

Final Events: Hell

Introduction:

1. A number of important Bible subjects are associated with "final events."
2. These subjects include actual events as well as several places.
3. We have covered 3 important events: "the return of Christ," "the judgment," and "the resurrection."
4. We have also examined passages that relate to 2 places: "Hades" and "heaven."
5. This lesson is a study of "hell," the place of eternal punishment.

Discussion:

I. THE BIBLE DESCRIBES HELL AS A HORRIBLE PLACE

A. Hell is a place:

1. of "*everlasting punishment*" (Matthew 25:46)
2. of "*everlasting fire*" (Matthew 25:41)
3. where the inhabitants will burn with "*unquenchable fire*" (Matthew 3:12)
4. described as "*a lake of fire burning with brimstone*" (Revelation 19:20b).

B. Hell is a place of extreme anguish, described as:

1. "*outer darkness*" where "*there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*" (Matthew 8:12)
2. "*the furnace of fire*" where "*there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth*" (Matthew 13:50)
3. "*where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched*" (Mark 9:44, 46, 48).

II. THE BIBLE REVEALS WHO WILL BE IN HELL

A. The devil and his angels will be there (Matthew 25:41).

B. (Revelation 20:15) Those whose names are not in the book of life will be there, including:

1. those who do not obey the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
2. the disobedient (Romans 2:8-9)
3. the unfaithful (Hebrews 10:26-31)
4. those who have sown to the flesh (Galatians 6:8a; 5:19-21)
5. sinners listed in Revelation 21:8
6. churches that have left their first love (Revelation 2:1-7)
7. churches that are spiritually dead (Revelation 3:1-3)
8. churches that are lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-19).

C. Unfortunately, "*many*" will be condemned in hell because of a failure to enter through the strait gate and travel the narrow way that leads to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14).

D. Those who are condemned in hell "*shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever*" (Revelation 20:10).

Conclusion: Thankfully, Jesus came to provide an alternative (John 10:10).