

THE RAPTURED LOST

HELL IS REAL, AND THERE IS NO LENGTH TO WHICH WE SHOULD REFUSE TO GO TO AVOID GOING THERE:

Mark 9:42-48

42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 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:**

44 Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.**

45 And **if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:**

46 Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.**

47 And **if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:**

48 Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.**

Matthew 5:29-30

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: **for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: **for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**

Matthew 18:7-10

7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: **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 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: **it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.**

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 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.**

Luke 12:4-5

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.**

JESUS IS GOING TO CAST INTO THE FIRE THOSE WHO ARE LACKING “GOOD FRUIT” AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT WHEAT:

Matthew 3:9-12

9 And **think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father:** for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: **therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

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.**

Luke 3:16-17

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

17 **Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the CHAFF he will burn with fire unquenchable.**

COMMENTARY:

THE “CHAFF” ARE NOT SINNERS WHO HAVE NEVER KNOWN GOD.
THEY ARE THE “UNGODLY” CHILDREN OF GOD.
IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE TEXTS, THE “UNGODLY” ARE CHARACTERIZED AS
THOSE WHO LACK “GOOD FRUIT.”

HELL FIRE AWAITS THE FRUITLESS:

John 15:1-6

- 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 **Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away:** and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 **If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.**

Matthew 25:31-46

- 31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**
- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and **he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:**
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 **Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Matthew 3:8-10

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matthew 21:19-20

19 And **when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.**

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

Luke 3:9 And **now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

Luke 13:6-9

6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, **Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?**

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Matthew 7:16-20

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Hebrews 6:4-8

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

Ezekiel 15:1-8

1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, **What is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?**

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.

8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

THOSE WHO HAVE THE HOLY GHOST, BUT DID NOT GET BAPTIZED IN JESUS NAME ARE RAPTURED AND CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS:

Matthew 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 **The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,**

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 **But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.**

8 **Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.**

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And **when the king came in to see the guests** [AT THE MARRIAGE SUPPER], **HE SAW THERE A MAN WHICH HAD NOT ON A WEDDING GARMENT:**

12 And he saith unto him, **Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless.

13 **Then said the king to the servants, BIND HIM HAND AND FOOT, AND TAKE HIM AWAY, AND CAST HIM INTO OUTER DARKNESS; THERE SHALL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH.**

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Luke 14:15-24

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, **A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:**

17 **And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.**

18 **And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.**

19 **And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.**

20 **And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.**

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. **Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.**

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 **FOR I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT NONE OF THOSE MEN WHICH WERE BIDDEN SHALL TASTE OF MY SUPPER.**

THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT IS CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS AT THE RAPTURE, AFTER THE JUDGMENT OF WORKS:

Matthew 25:13-30

13 **Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

14 **For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.**

15 **And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.**

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, THOU WICKED AND SLOTHFUL SERVANT, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And CAST YE THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT INTO OUTER DARKNESS: THERE SHALL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

Luke 19:10-27

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.**

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that **when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.**

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20 **And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:**

21 **For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.**

22 **And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:**

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 **BUT THOSE MINE ENEMIES, WHICH WOULD NOT THAT I SHOULD REIGN OVER THEM, BRING HITHER, AND SLAY THEM BEFORE ME.**

THE SEPARATION OF LOST “CHRISTIANS” AND THE SAVED TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF THE AGE — THE RAPTURE OR COMING OF THE LORD:

Matthew 13:24-30

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

25 **But while men slept, HIS ENEMY CAME and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.**

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, **then appeared the tares also.**

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, **AN ENEMY HATH DONE THIS. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?**

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 **Let both grow together UNTIL THE HARVEST: AND IN THE TIME OF HARVEST I WILL SAY TO THE REAPERS, Gather ye together FIRST THE TARES, and BIND THEM IN BUNDLES TO BURN THEM: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

Matthew 13:36-43

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world;** and the reapers are the angels.

40 **AS THEREFORE THE TARES ARE GATHERED AND BURNED IN THE FIRE; SO SHALL IT BE IN THE END OF THIS WORLD.**

41 **The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

42 **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

43 **Then** shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:47-50

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 **WHICH, WHEN IT WAS FULL, THEY DREW TO SHORE, AND SAT DOWN, AND GATHERED THE GOOD INTO VESSELS, BUT CAST THE BAD AWAY.**

49 **SO SHALL IT BE AT THE END OF THE WORLD:** the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 **And SHALL CAST THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE: THERE SHALL BE WAILING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.**

THE DISOBEDIENT SERVANT CAST INTO HELL AT THE LORD'S COMING:

Matthew 24:44-51

44 **Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 **But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;**

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 **The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of [THE RAPTURE],**

51 **AND SHALL CUT HIM ASUNDER, AND APPOINT HIM HIS PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES: THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.**

Luke 12:37-48

37 **Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:** verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 **Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.**

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom **his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 **But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;** and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 **The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him [THE RAPTURE], and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and WILL APPOINT HIM HIS PORTION WITH THE UNBELIEVERS [THOSE NEVER SAVED].**

47 **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, *shall be beaten with many stripes.***

48 **But HE THAT KNEW NOT, AND DID COMMIT THINGS WORTHY OF STRIPES, SHALL BE BEATEN WITH FEW STRIPES.** For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WERE CLOSED OUT OF THE SUPPER AND CAST INTO HELL:

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And **at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And **while they went to buy, the bridegroom came;** and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 **Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.**

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 **WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH.**

Luke 13:23-30

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR MANY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, AND YE BEGIN TO STAND WITHOUT, AND TO KNOCK AT THE DOOR, SAYING, LORD, LORD, OPEN UNTO US; AND HE SHALL ANSWER AND SAY UNTO YOU, I KNOW YOU NOT WHENCE YE ARE:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 THERE SHALL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and YOU YOURSELVES THRUST OUT.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Matthew 7:20-23

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 8:8-13

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

THE FALSE “CHRISTIAN” AMONG THE TRUE WILL RECEIVE THEIR JUDGMENT AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TRUE RECEIVE THEIR REWARD:

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 WHO SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS POWER;

10 WHEN he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2 Peter 2:1-22

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: WHOSE JUDGMENT NOW OF A LONG TIME LINGERETH NOT, AND THEIR DAMNATION SLUMBERETH NOT.

4 FOR IF GOD SPARED NOT THE ANGELS THAT SINNED, BUT CAST THEM DOWN TO HELL, AND DELIVERED THEM INTO CHAINS OF DARKNESS, TO BE RESERVED UNTO JUDGMENT;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

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;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; **to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**

18 **For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.**

19 **While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.**

20 **For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.**

21 **For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.**

22 **But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.**

COMMENTARY: THE TWO EXAMPLES USED HERE IN 2 PETER ARE ALSO USED BY THE LORD IN LUKE 17 AS DIRECT REFERENCES TO THE MANNER AND MODE OF HIS SECOND COMING.

Jude 1:3-19

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, **how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.**

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, 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 eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, **to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.**

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

“GEHENNA” — THE PLACE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT:

(from **New Unger's Bible Dictionary**) on “**GEHENNA**” (HELL):

GEHEN'NA (ge-hen'a; Gk. geenna, for the Heb. hinnom, the "Valley of Hinnom"). A deep, narrow glen to the S of Jerusalem where the Jews offered their children to Molech. The OT renders "valley of the son of Hinnom," or "Ben Hinnom" <2 Kin. 23:10; Jer. 7:31; 19:2-6>. In later times it served as a receptacle of all sorts of putrefying matter and all that defiled the holy city, and so became the representative or image of the place of everlasting punishment, especially on account of its ever-burning fires; and to this fact the words of Christ refer when He mentions "the unquenchable fire." "The passages of the New Testament show plainly that the word 'gehenna' was a popular expression for 'hell' of which Jesus and his apostles made use, but it would be erroneous to infer that Jesus and his apostles merely accommodated themselves to the popular expression, without believing in the actual state of the lost." In the NT the word gehenna ("hell") falls many times from the lips of Christ in most awesome warning of the consequences of sin <Matt. 5:22,29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15,33; Mark 9:43,45,47; Luke 12:5>. He describes it as a place where their "worm" never dies and their "fire" is never to be quenched. Gehenna is identical in meaning with the "lake of fire" <Rev. 19:20; 20:10,14-15>. Moreover, the "second death" and "the lake of fire" are identical terms <20:14>. These latter scriptural expressions describe the eternal state of the wicked as forever separated from God and consigned to the special abode of unrepentant angels and people in the eternal state. The term second is employed relating to the preceding physical death of the wicked in unbelief and rejection of God <John 8:21-24>. That the "second death" ("lake of fire" or gehenna) is not annihilation is shown clearly by <Rev. 19:20> and <20:10>. After 1,000 years in the lake of fire the Beast and false prophet still exist there undestroyed. The phrase "forever and ever" ("to the ages of the ages"), describing the destiny of the lost in <Heb. 1:8>, also applies to the duration of the throne of God as eternal in the sense of being unending. Thus is represented the punishment of the wicked. Gehenna, moreover, is not to be confused with Hades or Sheol (which see), which describe the intermediate state of the wicked previous to the judgment and the eternal state. See Hades; Lake of Fire; Hell; Hinnom.

“GEHENNA” AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

Revelation 21:7-8

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

Revelation 20:14-15

14 And **death and hell [GREEK WORD - "HADES"]** were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.**

15 And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

Revelation 14:9-11

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and **he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And **the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night**, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

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 ever and ever.

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THE CHARACTERISTICS OF “GEHENNA”:

LAKE OF FIRE:

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EVERLASTING, UNQUENCHABLE FURNACE OF FIRE:

Matthew 13:42 And **shall cast them into a furnace of fire:** there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: 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.**

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, **into everlasting fire,** prepared for the devil and his angels:

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 eternal fire.**

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.**

Mark 9:43-48

43 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 ["GEHENNA"], into the fire that never shall be quenched:**

44 Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.**

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet **to be cast into hell ["GEHENNA"], into the fire that never shall be quenched:**

46 Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.**

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: 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:**

48 Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.**

Luke 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but **the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.**

BRIMSTONE:

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom **it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.**

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OUTER DARKNESS:

Matthew 8:12 But the children of the kingdom **shall be cast out into outer darkness:** there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and **cast him into outer darkness;** there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:30 And **cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness:** there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Peter 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; **to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**

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Matthew 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Luke 13:28 **There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth,** when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

COMMENTARY: IN THE VERSES IN THIS SECTION: "WEEPING" AND "WAILING" IS THE TRANSLATION OF THE SAME GREEK WORD.

CONCLUSION:

TO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS REQUIRED. WE DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF CHOOSING WHICH PLAN OF SALVATION THAT WE WILL BE SAVED UNDER. ONCE WE HAVE RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST AND BEEN BAPTIZED IN JESUS NAME, THEN THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO BE SAVED IS THROUGH BEING SAVED AT THE RAPTURE!

Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and TO WHOM MEN HAVE COMMITTED MUCH, OF HIM THEY WILL ASK THE MORE.**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE "TASTED OF THE GOOD WORD OF GOD" AND THE "POWERS OF THE WORLD TO COME" AND THEN TURN THEIR BACK ON GOD, THERE IS NO SECOND CHANCE. THEIR LAST CHANCE OF BEING SAVED IS BEFORE THE RAPTURE!

Hebrews 6:4-8

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,
5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,
6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.
7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:
8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; WHOSE END IS TO BE BURNED.

THE HORROR OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD IS SO GREAT THAT SOMEONE WHO COULD NOT SURRENDER TO GOD HERE AND NOW WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY GHOST WOULD SURELY NOT GIVE THEIR HEAD TO BE CUT OFF TO BE SAVED IN TRIBULATION – EVEN IF THEY WERE GIVEN THAT OPTION, WHICH THEY WILL NOT BE GIVEN!

Jeremiah 12:5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?