

THE LAKE OF FIRE

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There are only two destinations that people will finally arrive at after death. One is heaven and the other is the lake of fire... not hell! This is the most common misunderstanding taken from the bible. The lake that burns with fire doesn't make its first appearance in the bible until the book of Revelation (4000 years after Adam). Chronologically it occurs at the end of the Millennium after the judgment... 7000 years from Adam... one chronological week (1000 years are as a day. **2PET 3:8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day).

The lake is an obvious metaphor, as is most of the book of Revelation, but is based on a factual spiritual principle. The lake of fire is described as a spiritual 'incinerator', where all things unclean, are finally destroyed so that the only thing remaining is spiritual purity... so that God can be all in all. **1COR 15:26**.

This is how everything else is destroyed.

REV 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 (tested and then rejected) day and night for ever and ever. Like testing gold/silver coins.

Strong's... **tormented** g0928. basanizō, to test (metals) by the touchstone, which is a black siliceous stone used to test the purity of gold or silver by the colour of the streak produced on it by rubbing it with either metal. This is the main reference in Strong's.

&**14** And death and hell 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.

Judgment

Paul makes the same conclusion. **1COR 15:26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed (done away with) is death... after the destruction of everything unclean and impure, then God and the heavenly host is all there is left. & **28** ...that God may be all in all. Paul confirms that all the unclean are destroyed, not tortured.

The following is undeniable logic and wisdom... explained by God.

The Beast, False prophet, death and hell are not personal. How are false beliefs, death and hell going to suffer ongoing torment? Inanimate, (non-living) objects and false doctrine, cannot suffer torment (an emotional response)... they have no emotions nor thought processes. Thus, whatever the fate of these 4 entities... needs to conform to scriptural logic and wisdom, and not emotion, guilt or fear. None of them can suffer torment, but all can be tested and destroyed. This is self-describing. The graphic terms used here are based on human understanding... it is a spiritual reality based on physical examples... when we are dead or thoughts and physical existence ceases, so it is with the second death...

MAT 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 (to abolish, kill) both soul and body in hell.

Total destruction is repeated throughout the bible... the lake of fire appears only at the end: not an eternal torment but an eternal extinction!

Total destruction has been clearly mentioned several times in the scriptures. Thus, the obvious and only conclusion, is the lake of fire represents total removal from existence. Furthermore, the fate of 'death', 'hell', the 'false prophet', the 'Beast' and Satan are listed as being identical to all the rejected unbelievers and failed saints. The example of Sodom and Gomorrah. **2PET 2:6** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes (the residue of incinerated destruction, not ongoing fire **Jude 6**) condemned (judged) them with an overthrow (total rejection), making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; (they were judged, rejected and totally destroyed... the fire has long gone, only the ashes remain. This is stated clearly as the example of eternal judgment). The fire is no longer burning but the outcome/ashes remain eternal. The book of Revelation explicitly defines the lake of fire as "the second death" (Rev 20:14). representing a final, absolute cessation of life and existence with no recovery or resurrection, unlike the first grave death (Hades) [Rev2:11].

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Who and what are cast into the lake?

- *The Devil
- *The Beast
- *The False Prophet
- *Death.
- *Hell
- *Those not found in the book of life... every person who has ever lived and failed to attain spiritual safety.

The judgement and outcome	Compared...
REV 14:10 ...and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (judging): 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night.	2THE 1:8 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 (the final destruction).

This is the only way of escape.

ACT 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.