

THE PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED – PW

1PW – 2 Peter 2:9. The wicked are not being punished in hell-fire now, but are preserved in the grave (Job 21:29-32) until the Day of Judgment to be punished.

2PW – Mark 9:43-48. When the wicked go into hell-fire, they go there alive in bodily form with all their members, two feet, two eyes, two hands, Rev. 19:20; Matt. 5:30).

3PW – Revelation 21:8. The casting of the wicked into the lake of fire is the SECOND DEATH; therefore they will not be cast into hell-fire UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED A SECOND LIFE IN THE SECOND RESURRECTION AT THE CLOSE OF THE 1,000 YEARS OF REVELATION 20.

4PW – Matthew 13:40-42. So Jesus taught that the wicked, the tares, would not be cast into the furnace of fire until the end of the world. In Matt. 25:31-41, Jesus plainly teaches that the wicked will not go into everlasting fire until the last day, when He comes and all people are separated into two great classes, one on the right hand and the other on the left. This separation will be at the close of the 1,000 year period when the righteous will all be inside the Holy City, Jerusalem; the wicked of all ages will be on the outside of the Holy City.

5PW – Revelation 20:7-9. Hell, as a place of punishment, does not exist at the present time, but hell will be this earth turned into a great fire-ball at the close of the 1,000 years of Rev. 20 at the great Day of Judgment.

6PW – Zechariah 14:12. When the wicked are raised in the second resurrection at the end of the 1,000 years, they will come up in bodily form, and will march up to surround and capture if possible the New Jerusalem, which will then be resting upon the earth. God will then rain down coals of fire on them, to punish them according to their sins. This fire will not perpetuate their existence, but will devour them and wipe them out of existence, Rev. 20:9.

7PW – 2 Peter 3, 10, 13. In that day the dust of the earth will be turned into brimstone, the land and the rivers into burning pitch. Thus the earth will be melted into a lake of fire, and when sin and sinners have been forever destroyed, God will make this molten mass into a perfect new earth. The fact that this hell-fire into which the wicked are cast will be made into a sinless new earth is positive proof that the wicked will not and cannot burn to all eternity.

8PW – Jude 7. The everlasting fire into which the wicked are cast will be this lake of fire. This does not mean (Matt. 25:41) that the fire will burn through all eternity, but rather that THE FIRE WILL BURN THEM UP EVERLASTINGLY. We have an example of eternal fire in the everlasting destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

9PW – Jeremiah17:27. To say the wicked will go into hell-fire that will never be quenched does not mean that the fire will burn through all eternity. But as in the case of the destruction of old Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, the fire will not and cannot be put out until it has accomplished its work of destruction, 2 Chron. 36:19-21. The never-quenched fire and undying worm that Jesus mentions in Mark 9:43-48 refer to the type of destruction of Jerusalem's city dump: the Valley of Hinnom which the bodies of dead animals were cast. This word, "hell-fire" comes from the Greek word, "gehenna", or Valley of Hinnom, where the bodies of dead animals were cast on the city dump to be devoured by worms and fire. Jesus took this as an illustration of what that final lake of fire will do for the wicked at the end of the 1,000 years of Revelation 20. The never-quenched fire and undying worm are symbols of utter destruction, and are not symbols of eternal torment.

10PW – Malachi4:1-3. The wicked will be destroyed and reduced to ashes.

11PW – John 3:16. Those who do not receive eternal life will PERISH. All may have eternal life if they will accept Jesus AS THEIR SAVIOUR FROM SIN, Eze. 18:3-32.