

## #1: HELL LASTS FOREVER

**Revelation 14:9-11** *“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand ...shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” 1184*

**Revelation 20:9, 10** *They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. 1188*

Those verses are not very encouraging if we apply our common understanding of “forever” as being time without end. But is that what “forever” means in Scripture?

**Exodus 21:5, 6** *But if the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’ then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever. 71*

**1 Samuel 1:22** *Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever.” 257*



Perhaps the best example of the Biblical understanding of “forever” is seen in the life and experience of David.

**1 Samuel 28:3** ... *“Therefore I will make you one of my chief guardians forever.” 285*

**Psalms 89:1** *“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever” 567*

**Psalms 145:1, 2** *I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. 601*

**Psalms 119:44** *So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever. 588*

**1 Kings 2:10** *So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. 320*

**Acts 2:29, 34** *“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ... For David did not ascend into the heavens” 1053*

**Psalms 119:112** *I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the very end. 590*

✓ Biblically speaking, “forever” does not mean “without end” but instead simply means “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”

## #2: HELL KILLS

**Malachi 4:1-3** “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” says the Lord of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.” 931

**Ezekiel 28:18, 19** “You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.” 831

**Psalms 37:10, 20** For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more. ...But the wicked shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away. 534

**Matthew 10:28** “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” 944

✓ The purpose of hell is not merely to \_\_\_\_\_ but to completely \_\_\_\_\_.

## #3: HELL IS AN EVENT, NOT A PLACE

**Job 21:30** Wicked are reserved for the day of doom; they shall be brought out on the day of wrath. 494

**2 Peter 3:7** But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 1167

**Jude 6, 7** The angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these... are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 1173 (see also **2 Peter 2:6** 1166)

**Matthew 8:28, 29** ...there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?” 942

## #4: ONLY THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE WITH ETERNAL FIRE

**Hebrews 12:29** Our God is a consuming fire. 1157

**Revelation 22:4, 5** They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God give them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. 1190

**Isaiah 33:14, 15** “Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?” He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly...” 687



## #5: HELL ISN'T MEANT FOR YOU

**Matthew 25:33, 41** While the righteous “inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,” only the wicked are sent “into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” 962

✓ Destruction in hell is for the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_; Heaven is for \_\_\_\_\_!

**Ezekiel 33:11** ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’ 1137

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is “not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” 1167