

## Hell & Abraham's Hairy Chest

my impressions

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. That's hard to grasp   B. What a relief   C. God is good  
D. That makes sense   E. That's reassuring  
F. That challenges my thinking   G. This is clear  
H. God has a plan   I. That gives me hope   J. Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Some believe hell burns forever while others say it comes to an end. Since God does not lie or contradict Himself both can't be true! (Numbers 23:19<sup>3</sup>; Malachi 3:6<sup>2</sup>; Hebrews 13:8<sup>4</sup>; John 10:35<sup>1</sup>)
2. Hell is God's cosmic method of destroying sin. For those who love and obey Him, this act of judgment brings great relief and makes eternity safe and happy. (Ezekiel 33:11<sup>25</sup>; 18:31; Revelation 6:10; 16:5-7)
3. The Bible calls the destruction of the wicked God's strange act because He never wanted people to die. Death, even of the wicked, brings God no pleasure. (Isaiah 28:21; Ezekiel 33:11<sup>25</sup>)
4. We don't have to wonder when hell happens. Jesus taught that hell occurs at the end after the resurrection of damnation as part of His final act of Judgment. (John 5:28, 29<sup>5</sup>; Matthew 3:12<sup>7</sup>; Revelation 20:14)
5. While the results or punishment of Hell (eternal death or the second death) will be "everlasting" the actual burning will not. (John 3:16; Romans 6:23<sup>24</sup>; Revelation 20:6; Matthew 25:46<sup>12</sup>; Jude 1:7<sup>14</sup>; 2 Peter 2:6<sup>15</sup>; Isaiah 66:24<sup>8</sup>; Malachi 4:3)
6. The term "forever," is used 56 times in the Bible in connection with things that have already ended. Prophecy clearly indicates that Satan, like Hell, will come to an end as well. (Ezekiel 28:18<sup>19</sup>; 19<sup>20</sup>; 26:21; 27:36)
7. The teachings of Jesus make it absolutely clear that God does not allow someone to burn forever in pain. They perish. (John 3:16<sup>21</sup>)

**Choices:** Satan would love for us to view God as sadistic, arbitrarily destroying people in a tormenting fire that never ends. I choose to believe what the Bible says, that out of God's love, hell, Satan, and all sin will come to a complete end. \_\_\_\_\_

## Thunder IN THE HOLY LAND

LESSON 17

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1. **John 10:35** ... scripture cannot be broken;
2. **Malachi 3:6** For I am the LORD, I change not ...
3. **Titus 1:2** God cannot lie. [See also Numbers 23:19]
4. **Hebrews 13:8 NKJ** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### Three words for Hell

Hebrew: *she'owl* the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates.

Greek: *hades* the grave, a dark and dismal place in the very depths of the earth.

Greek: *tartarro* a place where divine punishment is meted out; it answers to Gehenna of the Jews.

5. **John 5:28, 29** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
6. **Mark 9:43, 44** 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: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not \_\_\_\_\_.
7. **Matthew 3:12** Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
8. **Isaiah 66:24** And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be \_\_\_\_\_; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.
9. **Jeremiah 17:27** But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates

- thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.
10. **2 Chronicles 36:19, 21** ... all the palaces thereof [were burnt] with fire, ... To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah ...
  11. **Matthew 18:8** ... better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
  12. **Matthew 25:46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.
  13. **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 \_\_\_\_\_ and ever.
  14. **Jude 1:7** Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
  15. **2 Peter 2:6** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into \_\_\_\_\_ condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly ;
  16. **Revelation 20:10** And the \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
  17. **Revelation 20:9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  18. **Ezekiel 28:18** Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
  19. **Ezekiel 28:19** ... never shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_ any more. (see also Ezekiel 26:21 & 27:36)
  20. **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not \_\_\_\_\_, but have everlasting life.

21. **Psalm 37:20** ... the wicked shall perish, ... as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they \_\_\_\_\_ away.
22. **Ezekiel 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall \_\_\_\_\_.
23. **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
24. **Ezekiel 33:11** ... As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; ... turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, ... ?
25. **Luke 16:31** And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Summery:**

- Hell is a real place (Matthew 23:15; 5:22; Luke 12:5)
- God doesn't want anyone to go to hell (Ezekiel 33:11; Matthew 18:9)
- God, in love, sent a Savior (John 3:16; 16:27)
- We choose where we end up (Luke 12:5; 2 Peter 2:6; Malachi 4:3)
- We can avoid hell—the second death (Revelation 2:11; 20:14)

*Notes and Questions*

