

HELL

Study Tool

According to the Bible, hell is God's last act of judgment and all those who are not saved are cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:15). Jesus Himself talked about hell in 15 verses of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The trouble is these verses, along with the other 39 texts in the Bible, seem at first blush to give two different messages. The **first** message is that the fires of Hell eventually go out; the wicked are destroyed and become ashes. The **second** message is that hell burns on and on without ever ending, tormenting those who are forced to stay there for eternity.

These two interpretations are so contradictory that they cannot both be accurate or true. So let's look at these two themes, and with the help of God's Holy Spirit, (Joh 16:13) harmonize these two opposing views.

KEY: In the study tool below, verses with...

- ♂ ... UP arrows support the **first** message of a hell the burns out.
- ♂ ... LEFT pointing arrows support the **second** message of a never-ending hell.
- ♂ ... BOTH arrows lend credence to both views.

1. ♂ PSA 37:20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
2. ♂ ISA 47:14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.
3. ♂ ISA 66:24 ...their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; ...
4. ♂ EZE 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 die**.
5. ♂ MAL 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh **shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
6. ♂ MAT 3:12 ...he will **burn up** the chaff with unquenchable fire.
7. ♂ MAT 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction ...
8. ♂ MAT 18:8 ... it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
9. ♂ MAT 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.
10. ♂ MAR 9:43-44 ... 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 quenched.
11. ♂ JOH 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not **perish**, but have everlasting life.
12. ♂ ROM 6:23 For the wages of sin is **death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
13. ♂ 2TH 1:7 When the Lord comes with his mighty angels, the wicked "shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power..."
14. ♂ 2PE 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into **ashes** condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
15. ♂ 2PE 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; ... the earth also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up**.
16. ♂ JUD 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, ... are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of **eternal fire**.
17. ♂ REV 20:9 ... and fire came down from God out of heaven, and **devoured** them.
18. ♂ REV 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, ... and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
19. ♂ REV 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second **death**.

Hell has been seen as a confusing subject because some words in the KJV that are translated "hell" do not mean hell. There are four different words translated hell. Only one of them means a place of burning. Unpack this topic by viewing episode 17 in the *Thunder in the Holy Land* series entitled, "Hell, & Abraham's Hairy Chest." Learn more at www.QLP.tv.