### What Does the Bible Say About Hell? (Part 3): How Bad? How Long?

Hades (ἄδης): The Temporary "Holding Cell" for Those Who Have Rejected God. People in Hades ("hell") are there immediately after death. They are conscious, in great pain, in some type of temporary body, can remember, and are without future hope or chance of rescue. (Luke 16:19-31)

**Lake of Fire**: The Final Place of Eternal Punishment for Those Who Have Rejected God. (Revelation 20:11-15)

- 1. Everything Will Be Cleared Away but the Judge and His Throne
- 2. All of the Dead of All Time Will Stand Before God
- 3. The Dead Will Be Judged from Two Sets of Books
- 4. All the Dead Will Be Judged, Each by His / Her Own Works
- 5. The Dead from Death & Hades Will Be Cast into the Lake of Fire
- 6. The Final "Double-Check" Will Be Made of the Book of Life

#### How Bad?

#### 1. It Continually Burns with Fire and Brimstone

Rev 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

### 2. It Gives Intense, Ongoing Tormenting Pain

Matt 13:41-42 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, <sup>42</sup> "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be **wailing and gnashing of teeth**.

Matt 13:49-50 "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be **wailing and gnashing of teeth."** 

Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And **they will be tormented day and night** forever and ever.

Rev 14:9-11 <sup>9</sup> Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and **they have no rest day or night**, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

# 3. It Will Be Completely Dark

Matt 8:12 "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer **darkness**. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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#### 4. It Will Be Away from God's Presence & Glorious Power

2 Thes 1:7-9 and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction **from** the **presence of the Lord** and **from the glory of His power**,

#### How Long?

#### 1. The Fire Is Everlasting

Matt 25:31-33, 41-46 <sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ... <sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, `Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> `for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup> `I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup> "Then they also will answer Him, saying, `Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup> "Then He will answer them, saying, `Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.'

### 2. The Punishment Is Everlasting

<sup>46</sup> "And these will go away into **everlasting** punishment, but the righteous into **eternal** life."

# 3. The Destruction Is Everlasting

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## 4. The Torment Is Everlasting

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Rev 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

# Why?

What About You?