

MAN ASKS AND GOD ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON THE SECOND HELL

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What symbolic term does the Book of Revelation use for the second Hell? Rev. 19: 20: The beast and the false prophet were cast alive into a lake of fire. Rev. 20: 10, 14: The devil and death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire.

What do the clear passages teach is the fate of all cast into the lake of fire?

- (1) Of the devil, Heb. 2: 14: That through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. (2) Of the beast, 2 Thess. 2: 8: Then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of His coming. (3) Of the false prophet, Is. 8: 9, 10, 12: Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought. Say ye not, a Confederacy, to all to whom this people shall say, a Confederacy. (4) Of death, 1 Cor. 15: 26: The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (5) Of the first hell, Hos. 13: 14: I will ransom them from the power of Sheol; I will redeem them from Death. O Death, I will be thy plagues. O Sheol, I will be thy destruction! (6) Of incorrigible sinners, Ps. 9: 5: Thou hast destroyed the wicked. Ps. 37: 38: The transgressors shall be destroyed together. Ps. 145: 20: The Lord preserveth all them that love Him; but all the wicked will He destroy. Phil. 3: 19: Whose end is destruction. 2 Thess. 1: 9: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction. 2 Pet. 2: 1: They bring upon themselves swift destruction. Matt. 10: 28: Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Acts 3: 23: And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear the Prophet shall be destroyed.

According to the primary definition of the Greek words translated torment, and to torment, in Rev. 14: 10, 11, and Rev. 20: 10, how should these verses read?

Rev. 14: 10, 11: He shall be tested with fire and brimstone. The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever. Rev. 20: 10: The devil was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be examined day and night forever and ever. (Compare with Is. 14: 15-20.)

Jerusalem with its Gehenna outside its walls a picture of New Jerusalem with its lake of fire outside its walls?

Matt. 5: 22: Swear not by Jerusalem, for it is [types] the City of the great King.

Since Gehenna outside of Jerusalem as the latter's sewage plant destroyed its refuse, what will figurative Gehenna—the second Hell—with its figurative fire outside of New Jerusalem do with its figurative refuse—those unworthy of being in New Jerusalem?

Rev. 22: 15: For without are murderers and idolaters. Matt. 10: 28: Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [Gehenna]. It is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into hell [Gehenna] fire, where their worm [destruction] dieth not, and their fire [destruction] is not quenched.

Since in the parable of Matt. 25: 31-46 the sheep and the goats are figurative, what should we infer of the parable fire into which they are cast?

Matt. 25: 44, 46: Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; and these shall go away into everlasting punishment; [the Greek here rendered everlasting punishment is kolasis aionion, which means everlasting cutting off]. The contrast in the next clause suggests an everlasting cutting off from life, that is everlasting death. Heb. 2: 14: That through death He might destroy him that hath the power of death that is, the devil. 2 Thess. 1: 9: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction. Rom. 6: 23: The wages of sin is death.

What are some Old Testament passages that refer to the second Hell? Ps. 9: 17: The wicked shall be [re] turned [Hebrew, shub, to turn or return] into hell [Sheol]. Prov. 15: 24: The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell [Sheol] beneath.

Will there ever be a recovery from the destruction of the second Hell? Job. 7: 9: As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to Sheol shall come up no more. Prov. 20: 1: He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

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What are Spiritism and Occultism? Deut. 18: 10, 11: There shall not be found among you any one that useth divination, or is an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. Is. 8: 19: When they shall say, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards, should not a people seek unto their God? On behalf of the living, should they seek unto the dead? (Am. Rev. Ver.)

Why can the dead not communicate in spiritism and occultism, with the living?

Job 14: 21: His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them. Is. 63: 16: Doubtless Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us. Eccles. 9: 5, 6, 10: For the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything; also their love and their hatred, and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun. There is no work nor device nor knowledge nor wisdom in the grave [Sheol], whither thou goest. Dan. 12: 2: And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth, shall awake. Acts 7: 60-8: 1: He fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death.

What are some Scriptures which teach that evil spirits—the fallen angels—are personal beings.

Jas. 2: 19: Devils also believe, and tremble. Acts 19: 15: The evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? Luke 4: 14: Devils also came out of many. He suffered them not to speak; for they knew He was Christ.

When did these spirits become evil? Gen. 6: 2, 4: The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives. They bare children to them. Jude 6, 7: The angels which kept not their first estate. He hath reserved in everlasting chains, even as Sodom and Gomorrah. In like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh. 1 Pet. 3: 19, 20: He preached unto the spirits in prison, which sometime were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah.

What have the fallen angels established over the human family?

Luke 11: 18: If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? John 14: 30: The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me. Eph. 6: 12: For we wrestle not against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits [margin] in high places. Eph. 2: 2: Ye walked according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

How do the fallen angels especially seek to control the human family?

2 Thess. 2: 9: Whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all lying wonders. 2 Cor. 4: 4: The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not. 1 Tim. 4: 1: Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

What are some of the methods that the fallen angels have used to control the human family?

- (1) The devil worship of heathenism. 1 Cor. 10: 20: The Gentiles sacrifice to devils. Deut. 32: 17: They sacrifice unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not. (2) Occultism. Deut. 18: 10, 11: There shall not be found among you any one that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard. (3) Spiritism. Is. 8: 19: When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, on behalf of the living, should they seek unto the dead? (Amer. Rev. Ver.) Deut. 18: 10, 11: There shall not be found among you a consulter with familiar spirits, or an necromancer [one claiming to speak with the dead].

In Bible times what kind of people practised spiritism and occultism?

(1) The worst of the heathen, Ex. 7: 11: Pharaoh also called Sorcerers. The magicians of Egypt did in like manner with their enchantments. 2 Kings 9: 22: Jehu answered, What peace, so long as the witchcrafts of thy mother Jezebel are so many? Acts 8: 9: Simon used sorcery, giving out that himself was some great one. (2) The worst of the Jews, 1 Sam. 28: 7: Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit. 2 Chron. 33: 6: Manasse observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards; he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord.

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What is the penalty of Sin? Gen. 2: 17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat. In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Jer. 31: 30: Every one shall die for his own iniquity. Rom. 1: 32: They which commit such things are worthy of death. Rom. 5: 12, 15, 17: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin. Through the offense of one man be dead. By one man's offense death reigned by one. 1 Cor. 15: 21, 22: By man came death; for all in Adam die. Rom. 6: 16: To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death.

Rom. 6: 21, 23: The end of those things is death. The wages of sin is death. Rom. 7: 5: The motions of sins did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. 1 Cor. 15: 56: The sting of death is sin. Jas. 1: 15: When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 1 John 5: 16: There is a sin unto death.

Job 30: 14 [margin]: Their soul dieth in youth; and their life is among the unclean. Ps. 56: 13; 116: 8: Thou hast delivered my soul from death. Ps. 78: 50: He spared not their soul from death. Is. 53: 10, 12: Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin. He hath poured out His soul unto death. Ezek. 18: 4, 20: The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Jas. 5: 20: He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death. Matt. 26: 38: My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.

What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty is not life?

Deut. 30: 15, 19: I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. Rom. 5: 21: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life. Rom. 6: 23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life. Rom. 8: 13: For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Ps. 22: 29: None can keep alive his own soul. Ps. 33: 18, 19: Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive. Ezek. 13: 9: And will ye pollute Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live? Is. 55: 3: Come unto me; hear and your soul shall live.

What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty means cutting off?

Ps. 37: 9, 22, 34: Evil does shall be cut off. They that are cursed of Him shall be cut off. The wicked are cut off. Lev. 22: 3: Whosoever goeth unto the holy things, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off. Num. 15: 30: But the soul that doeth aught presumptuously, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off.

What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty means perishing?

Job 4: 9: By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of His wrath they are consumed. Job 6: 15: My brethren have dealt deceitfully, as the streams of brooks they pass away. They go to nothing, and perish. Ps. 73: 27: For lo, they that are far from Thee shall perish. Thou hast destroyed all them that go from Thee. Prov. 11: 10: The wicked shall perish. Job 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. Ps. 37: 20: 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.

What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty means devouring?

Is. 1: 20: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured. Heb. 10: 26, 27: For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. Ezek. 22: 25: There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravaging the prey, they have devoured souls.

What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty means consuming?

Ps. 104: 35: Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth and let the wicked be no more. Is. 1: 25: And the destruction of transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed. Heb. 12: 29: For our God is a consuming fire. Is. 10: 18: He shall consume both soul and body.

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What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty means destruction?

Job 31: 3: Is not destruction to the wicked? Ps. 9: 5: Thou hast destroyed the wicked. Thou hast put out their name forever and ever. Ps. 37: 38: But the transgressors shall be destroyed forever; the end of the wicked shall be cut off. Ps. 145: 20: The Lord preserveth all them that love Him; but all the wicked will He destroy. Is. 1: 28: And the destruction of transgressors and of the sinners shall be together. 1 Cor. 3: 17: If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. Phil. 3: 19: Whose end is destruction. 2 Thess. 1: 9: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction. 1 Tim. 6: 9: They fall into temptation and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction. 2 Pet. 3: 16: In which [St. Paul's Epistles] are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest unto their own destruction. 2 Pet. 2: 1, 12: There shall be false teachers among you, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. These are as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed. Ezek. 22: 27: Her princes like wolves ravening the prey, they devour souls. Matt. 10: 28: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Acts 3: 23: If shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed.

What Scriptures show that death as sin's penalty means extinction?

Job. 6: 15, 18: My brethren have dealt deceitfully, as the streams of brooks they pass away. They go to nothing, and perish. Ps. 37: 10, 35, 36: For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. I have seen the wicked in great power; yet he passed away, and lo, he was not. Ps. 104: 35: Let the wicked be no more. Ps. 49: 12: Man being in honor abideth not; he is like the beasts that perish.

What does Christ's death as our ransom prove to be sin's penalty?

Matt. 20: 28: Even as the Son of Man came to give His life a Ransom for many. 1 Tim. 2: 6: Who gave Himself a Ransom for all. Is. 53: 5, 8, 10, 12: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was He stricken. Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin. He hath poured out His soul unto death; and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many.

1 Cor. 15: 3: Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures. Rom. 5: 4, 8, 10: In due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. We were reconciled to God by the Death of His Son. Rom. 4: 25: He was delivered for your offenses, and raised again for our justification.

2 Cor. 5: 14: If one died for all, then were all dead. Heb. 2: 9: But we see Jesus, who by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 1 Pet. 3: 18: For Christ also hath once suffered, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh. How can we be saved from sin's penalty?

(1) Repentance. Luke 24: 47: Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Acts 3: 19: Repent, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 5: 31: Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance, and forgiveness of sins. (2) Faith. John 3: 14-18: Even as must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life; 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; for God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned. John 5: 24: He that believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life, and is passed from death unto life. John 20: 31: These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, ye might have life through His name. Acts 10: 43: Through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 13: 38, 39: Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all things that believe are justified from all things. John 3: 18: He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the Only Begotten Son of God.

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GETTING RID OF THE RAT

Man shares this planet with many kinds of other animals. He likes to think of himself and his own kind as the most important tenants here on earth, and for the most part he has succeeded in establishing himself and his claim to his own satisfaction. Curiously enough it is not the larger beasts of prey which most threaten man. His chief danger lurks in the increasing power of pests, insects and vermin of all kinds, and in the increasing range of their destructiveness. In his defense against these, man has made but little headway, while they are increasing to an extent that is terrifying to scientists familiar with their encroaches on man's domain.

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