



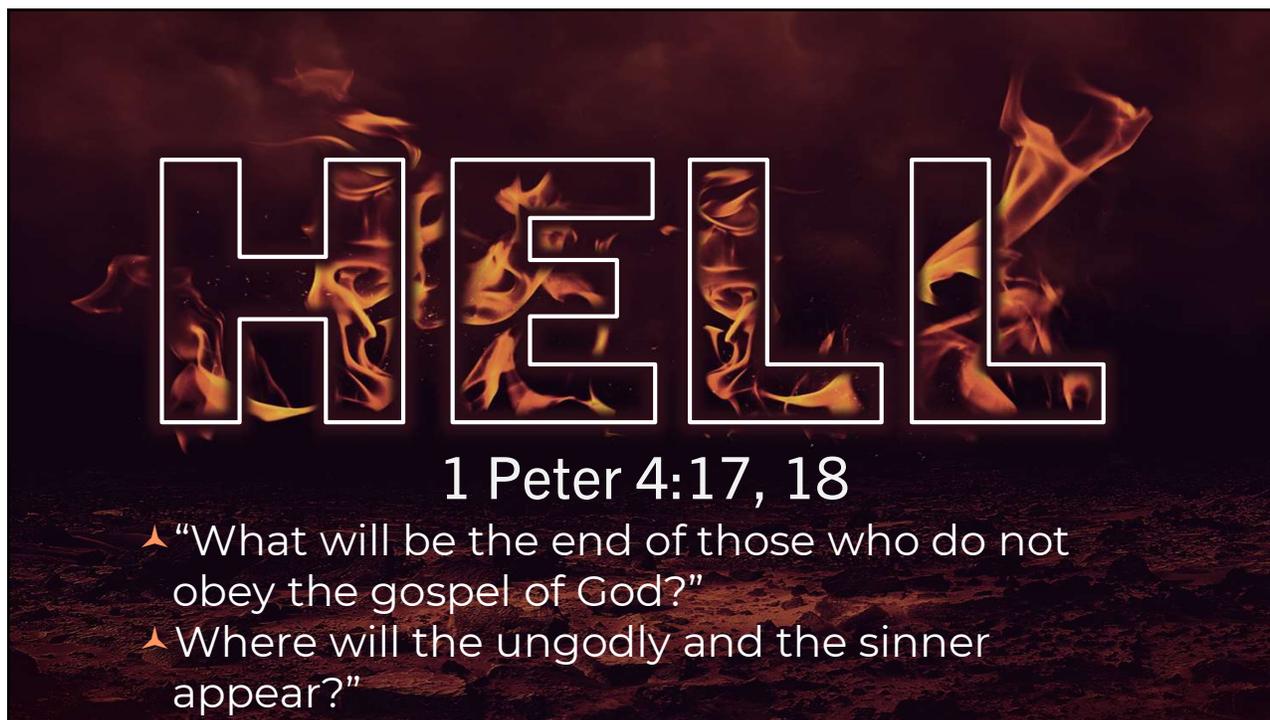
man's approach to escape

**HELL**

“...How can you escape the condemnation of hell?”  
(Matt. 23:33)

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**HELL**

**1 Peter 4:17, 18**

- ▲ “What will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”
- ▲ Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

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## Man's Redefines GOD

### 1. God is unwilling for any to perish in hell

- All men are saved and no one can go to hell today—universalism
- God is “not willing that any should perish” (2 Pet. 3:9)
- Since God is all-powerful, He will save all
- God will give sinners a second chance in purgatory

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## God's Definition

### ~~X~~ God is unwilling for any to perish in hell

- Jesus will not override man's will (Matt. 23:37)
- Jesus warns that many will perish in hell
  - Matt. 23:33; 7:13, 14; Lk. 13:3; etc.
- “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9, recall 2:9; 1 Pet. 4:17, 18)

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## Man's Redefines GOD

### 2. God is too loving to send anyone to hell

- “God is love” (1 Jn. 4:8)
- God sent His Son to save the world
  - “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world” (1 Jn. 4:14)
  - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”

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## God's Definition

-  ~~God is too loving to send anyone to hell~~
- Warns of many false prophets (1 Jn. 4:1)
  - The spirit of the Antichrist was at work in some (1 Jn. 4:2, 3)
  - The love of God was manifest in sending His Son into the world “that we might live through Him” (4:9)

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## God's Answers

### ~~✗ God is too loving to send anyone to hell~~

- Must believe, confess, keep commandments, and abide in love (1 Jn. 4:15, 16, 21; 5:1-5)
- Life is in His Son...He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life (1 Jn. 5:11, 12, 20)

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- “Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off” (Rom. 11:22)

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# Man Redefines the Conditions of **HELL**

## **Sinners are annihilated and cease to exist**

- Only the believer is raised (Jn. 11:25, 26)
- Ungodly will not stand in the judgment (Ps. 1:5)
- “Immortality is conditional” meaning “Man wasn’t created with an immortal soul”
  - **The punishment of eternal fire is to no longer exist (misuse of Sodom and Gomorrah)**
- “Destroy...in hell” (Matt. 10:28) means to cease to exist by being *consumed* and *eliminated* in hell

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## God's Answers

**Why believe** the *torment* in hell ends when “hell fire” is “everlasting fire” (Matt. 18:8, 9)

- **Did not destroy vision – 16:23**
- **Did not destroy identity – 16:24a**
- **Did not destroy the conscience – 16:24b-31**
  - **Suffering, memory, concern**

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## God's Answers

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- “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (Jn. 12:48)
- **Need to exercise caution that our definition of hell doesn't contradict the Lord's**
- **The wicked (those who reject His word) exist to be judged in the last day!**

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## God's Answers

### ~~Sinners are annihilated and cease to exist~~

- How can the “wicked dead” (who are cast into the lake of fire) find *extinction* and *escape never-ending torment* when the devil, the beast, and the false prophet cannot (cf. Rev. 20:10, the *lake of fire* = 2<sup>nd</sup> death, 20:14)?
- The “wicked dead” will be destroyed in body and soul (Matt. 10:28)...*what does this mean?*

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**Greek:** *apollumi*

Matt. 10:28, “...destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Destroy, Destroyer, Destruction, Destructive:

“a strengthened form of *ollumi*, signifies "to destroy utterly;" in Middle Voice, "to perish." **The idea is not extinction but ruin**, loss, not of being, but of well-being. This is clear from its use, as, e.g., of the marring of wine skins, Luk 5:37; of lost sheep, i.e., lost to the shepherd, metaphorical of spiritual destitution, Luk 15:4, 6, etc.; ...”

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## Sodom & Gomorrah

“As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, **suffering** the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7)

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## Sodom & Gomorrah

- Angels who sinned are awaiting judgment in everlasting chains under darkness (Jude 6)
- “As” they, so Sodom and Gomorrah are “**suffering**” (*present tense*)
  - People (not cities) commit sexual immorality and suffer
  - “The men,” “all the people,” Gen. 13:13; Gen. 19:4. There were not ten righteous people, Gen. 18:32

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## “WHO” were destroyed in Sodom?

### Luke 17:

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<sup>29</sup> "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

### DO “ALL” THOSE WHO WERE DESTROYED STILL EXIST?

- “Yes!” Do you believe in the resurrection of the unjust (Acts 24:15; Jn. 5:29; Rev. 20:12, 13)?

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### DO “ALL” THOSE CONTINUE TO SUFFER IN ETERNAL FIRE?

- “Yes” as the wicked dead are currently suffering in fire (Lk. 16:22-24)!

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## How does the destruction of Sodom show the example of the vengeance of eternal fire?

“...are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7)

1. It was sudden (Lam. 4:5, 6; 1 Thess. 5:1-3)
2. It was fiery (Gen. 19:28; 2 Thess. 1:8)
3. Demonstrated in (Deut. 29:14-29):
  - a) **Divine wrath that cursed – 29:14-27**
  - b) **Divine wrath that uprooted – 29:28**
  - c) **Divine wrath that cast into another land – 29:28**

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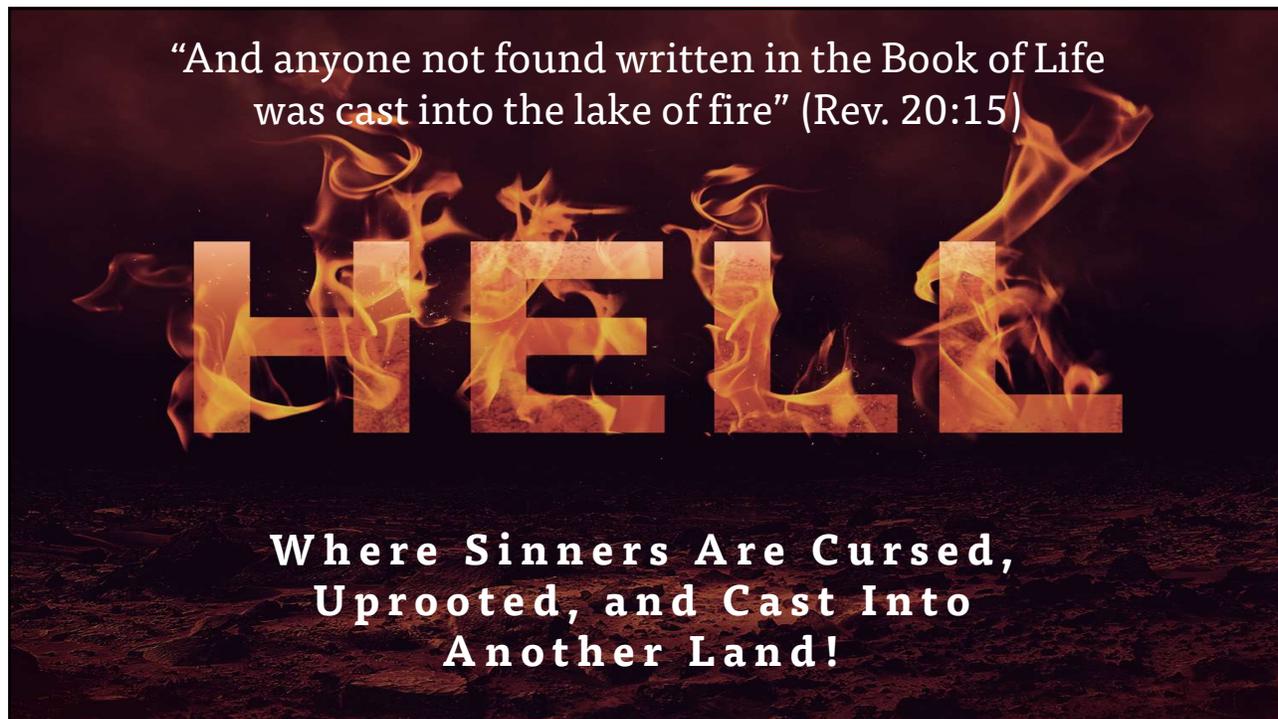
## Israel’s “destruction” was not annihilation but being cursed, uprooted, and cast away!

**Deut. 28:63, “And it shall be, [that] just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.”**

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**Proponents of Annihilation Offer  
“Good News” to the Inhabitants of Hell!**

**The promises found in the heavenly tabernacle are tilted to the lake of fire (Rev. 21:3, 4)**

- No more tears/crying because your eyes will be wholly consumed
- No more death because you no longer exist
- No more sorrow because you have no conscience
- No more pain because you have no “body” to experience it

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# 7 FACTS

HELL IS A REAL PLACE  
HELL IS A HORRIBLE PLACE  
HELL IS A PLACE ANYONE CAN GO  
HELL IS AN ETERNAL PLACE  
HELL IS A PLACE WHERE GREAT  
SPIRITUAL BEINGS ARE CAST  
HELL IS A PLACE OF NO RETURN  
**HELL IS A PLACE THAT CAN BE  
AVOIDED TODAY!**

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## Hebrews 2:1-3

**<sup>1</sup> Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.**  
**<sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,**  
**<sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard [Him],**

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