

“A Place Called the Lake of Fire”
Revelation 20:11-15

Introduction: Contrary to many beliefs, hell is not everlasting. There will come a day when hell will cease to be. Does not the Bible teach about an everlasting fire and punishment? As we study Revelation 20:11-15, we find another place in the Scriptures. It is the lake of fire. This is the location where those that inhabit hell will be sent. The lake of fire is the site of an eternal doom. Therefore, hell is not everlasting, but the lake of fire is. Notice how the Word of God introduces us to this place.

1. Satan is Defeated v. 10- “the devil...cast into the lake of fire”
2. Seat is Displayed v. 11- “I saw a great white throne”
3. Scrolls are Disclosed v. 12- “and the books were opened”
4. Sentence is Declared v. 13- “they were judged every man according to their works”
5. Second Death v. 14- “This is the second death.”
6. Searchers are Denied v. 15- “whosoever was not found written in the book of life”
7. Sinners are Doomed v. 15- “was cast into the lake of fire” (A place called the lake of fire)

Body: The Scriptures offer a few descriptions of this eternal place. Anyone that would study this subject cannot help but feel the severity and heavy burden that the lake of fire brings. Certainly, it is the duty of the Christian to tell sinners about this awful place and blow the gospel trumpet loud. As we view this topic, and consider what lies ahead of those that reject Christ, notice:

- I. The Immediateness of the Lake of Fire (“cast” Strong’s—“to throw or let go of a thing without caring where it falls”)
 - A. Revelation 19:20- “cast alive into a lake of fire”
 - B. Revelation 20:10- “cast into the lake of fire”
 - C. Revelation 20:14- “cast into the lake of fire”
 - D. Revelation 20:15- “cast into the lake of fire”

- II. The Ingredients of the Lake of Fire
 - A. Fire
 1. Revelation 19:20- “lake of fire”
 2. Revelation 20:10- “lake of fire”
 3. Revelation 20:14- “lake of fire”
 4. Revelation 20:15- “lake of fire”
 5. Revelation 21:8- “lake which burneth with fire”
 - B. Brimstone (“brimstone” Webster—“Sulphur; a hard, brittle, inflammable substance, of a lemon yellow color, which has no smell, unless heated, and which becomes negatively electric by heat and friction.”)
 1. Revelation 19:20- “with brimstone”
 2. Revelation 20:10- “and brimstone”
 3. Revelation 21:8- “burneth with fire and brimstone”

- III. The Intensity of the Lake of Fire Revelation 20:10- “shall be tormented”
- IV. The Inhabitants of the Lake of Fire
 - A. The Beast Revelation 19:20- “...the beast was taken...”
 - B. The False Prophet Revelation 19:20- “...the false prophet...”
 - C. The Devil Revelation 20:10- “...the devil that deceived them ...”
 - D. Death and Hell Revelation 20:14- “death and hell were cast into the lake of fire”
 - E. The Unfound Revelation 20:15- “whosoever was not found written in the book of life” 21:27
- V. The Immorality of the Lake of Fire Revelation 21:8- “shall have their part in the lake”
 - A. The Fearful Revelation 21:8- “the fearful”
 - 1. “fearful” (Strong’s)- “timid, fearful”
 - 2. “fearful” (The Pulpit Commentary)- “The fearful are those who, through cowardice, have not overcome.” *see v. 7*
 - B. The Unbelieving Revelation 21:8- “and unbelieving”
 - 1. “unbelieving” (Strong’s)- “unfaithful, faithless; not to be trusted; without faith in God”
 - 2. “unbelieving” (Webster’s)- “Infidel; discrediting divine revelation, or the mission, character and doctrines of Christ”
 - C. The Abominable Revelation 21:8- “and the abominable” 21:27
 - 1. “abominable” (Strong’s)- “to render foul, to cause to be abhorred”
 - 2. “abominable” (Webster’s)- “unclean; defilement, pollution, in a physical sense, or evil doctrines and practices, which are moral defilements”
 - D. The Murderers Revelation 21:8- “and murderers” 22:15
 - 1. “murderers” (Strong’s)- “homicide, slaughter”
 - 2. “murderers” (Webster’s)- “A person who in possession of his reason, unlawfully kills a human being with premeditated malice.”
 - E. The Whoremongers Revelation 21:8- “and whoremongers” 22:15
 - 1. “whoremongers” (Strong’s)- “a man who prostitutes his body to another's lust for hire; a male prostitute; a man who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator”
 - 2. “whoremongers” (Webster’s)- “One who practices lewdness.
 - F. The Sorcerers Revelation 21:8- “and sorcerers” 22:15
 - 1. “sorcerers” (Strong’s)- “*pharmakeus*—one who prepares or uses magical remedies”
 - 2. “sorcerers” (Webster’s)- “A conjurer; an enchanter; a magician.”
 - G. The Idolaters Revelation 21:8- “and idolaters” 22:15
 - 1. “idolaters” (Strong’s)- “a worshipper of false gods; a covetous man as a worshipper of Mammon”
 - 2. “idolaters” (Webster’s)- “A worshiper of idols; one who pays divine honors to images, statues, or representations of any thing made by

hands; one who worships as a deity that which is not God; a great admirer”

- H. The Liars Revelation 21:8- “and all liars” 21:27, 22:15
 - 1. “liars” (Strong’s)- “deceitful, false; to speak deliberate falsehoods”
 - 2. “liars” (Webster’s)- “A person, who knowingly utters falsehood; one who declares to another as a fact what he knows to be not true, and with an intention to deceive him.”
 - I. The Defiled Revelation 21:27- “no wise enter into it any thing that defileth”
 - 1. “defileth” (Strong’s)- “to make (Leviticallly) unclean, render unhallowed, defile, profane”
 - 2. “defileth” (Webster’s)- “One who defiles; one who corrupts or violates; that which pollutes.”
 - J. The Dogs Revelation 22:15- “For without *are* dogs” Deuteronomy 23:17-18
 - 1. “dogs” (Strong’s)- “a man of impure mind, an impudent man”
 - 2. “dogs” (Webster’s)- “It is used for male, when applied to several other animals; A term of reproach or contempt given to a man. A gay young man”
- VI. The Image of the Lake of Fire Isaiah 66:23-24
- A. The Worship Service v. 23- “shall all flesh come to worship before me”
 - B. The Wretched Sight v. 24- “they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses”
 - 1. The Transgression of the Men- “men...transgressed against me”
 - 2. The Thoughts of the Men- “for their worm shall not die”
 - 3. The Torments of the Men- “neither shall their fire be quenched”
 - 4. The Testimony of the Men- “they shall be an abhorring”
- VII. The Immutability of the Lake of Fire Revelation 20:10- “day and night for ever and ever” Revelation 14:10-11

Conclusion: Who would want to go to such a place? Certainly, no one would! The sad fact about this is that anyone that is not born again will go to the lake of fire. No one wants to go to this place, yet many do not want to repent of their sin. They want to go to heaven another way. However, the only way to heaven is through God’s Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only way! If people reject Him, then they will burn day and night, forever and ever. What is your choice (Matthew 25:41, Mark 8:36-37)?