psalms 21:9)
- Will "leave them neither root nor branch." (Mal 4:1)
- "they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet." (Mal 4:3)
- "And shall be no more forever" (Ezekiel 28:19)
- "turned (the wicked) to ashes upon the earth" (Ezekiel 28:18)
- "this is the second death" (Revelation 20:14)
- "Destroy those who destroy the earth." (Revelation 11:18)

WHAT IS GOD'S REAL PURPOSE IN HELLFIRE? WHY IS THERE A HELL FIRE?

- To bring an end to sin and those who refuse to give up sin.
- They would destroy themselves anyway.
- The wicked would not be happy in heaven.
- Eternal Hell would perpetuate sin and suffering.
- "Affliction will not rise up a second time." Nahum 1:8

THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL INHERIT A PERFECT EARTH:

"Blessed are the <u>meek</u>: for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5

JESUS HAS GREAT PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE!

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL STAND ON THE SEA OF GLASS!

"And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God." Revelation 15:2

JESUS is our REDEEMER!

"snatch others from the fire and save them;..." Jude 23

SACRIFICE ALL SIN!

 "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: It is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." Mark 9:43 KJV





- SIN WILL CONSUME THOSE WHO CHERISH IT!
- Don't play with the fire of sin.

BAPTISM A SIGN OF REPENTANCE:

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38.

Salvation is a free gift in Christ to be received by simple faith in God's promises.

- Romans 6:23 "gift of God is eternal life"
- John 3:16 "everlasting life"
- Ephesians 2:8,9 "for by grace are you saved through faith"
- Romans 10:13 "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Come to Jesus just as you are and surrender your heart completely to Him.

- John 6:37 "the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."
- Ephesians 1:6 "accepted in the Beloved"
- Revelation 3:20 "open the door" "I will come in"
- John 1:12 "received Him"
- Galatians 2:20 "Not I but Christ lives in me"

Claim Jesus as your personal Saviour from sin.

- "Therefore I say to you, what ever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:24
- Matthew 1:21 "save His people from their sins"
- John 1:29 "takes away the sin of the world"
- Philippians 2:13 "God who works in you"
- Ezekiel 36:26 "new heart"



Conclusion: Would it be just for God to keep people alive in hell burning through all eternity? God's love is revealed in hell fire. How? The wicked will be put out of existence. They would not be happy in heaven because they did not have heaven in their hearts. The ultimate result of sin is eternal death. This is the second death. The wicked will be reduced to ashes on the face of the earth. The meek will then inherit a new heaven and a new earth.

These two Bible studies of the truth about death and the truth about hell go together. God bless you as you seek to understand these important Bible subjects. Remember God is love. (1 John 4:8)







HAVE YOU EVER SAID: "I WAS IN THAT CHECK OUT LINE FOREVER"

FOREVER DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN FOREVER. IT IS DEPENDS ON THE CONTEXT.

HAVE YOU EVER SAID: I WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER? NOW THAT MEANS FOREVER!

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