

The Residents of Hell

Introduction:

1. In our series, we have examined the subject of hell. We have learned **why** hell was created, and also **where** it is located.
2. Most of the time, when you hear hell mentioned in church (many churches you never hear it at all), it is thrown out randomly as an attempt to scare people. Very rarely do you ever hear the subject of hell taught and explained to people.
3. In this series, I have attempted to teach what the Bible says about this crucial and important subject. This is our eighth lesson.
4. We have studied hell from a dispensational view, seeing what hell was like in **time past**, as it is **now**, and how it will be in the **ages to come** after Christ's return to earth.
5. In the previous lesson, we looked specifically at Christ's Second Coming to earth. We saw that when Christ returns to this earth He will come through the land of Edom, fire will proceed out of His mouth and literally set this area on fire, and create a Lake of Fire for everybody in Christ's kingdom to see and behold.
6. When Christ returns in fire, it starts an eternal fire on earth that burns down into hell. There will be a literal opening on the earth that you can look down upon and see. The entrance to hell is there now, we simply cannot see it. Christ will open it up at His coming.
7. Hell will be an integral, literal, visible part of Christ's kingdom on this earth. It will demonstrate in a visible and real way the wrath and hostility that God has against sin and rebellion.
8. At the end of Christ's 1,000-year kingdom on this earth, an event will occur called the Great White Throne Judgment. Revelation 20:11-15
 - This is primarily a judgment of the unsaved of all the ages. Death delivers up their bodies and hell delivers up their souls and spirits, and they will stand before the Lord. Each person's life is reviewed, and each person is judged accordingly.
 - The Bible seems to indicate that there will be degrees of punishment in the Lake of Fire based on the works of each person.
9. At the end of this judgment, anything that had to do with death and hell is cast into the Lake of Fire. And all those that are lost are also cast into the Lake of Fire.
 - This Lake of Fire is referred to as "the second death." This is referring to the eternal state of the wicked (cf. Revelation 21:8). This is what we would all deserve and receive were it not for the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
10. In chapter 21, God creates a new heaven and new earth for the saved to dwell in. In the new heaven and earth will dwell complete righteousness (2 Peter 3:13). So, the Lake of Fire is now relocated, most likely at the extreme bottom of God's universe. It will be an eternal monument to the devastating effects of sin and rebellion against God.
11. **But, who will be cast into this Lake of Fire?** Who are the residents in the Lake of Fire? The Bible is very clear about this.

The antichrist and the false prophet will be in the Lake of Fire. Revelation 19:20

- The antichrist is referred to as that “*man of sin*” and “*the son of perdition.*” He is completely filled with Satan in the tribulation and is the political leader in that time.
- The false prophet is the religious leader in the tribulation that points people to the antichrist and encourages the worship of him.
- When Christ returns, both of these men will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire.
- Isaiah 14:15-16 also prophesies of the antichrist being thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Those who followed the antichrist will be thrown into the Lake of Fire at Christ's Second Coming. Revelation 14:9-11

- What about those who followed the antichrist and false prophet in the tribulation? All of those who followed these wicked men and took their mark will also be thrown into the Lake of Fire, and it will be their eternal home. Revelation 14:9-11
- When Christ returns, He will sit on the throne of His glory in Jerusalem and judge the people of the nations. The heathen from all the nations that hated and persecuted the Jews will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Matthew 25:31-46, 13:38-43

Satan will ultimately be cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:10

- When Christ returns, Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for Christ's 1,000-year kingdom on earth (Revelation 20:1-3). Satan is put out of business!
- This bottomless pit is obviously a compartment or shaft that possibly encircles hell in the heart of the earth. Because of the rotation of the earth in space, you never reach the bottom of this pit. It is endless.
- The Lake of Fire is the permanent abode of the lost, so Satan is bound in this bottomless pit because, after the 1,000-year rule and reign of Christ on this earth, Satan will be loosed for a season (Revelation 20:7). All those born in the millennium will be forced to make a decision either for Christ or for Satan.
- After this, Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:10). Notice, the antichrist and false prophet are still there 1,000 years later.

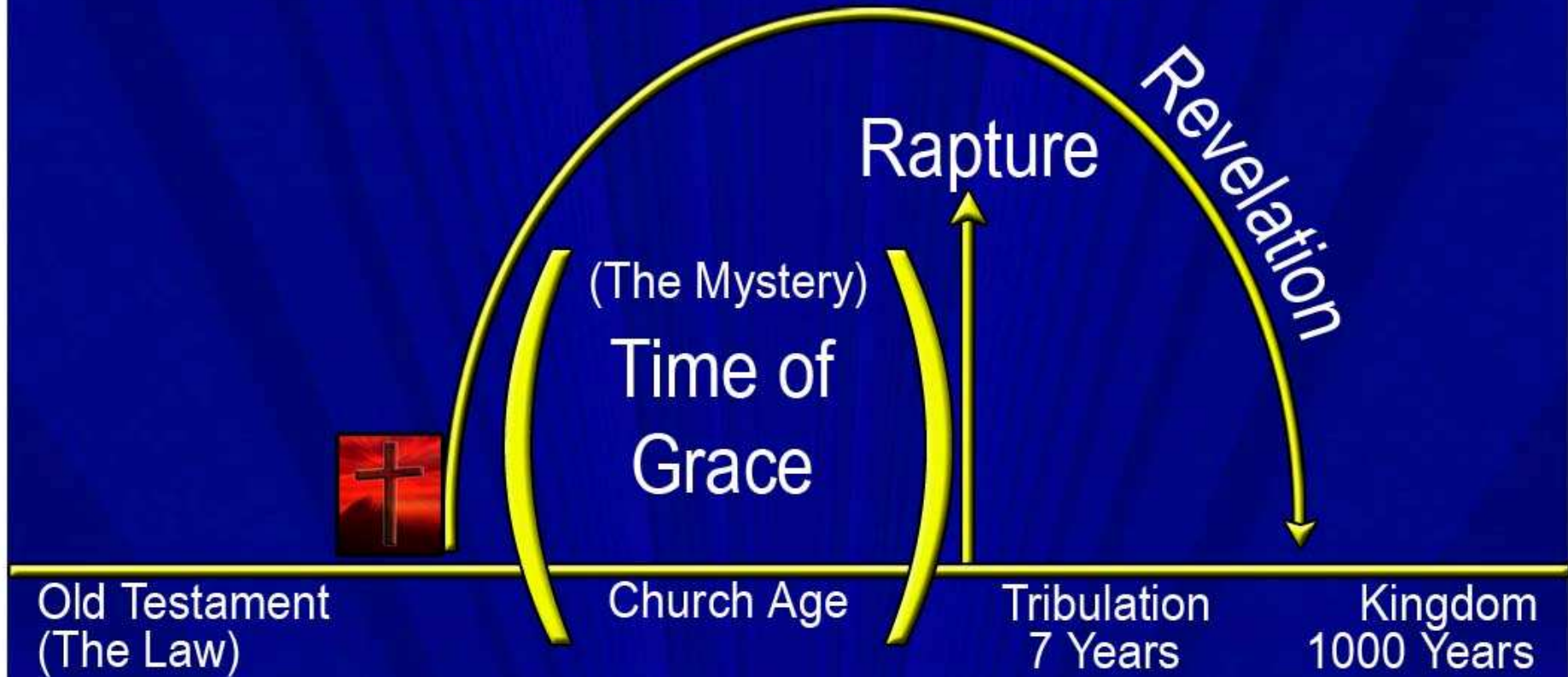
The lost from all the ages will end up in the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:12-15

- As we learned earlier, after Christ's 1,000-year kingdom on this earth, the Great White Throne Judgment will occur.
- The souls and spirits of the lost will be raised to stand and give account for their lives before Christ. At this point, death (their bodies), and hell (their souls and spirits) are cast into the Lake of Fire. The Bible calls this the second death.

In Conclusion:

1. Is your name in the Book of Life? My friend, do not delay. Hell is real. The Lake of Fire is real.
2. There is only one way to have your name in the Book of Life. You must come to Christ, the Giver of life - the One who defeated death, and defeated Satan.
3. Have you ever trusted Christ to save you from your sins? Have you ever believed on Him? He made a full and complete payment for your sin on the cross. He died for you. He took your penalty and debt that you owe and paid it in full on the cross.
4. Will you receive Him or reject Him? 1 John 5:11-13 sums it up.

BASIC TIMELINE



HELL THROUGHOUT THE AGES

TIME PAST

BUT NOW

AGES TO COME

Paradise
Relocated to
3rd Heaven

1000 Years

Eternity

Dispensation
of
Grace

Lake of Fire
on Earth

New Heaven &
New Earth



Second Coming
of Christ

Two
Compartments

Paradise
Side

Torment
Side

Hell

Burns Down
Into Hell

Bottom of
the Universe

