

Why Did God Create Hell? - Part 1 Ezekiel 28:1-19

Introduction:

1. There was a time when Christians and non-Christians alike believed in a literal hell.
2. We live in a day and age, today, in which Satan has convinced people that hell is a fairy tale - a myth that religious fanatics have come up with to try to scare people.
3. It isn't "politically correct" to believe in a literal hell, today. As a result, not only do scores of non-Christians reject the idea of hell, scores of supposed believers also deny the reality of hell.
4. Most pastors in America have also decided to drop the subject. It may be contained in their church doctrinal statements, buried somewhere on their Web sites, or in filing cabinets somewhere, but it is never mentioned publicly from the platform of their churches.
5. Remember this: When you don't preach or teach on something, it is just as bad as not believing it. Our silence speaks volumes about what we **really** believe.
6. Jesus believed in hell. How do we know? Because He talked about it so much!
 - Example: Mark 9:43-49
 - Jesus used the terms "*everlasting fire*," "*everlasting punishment*," "*hell fire*," "*unquenchable fire*," "*furnace of fire*." I didn't think of these terms, Jesus did.
7. What does God's Word really teach about hell, and the subject of eternal judgment? Over the next few weeks, we will explore what God's Word says.
8. Tonight, we will consider this subject: why did God create hell? Why would God create such a terrible and gruesome place? In order to understand this, we will need to examine the origin of Lucifer, the origin of evil, and finally, the origin of hell.

The origin of Lucifer

1. In Ezekiel 28, God addressed the **prince** of Tyrus (vs. 1-5). This man got lifted up with pride because of his intelligence, wealth, power, and authority. He exalted himself as God (vs. 6). He set his heart as the heart of God.
2. In verses 7-8, God pronounces judgment on this man. But who was it that was behind him, and energized him in his rebellion against God? Where did this spirit come from?
3. Notice in verses 11-12, the text transitions to the **king** of Tyrus. This has to be one of the titles of Satan, if you read this text. Job 41:34 tells us that Satan is king over all the children of pride.
4. This text is one of the few in the Bible that give us insight into the origin of Lucifer, and details as to his appearance, position, and nature before his fall.
5. Lucifer was created as the anointed cherub of God. vs. 14

- Cherubs were the highest ranking creatures in the angelic realm. There were none higher, and there were only five of them created. Under them came the seraphim, the archangels, the seven spirits (angels) which stood before God's throne, and an innumerable host of angels with varying ranks of authority.
 - The cherubs spread their wings over God's throne, and were the protectors of God's holiness. Yes, God could do this Himself, but He always chooses to work through His creation.
 - Lucifer is called the “*anointed cherub.*” It appears that Satan was the highest ranking angelic being. He had complete access to God (vs. 14), and nobody approached God without first approaching Lucifer.
6. Lucifer was created with great beauty and splendor.
- The name “Lucifer” means “morning star.” It indicates brightness, beauty, and splendor.
 - In verse 13, he is covered with every precious stone. These jewels are only seen two other times - on the vest of the high priest of Israel, and in the New Jerusalem.
 - Lucifer was not created with horns, a long tail, and a pitchfork. He was created with great beauty. vs. 17
7. Lucifer was created to lead creation in the worship of God.
- He was created with tabrets and pipes (vs. 13). These are musical instruments. He was created with a built-in orchestra! Why? So that he could lead creation in the worship, praise, and adoration of Almighty God.
 - He was the head of protocol, the head of the honor guard, and the leader of the band. He was to be an instrument of praise to God and point the other angels to God.
8. Lucifer was a perfect creation from the hand of God and was given an exalted position by God. vs. 15a

The origin of evil

1. God did not create evil in the beginning. He did not create Lucifer as an evil one, and a deceiver. Notice in verse 15 that it declares that iniquity was found **in Lucifer.**
2. God did not create evil, because a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit. God is good and righteous and holy, and will have nothing to do with evil, and would have never originated it or decreed it.
 - Any religious system that says that God decreed evil is a blasphemous system from the pit of hell. James 1:13-15 tells us very clearly where evil comes from, and it matches our text in Ezekiel perfectly. Evil originated in Lucifer.
3. God created the angelic host as free moral agents. That is, they had the power of choice, just as Adam was created with volition (the ability to choose).
4. Their choice was not between good and evil (because there was no evil). Their choice was between God's will and their own will. They could choose to follow God's commands, or follow their own desires.

5. If they parted from God's will, it would be the origin of evil in God's universe. That is exactly what happened.
6. Satan saw his own beauty and splendor, and saw that when he gave a command, the other angelic creatures immediately obeyed. Have you ever heard of power going to somebody's head? That is what happened.
7. Satan looked to the throne of God and decided he wanted **that** position, and all of the glory.
8. As he submitted to his **own** will, it produced iniquity in him, and the origin of evil in God's universe. Notice verse 16, "...*thou hast sinned...*" He sinned the moment he coveted God's power and glory. We read of Satan's five "I wills" in Isaiah 14:12-13.
9. Lucifer made a personal choice, and when he did, he sinned against God and evil came into being. He desired what was rightfully God's.
10. But what did he do at this point? Next week, we will continue this lesson and learn that because of what Satan did next, God - in response - created the place called hell.

Why Did God Create Hell? (Part 2) Ezekiel 28:1-19

The origin of hell

1. We learned last week that Lucifer was created with magnificent beauty and wisdom. He was the anointed cherub - the chief prince of the heavenly host of angels.
2. Here was the problem: Lucifer got very impressed with himself. He thought, "There is nothing else in creation like me. I'm it! There is only one greater – God, Himself. I think I like His position. I think I should be the ultimate ruler of heaven and earth."
3. There is a word for this - PRIDE! Here we see the origin of evil. This is why Paul said that a spiritual leader in the church cannot be a novice. Why? Lest he have the same thing happen to him that happened to Lucifer. "...lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil." 1 Timothy 3:6
4. Lucifer took his God-given wisdom and corrupted it, and he devised a plan of revolt against God. Isaiah 14:13-14 describes Lucifer's plan. It contains five "I wills."
 - ***"I will ascend into heaven."*** - I'm going to sit on the throne of heaven, not simply point others to it.
 - ***"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God."*** - When we study, we find that stars are angels (Revelation 1:20). So, Lucifer wanted some subjects to reign over. He wanted all the other angels - all those positions of rank and authority - to serve him.
 - ***"I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north."*** - There are definite geographic boundaries and locations in God's universe, and God is said to be located in the north. In that North place, there is a mountain (a planet if you will) called the Mount of the Congregation. This is a place where the angelic creatures congregate and gather to be reviewed and to give account of their activities. Satan said, "I will take over that throne of accountability. They will give account to me, and acknowledge me as their supreme one."
 - ***"I will ascend above the heights of the cloud."*** - God is described as being above the clouds, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. Satan wanted that exalted position for himself.
 - ***"I will be like the most High."*** - This sums up Satan's plan of revolt. God is called the "*most High God, possessor of heaven and earth.*" Satan coveted this and said, "I will be the one that possesses it all."
5. This was Lucifer's plan of revolt and rebellion. He took all his wisdom, power, and beauty, and devised this evil and treacherous scheme.
6. Of course, Lucifer could not accomplish this overthrow without help. So, Satan began to go out to the angelic host and market his plan of revolt. The words "*merchandise*" (Ezekiel 28:16), and "*traffick*" (Ezekiel 28:18) are the same Greek words, and they literally mean "to trade; to peddle." Satan was the first mass marketer.

7. Satan found a ready market among the angelic host (Ephesians 6:12). Satan is a master deceiver, and he convinced scores of angels that he would be the almighty one in the end, that he would overthrow God, and set himself up as God.
 - A massive revolt began to take place. The Bible seems to indicate that 1/3 of the angelic host believed Satan's lies, and one by one aligned themselves with him.
8. God responded to this revolt by pronouncing judgment on Satan, and by creating something so terrible and horrifying that the other angels would have nothing to do with Satan and his evil scheme. God created the judgment of hell.
 - The possibility of being consigned to hell forever stopped the rebellion dead in its tracks, and most of the angels followed God, knowing that He was a God of truth. The creation of hell stopped the angelic desertion.
9. Why did God create hell? God's original intention was for hell to be a place of punishment for Satan and the evil angels that followed Satan. Matthew 25:41
 - Hell is a place that clearly manifests a holy God's attitude about sin. It manifests God's righteous anger against sin and unrighteousness in a physical, visible way. Ezekiel 28:16-19; Isaiah 14:13-15
10. Hell was created most likely somewhere between Genesis 1:31 and Genesis 3:1.
 - In 1:31, after God's marvelous work of creation, God pronounced that everything in his creation, both earth and heavens, was "*very good*." God never calls anything "*very good*" again after this. At this point, God's creation (the earth and universe) was untainted by sin and evil. Had evil been present in God's creation, he could have never called it "*very good*."
 - Most likely, Satan got filled with jealousy and envy when man was given the governorship of God's new earth. Satan was determined to have control of it, and be the lord and ruler of it. He already had complete access and authority in the heavens (only God was higher).
11. Satan took his deceptive lies and carried them to earth, to the Garden of Eden. He was able to deceive Eve, but Adam knowingly rebelled against God's authority.
 - Through Adam, the judgment had now entered into humanity. Adam followed in the footsteps of Lucifer because he, too, became selfish.
 - Satan said to Adam, "You'll be like God, and you will know the difference between good and evil." Adam wanted the power and the glory of God. He wanted to be like God, and he followed after Satan's rebellion and brought mankind into the danger of hellfire judgment.
 - Mankind was created innocent (did not know evil), but was but one step away from being righteous (doing right) or unrighteous (disobeying God).
12. Why didn't God just immediately throw Satan and his angels into hell? Why did God allow Satan to tempt Adam and Eve?
 - Because, one of the themes of your Bible is the free will of God's creation to make choices and decisions. God is not in the robot business. God doesn't want robots serving and loving Him that have basically no choice in the matter. They are not forced and compelled to do it like slaves would be.

- God desires a people who believe His Word, and choose to love Him (Matthew 22:37-38). Adam was created in the image of God, and therefore was created with volition, with a mind to think and make choices (just as God does).
- There are consequences for the choices we make. Again, this is a recurring theme throughout the Bible.

In Conclusion:

1. God, in His incredible grace, has provided a way for us to be redeemed from our sins and to escape the judgment of hell.
2. This is why Christ had to enter humanity and go to the cross and die. It was necessary in order to purge and reconcile back the governments of heaven and earth that were corrupted by Lucifer, but also to redeem back man. Sin must be paid for.
3. There is a conflict going on right now that we can't even imagine, for the souls of men and women.
4. Satan wants to keep people in darkness and keep them under his control and authority. He still thinks he can overthrow God, but it's a lie, and if people believe Satan's lies rather than God's Word, they will ultimately end up in the same place as Satan and his angels.
5. But God lovingly extends an offer of grace and peace to every person on the earth on the basis of what Christ did on Calvary. Romans 10:12-13

Is Hell a Real Place? Where is it Located?

Introduction:

1. Many people shun the idea of a literal hell. Some laugh, some mock, and some ridicule any person who dares to believe in and teach a literal hell.
2. Many preachers would privately tell you that they believe in a literal hell, but they don't dare mention it from the platforms of their churches for fear that it may turn people off. They avoid the subject, publicly.
3. Some believe that the doctrine of hell is not really that important. They don't consider it a crucial, fundamental doctrine of the faith. Their attitude is, "If you believe in hell, that is fine; but if you don't, that is okay too."
4. But, what we find as we study this subject is that the character of our Savior is at stake over this subject. Jesus talked about hell constantly and emphatically, describing it in literal terms. Example: Matthew 13:40-42, 49-51; 16:18; 18:9; 23:15, 33
5. If hell is not real, then Jesus was a phony and a liar, and nothing He said or did really matters. The character and truthfulness of our Savior is at stake.
6. As we study the Scriptures, we discover that hell is a literal place, and it has a literal geographic location, just as much as Daytona Beach, Florida.
7. As we contemplate the subject of hell, every believer should seek to win to Christ those who are lost in their sins. Why? Because...

Hell is a literal place.

1. Where is hell located? This is a great question, and the Bible has the answer.
2. Hell is always referred to as being "down."
 - Psalm 55:15 - "...let them go **down** quick [alive] into hell..." cf. 63:9
 - Proverbs 15:24 - "... that he may depart from hell **beneath**."
 - Isaiah 14:9 - "**Hell** from **beneath**..."
 - Isaiah 14:15 - "**Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell**..."
 - Luke 10:15 - When a man is standing on the earth, he gets to hell by going down towards the center of earth.
 - 2 Peter 2:4 - God cast the angels **down** to hell.
3. Hell is located in the heart, or center, of the earth.
4. When Jonah was swallowed by the great fish, his body was in the fish for three days, but his soul was in hell. Jonah 1:17; 2:1, 6
5. Where did Jonah go? Where was hell? When you cross-reference with Matthew 12:40, you learn from the lips of Jesus where hell is located. Christ uses Jonah as an illustration and identifies it as being "*in the heart of the earth*."
 - Just as Jonah's body was in the fish, Christ's body was in the tomb.
 - Just as Jonah's soul was in hell, Christ's soul would also be in hell for those three days, in the heart of the earth.

6. It is important to understand that there were two compartments that composed hell (Hades) at that time. There was a torment side, and there was a paradise side (a place of blessing and comfort).
 - There was a great gulf in between the two. We will learn the reason for this in a future lesson.
 - Obviously, Jonah and Jesus were in the paradise side of hell.
7. But, for right now, we simply need to realize that hell is a literal place with a definite geographic location in the center of the earth.

Hell is an undeniable reality.

1. Hell demonstrates the wrath of God toward sin.

- When Paul explains the gospel of Christ in the book of Romans, the first issue he deals with is the wrath of God. Romans 1:18
 - The word “*revealed*” is the Greek word ap-ok-al-oo-p-to. It means “to take the cover off.” When Christ rose from the dead, left this earth, and ascended into heaven, this brought assurance that God's wrath would fall on His enemies. Acts 2:34-36
 - Christ's ascension signaled the fact that God's wrath was on the way. Of course God, in His kindness, delayed the wrath with the dispensation of grace. We live in a time of “wrath delayed.” We have been living right on the precipice of God's wrath for 2,000 years.
- Although wrath has been delayed, it surely will come. Romans 2:5
- We learn in Revelation 14:10 what it means to drink of the full wrath of God.
- Why did Paul begin with the wrath of God when explaining the gospel of Christ?
 - Because before you can understand **grace**, you must first understand **wrath**. There is no need for salvation unless there is a clear and present danger.
- This is why Christ died on the cross. He bore our wrath and judgment so that we wouldn't have to bear it.
- When we understand the wrath of God against sin and the undeniable reality of hell, it magnifies grace and causes people to appreciate it.

2. Hell is spoken of in literal terms. Matthew 5:22, 29 (Sermon on the Mount); 25:41; Mark 9:47-49

- The Greek word for “fire” is “pur,” and it is the same word used in Luke 22:55 when they kindled a fire, and is described as “*a fire of coals*” in John 18:18.
- Hell is not a figurative expression for the grave. Try reading “grave” into Luke 12:4-5. After I'm dead, why would I fear somebody throwing me into a grave? (I hope they do, and don't just leave me on top of the ground!)

3. Hell is a place of torment. Revelation 14:9-11

- It is said to be without mixture. This means it is undiluted wrath raining down.
- Some teach that there is a hell, but then you are simply annihilated when you get there.
- But the word “*tormented*” is the same word used in Matthew 8:5-6 to describe a person sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. It didn't say or mean “grievously annihilated.” There is some physical pain going on there.

4. Hell is eternal.

- Here are some phrases that Jesus used to describe hell - “*everlasting fire*” (Matthew 25:41,) “*everlasting punishment*” (Matthew 25:46,) “*eternal damnation*” (Mark 3:29)
- Paul called it “*everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.*” 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- The word everlasting is the Greek word “*ion.*” How long is this? Luke 1:31-33 uses this word, and defines it for us as “having no end.” It means forever.
- In Revelation 19:20, the antichrist and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire, and 1,000 years later, they are still there. Revelation 20:10
- Jesus constantly talked about hell and the fire that won't be quenched that will never go out.

In Conclusion:

1. As we have seen in God's Word, hell is a literal place with a literal geographic location. It is a literal place just like heaven is a literal place.
2. God has given to us very vivid descriptions of this place. It is a sobering subject, indeed, but we cannot bury our heads in the sand and act like it doesn't exist.
3. Today, we who are saved by God's grace have the wonderful message that God, in His love, has made a way out for every person on this earth. He sent His only begotten Son that we might have life eternal.
4. Jesus suffered our eternal judgment for us on the cross. The debt has been paid. Have you accepted it? Have you believed on Christ?
5. Hell was created for the devil and his angels, but if people choose to follow Satan's path of rebellion and spurn God's offer of eternal life through Christ, they will wind up in the same place as Satan.
6. God's heart is for you to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). Satan's heart is for you to be blinded from God's grace, God's love, and God's kindness - blinded from the all-sufficient work of Jesus Christ.

Hell in Time Past and Hell Today

Introduction:

1. We have learned that hell was originally created for the devil and the angels that followed him in his rebellion against God. Hell was created to halt the angelic rebellion that was taking place and that Satan was leading.
2. We learned last week that hell is a literal place with a literal geographic location. Hell is not simply a mystical idea, nor is it a figurative word for the grave, nor is it the figment of somebody's imagination.
3. It is an undeniable reality with a definite geographic location. Hell is always referred to as being “down” because it is located in the heart of the earth. Hell is located in the center of the earth.
4. But, as we have learned before, the apostle Paul gave us a three-fold timeline in Ephesians 2 that helps us to place Scripture in its proper context, and understand different subjects and how they have changed over the course of history.
 - **“Time Past”** – This is when God dealt with the world through the nation of Israel, and on the basis of His prophetic program with Israel. There was a middle wall of partition between Israel and the Gentiles, with Israel enjoying a favored status.
 - **“But Now”** - Today, Israel's prophetic program has been temporarily suspended, and God is forming something altogether new - the church, the body of Christ. We are not living under Israel's prophetic program, but in the mystery program revealed through Paul. There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile.
 - **“Ages to Come”** - This deals with the events that will happen after this present dispensation of grace ends, and God resumes His prophetic program with Israel, and brings it to its ultimate fulfillment.
5. In this lesson, we want to consider hell in time past, and how it is changed today.

Hell in the “Time Past” Time Period

1. We mentioned last week that Jonah and Jesus are said to have gone to the place called hell.
 - Jonah's soul went there during his three-day stay at the “Big Fish Hotel.”
Jonah 2:1, 6
 - Jesus' soul went there during His three-day stay in Joseph's tomb.
Matthew 12:40; cf. Acts 2:25-27, 31
2. But, doesn't this seem odd? Jonah was a prophet of God, and Jesus was the Son of God. How could their souls go to hell?
3. It is important to understand that there is one Greek word for hell (hades), but it was comprised of two separate compartments in time past. There was a torment side, and a paradise side (a place of blessing and comfort).
4. There was a great gulf that separated the two so that nobody from one side could travel to the other side.

5. In time past, if you were a saved person, your body would go into the grave, but your soul would go to hell - to the paradise side.
 - David said in Psalm 16:10, "*For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell...*"
 - Jesus told the thief on the cross, "*Today thou shalt be with me in paradise.*" Luke 23:43; cf. Ephesians 4:9-10
6. If you were lost in time past, your soul would go to the torment side of hell.
7. A description of this is given to us by the lips of Jesus in Luke 16:19-26. Lazarus went to the paradise side of hell, and the rich man to the torment side of hell.
8. Why didn't the souls of the saints go straight to the third heaven? It was because the way had not been made yet. The sin issue had not been completely and totally dealt with. There had not yet been a fully satisfying sacrifice for "time past" sins. Romans 3:24-25
 - Did you notice the word "*forbearance?*" It carries the idea of the extension of time for the payment of a debt.
 - God's forbearance had a system of animal sacrifices that brought temporary forgiveness (not through the animal blood, but on the basis of God's forbearance). Under the Old Testament economy, sins were temporarily covered, but could not be washed or taken away. Hebrews 10:1, 3-4, 11-14
 - God extended the payment of debt because He knew the cross was coming and would take care of it all. Hebrews 9:15, 26
 - God would temporarily cover sin, but the books could not be cleared until the payment was made on that sin debt through the cross of Christ.
9. Therefore, the saints in time past could not go to the throne room of God's third heaven, because the issue of their sin had not been settled yet by the cross work of Christ. God held them in hell (paradise side) until the way was cleared by Christ.

Hell in the "But Now" (Present Day) Time Period

1. Jesus settled the sin issue forever on the cross. He made a full and complete payment for sin. He left nothing undone.
2. After Jesus died, His soul went to paradise in the heart of the earth. Three days later, He arose bodily from the tomb. Then, 40 days later, Christ ascended into the third heaven.
3. At some point after this, the saints in hell (paradise) were relocated to the third heaven. How do we know this? Let's look at 2 Corinthians 12:1-4.
 - Paul is caught up to the third heaven (vs. 2). He calls this place "paradise." vs. 4
 - Paradise has now been relocated into the third heaven. Somewhere between the resurrection and this passage, a relocation of paradise has taken place.
 - If paradise was relocated, and the saints in time past were in paradise, we are safe to assume that the saints were relocated also.
4. Hebrews 12:22-23 talks about the "*spirits of just men made perfect,*" and this is referring to Old Testament saints that are in the third heaven. God took these Old

Testament saints, justified them completely because of the cross, and now they are completely clear. God took them and transferred them to heaven.

- Now all that is left in hades is the torment side. The other side is empty.
5. So, if a lost man dies today, he goes straight to hell just as in time past. But if a saint dies today, he goes straight to the third heaven. 2 Corinthians 5:7-8
- Notice the words “*to be*” - a state of being. You don't cease to exist when you die. You shed this outer, earthly tabernacle and lay it down, and your soul lives on.
6. But, what about hell in the ages to come, out there in the future? Next week we will examine this subject.

Hell in the Ages to Come

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3. In time past, hell was composed of two compartments: a paradise side for the saved, and a torment side for the lost. Today, because of Christ's finished work on the cross, saints go straight to the third heaven, and there is no paradise side of hell.
4. But what about when this dispensation of grace ends when the rapture occurs? In the ages to come, will there be changes to hell? The answer is "yes." There **will** be changes, and we will study those tonight in God's Word.
5. Remember, after the rapture, Christ will return seven years later to establish His kingdom on this earth. He will rule and reign as King of kings over the entire earth, and all nations will have to worship and obey Christ. Zechariah 14:9, 16
6. Of course, during Christ's earthly ministry, His focus was preparing Israel for this coming kingdom. Let's read Mark 9:43-47.
 - Notice how Christ uses the word "*life*" and "*kingdom*" interchangeably in verses 43 and 47.
 - For Israel, life was synonymous with a kingdom. For time past saints, what was their hope? It wasn't heaven, but rather life for them had to do with entering a kingdom, and the opportunity to live forever in that kingdom with their Messiah ruling over this earth.
 - Christ said that it is better to enter into the kingdom maimed (coming out of the tribulation) than to be cast into hellfire. This passage links the issue of Christ's coming, His kingdom, and hell, all together.
7. The reason why Jesus had so much to say about hell is because it will be an integral part of His kingdom reign on this earth. There will be a literal, visible lake of fire during Christ's kingdom reign on this earth. Let's answer several questions about this.

Will there be a literal lake of fire during Christ's kingdom?

1. In the passage we read in Mark 9, did you notice that the text reads in a way that it is as if somebody can actually pick you up, take you over, and cast you into hell? cf. Matthew 5:29-30
2. In Matthew 25:41 & 46, we see the same idea. Christ has returned and is sitting on His throne on the earth. He gathers up people from nations and separates the sheep (saved) from the goats (lost). The lost are cast into everlasting fire and the saved go into the kingdom on earth.

3. In Isaiah 66:23-24, the nations are seen coming to Jerusalem to worship Christ. When they come, they will actually be able to look upon this lake of fire where the ungodly, unbelievers were cast. You didn't know Jesus was quoting Isaiah in the Mark 9 passage, did you?
4. In Isaiah 14, when the antichrist is brought down to hell (vs. 15), it says, "*They that **see thee** shall narrowly **look upon thee**, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms.*"
 - Hell will be a visible reality for people to look down upon in the kingdom. Again, this is why Jesus had so much to say about it during His earthly ministry to Israel.
5. This is also why Revelation 14:9-11 states that those in the lake of fire are "*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 ascendeth up for ever and ever.*"
 - The context is Christ's millennial kingdom on earth (there is still day and night). Christ is on the throne in Jerusalem, and the lake of fire is there in close proximity.

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 - Mountains will melt like wax, and run like a molten lava river. The whole earth will be shaken up at Christ's Second Coming.
9. According to Deuteronomy 32:22, there are tiers or layers of hell that go down into the earth, and when Christ returns He will kindle a fire that will burn down into the lowest hell.
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The Residents of Hell

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

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

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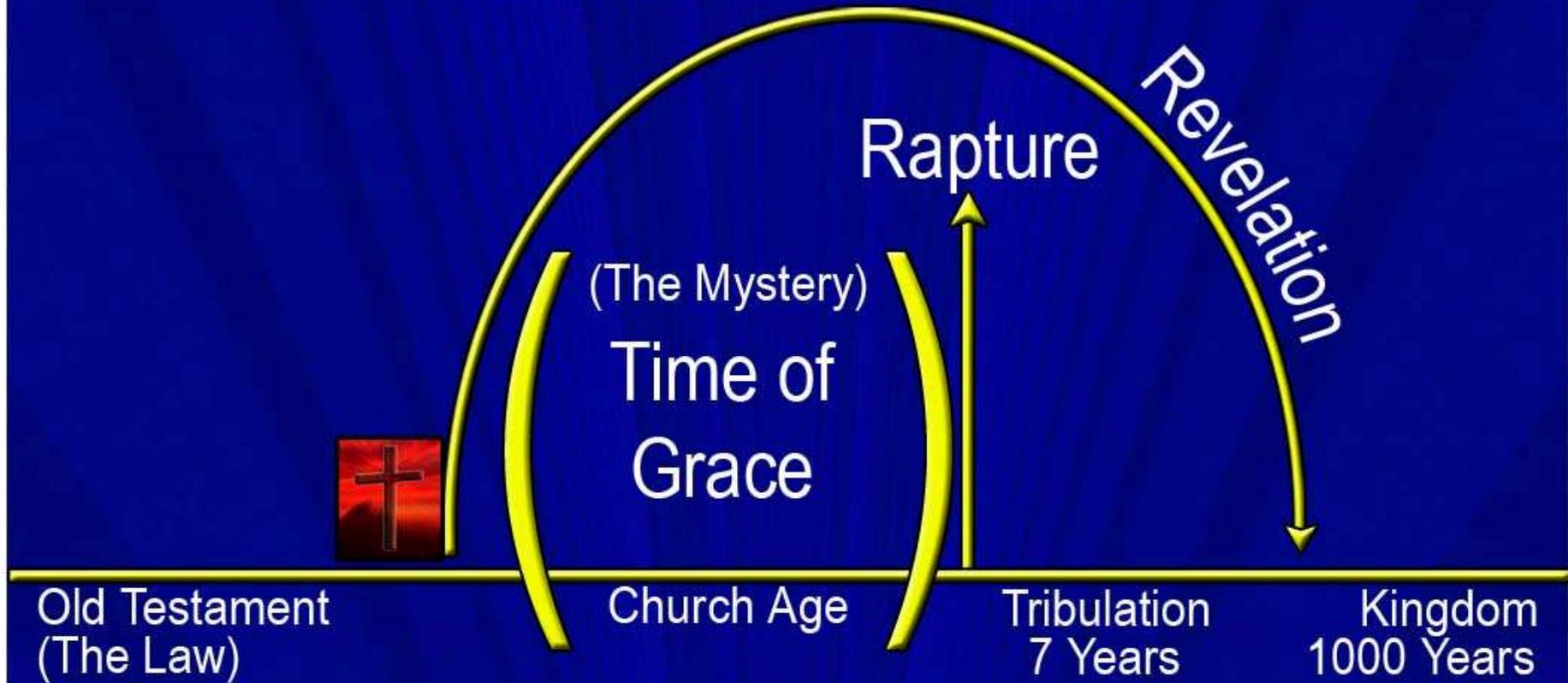
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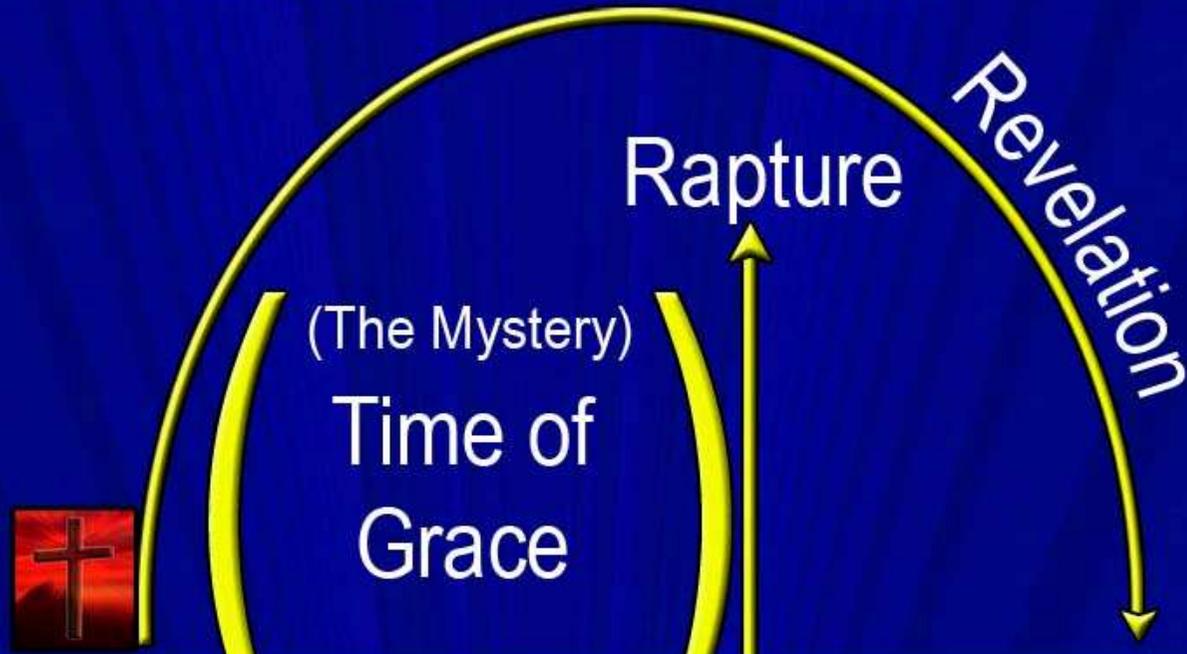
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1. So, God's wrath has been delayed. But will the wrath of God **ever** come? What did Paul teach? Look at Romans 2:4-5.
 - The word "*treasurest*" means "to amass; reserve; to lay up in store."
 - People may think that they are getting away with their sins in this grace period, but Paul taught that payday is coming. He taught that people are storing up wrath which will be executed against them in the future.
 - We are living in a time of "wrath delayed."
2. God's wrath and judgment against sin is a key element in the gospel of grace that Christ gave to Paul.
3. We know that Paul thoroughly lays out his gospel in Romans 1-5. But, where does Paul begin?
 - He begins in the first two-and-a-half chapters with a thorough explanation of the coming and sure wrath and judgment of God against sin. Romans 1:18-32, 2:1-6, 8-9
 - In 3:1-8, we see these words: judged, vengeance, judge the world, judged as a sinner, damnation.
 - Like a brilliant attorney, Paul establishes and proves the sin and guilt of mankind. Romans 3:9-10, 19-20, 23
4. Why does Paul do this? Because you cannot understand and appreciate grace in its fullness until you first understand wrath and judgment. People won't get saved until they first know they are lost. There is no need for salvation unless there is a real danger.
 - The doctrine of wrath and judgment against sin magnifies the grace of God.
 - After dealing with these rather negative issues and realities, Paul then goes on to explain the cross work of Christ, and the grace that is freely offered because of His sacrifice (3:24-25). He explains that anybody in the world can be justified by faith without the deeds of the law (3:28), and be at peace with God. 5:1

Paul taught the concept of eternal judgment.

1. As we have learned, Paul did not simply preach grace to the exclusion of divine wrath and judgment. He preached wrath delayed, and grace offered, but never did he give people the idea that divine wrath and judgment were a non-issue.
2. In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, we see this principle once again of wrath delayed, but also of future judgment.
3. The Thessalonian believers were enduring great afflictions and persecution from unbelievers because of their faith in Christ. 1:4
4. Never does Paul indicate that they could expect the suffering to stop, but he does indicate that a judgment day is coming to their persecutors. vs. 5-9
5. Notice that God is going to “*take vengeance on them that know not God.*” vs. 8
 - Paul never gave the idea that because of God’s grace, He will overlook people’s rebellion and disobedience. The vengeance against sin is presently delayed, but it is definitely coming. Romans 12:19
6. Not only this, they will be punished with “*everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...*” (vs. 9) This word “*everlasting*” means “perpetual; eternal; forever.”
 - Did you notice that this destruction takes place “*from the presence of the Lord?*” This indicates that the people being destroyed are somewhere. They are not annihilated and nonexistent.
 - If I am banished **from** His presence, then I am somewhere else. Paul is teaching that unbelievers can expect an eternal destruction that takes place somewhere else.
 - What place in the Bible fits the description of eternal destruction whereby you are banished from the presence of the Lord? This is a perfect definition of hell, or the lake of fire. Matthew 25:41, 46
7. As we said earlier in this lesson, just because Paul does not use the word “hell” or the phrase “lake of fire” does not mean that he did not teach the principle. Hell is eternal judgment and Paul clearly taught the concept of eternal judgment.
8. In Romans 1:32, Paul affirms the future judgment of God against wickedness and sin, and teaches that the penalty is death. When we cross-reference with this Revelation 20:14-15, we learn that God’s judgment is not just physical death, but also a spiritual death of the soul and spirit. cf. Romans 2:2-5
 - This death is not annihilation, but separation from the Lord’s presence as Paul taught in 2 Thessalonians 1:9.

In Conclusion:

1. When asking the question, “Did Paul teach that there is a hell?” - we have to look beyond the mere use of the word and ask ourselves, “Did Paul teach the principles of divine wrath and judgment, divine vengeance against sin, and eternal destruction?”
2. We have seen clearly in this lesson that Paul taught all of these principles. Paul taught that divine judgment is coming, so you’d better prepare. Acts 17:30-31, 24:24-25

3. Why didn't Paul use the actual word "hell" when preaching and teaching? To be quite frank, I do not know. Obviously, if he did use the word "hell," the Holy Spirit did not allow it to be recorded. There must be a reason, but I do not know why.
- Here is a thought to ponder. Hell is mentioned all throughout Israel's Old Testament law and prophets. Hell is referred to 31 times, with its first mention in the Bible in Israel's law, in Deuteronomy 32:22. God is issuing warning to Israel in the passage.
 - Of course, we know that Paul's ministry was to the Gentiles. Paul traveled to Gentile lands and started Gentile churches. He called himself the apostle of the Gentiles.
 - Because Gentiles would not have been acquainted with Israel's law and prophets, the word "hell" would not have computed with them.
 - But, the phrases "*the wrath of God,*" or "*everlasting destruction,*" or "*judgment of God*" would have been clearly understood.
 - Could this be why we still see "hell" mentioned throughout the gospels (Christ's earthly ministry to Israel), in the early portion of Acts (still Israel), but then it doesn't show up again until the book of James (written to the 12 tribes of Israel), and then in Peter, Jude, and Revelation?
4. But, the important thing to understand is that Paul did, in fact, teach the concept and principle of hell and eternal judgment.