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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Eternal Judgment

Matthew 11:22–24

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ἑτοιμάζω *hetoimazō*

perf mid part neut sing acc

The perfect tense indicates completed action at some time in the past.

Therefore, this indicates the “everlasting fire” has already been created in the past. So why were the devil and his angels not consigned there?

Universalism: The view that eventually, all human beings will find their rest in God and spend eternity in heaven. For some this does not exclude some time in fiery torments, maybe even a very long time, but eventually all will be in heaven.

***Annihilationism:* The view that eternal punishment isn't really eternal, that the unsaved will eventually be obliterated and no longer exist.**

Hell

The English word may be in part from Old Norse Hel (from Proto-Germanic *halija “one who covers up or hides something”), in Norse mythology the name of Loki’s daughter, who rules over the evil dead in Niflheim, the lowest of all worlds (nifl “mist”). Transfer of a pagan concept and word to a Christian idiom.

~Chambers Dictionary of Etymology

Matt. 11:23, “And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell [Hades]: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM

“PARADISE”

Old Testament
Believers

To third heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4

Impassable
barrier

TORMENTS

Unbelievers
From all
dispensations

TARTARUS

2 Pet. 2:4

specific groups of
fallen angels

Rev. 20:14, “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

“What sort of God would He be who could rejoice eternally in heaven with the saved while downstairs the cries of the lost make an agonizing cacophony?” Green answers his own question: “Such a God is not the person revealed in Scripture as utterly just and utterly loving.” Green labels the traditional view of hell, “a doctrine of savagery.”

~Michael Green, *Evangelism through the Local Church*

“Christ, in Origen’s old words, remains on the Cross so long as one sinner remains in hell. That is not speculation; it is a statement grounded in the very necessity of God’s nature. In a universe of love there can be no heaven which tolerates a chamber of horrors, no hell for any which does not at the same time make it hell for God.”

~John A. T. Robinson

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Truth

God's justice "implies that the penalty inflicted will be commensurate with the evil done."

~John R. Stott

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Matt. 25:46, “And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

αἰώνιος aiōnios eternal; this same adjective applies to “fire,” “punishment,” and “life”

Rev. 14:9, “Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

Rev. 14:10, “ ‘he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.’ ”

Rev. 20:10, “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.”

**εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων**

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2 Thess. 1:9, “These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,”

Rev. 20:14, “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev. 20:15, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Rev. 17:8, “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

Rev. 17:11, “The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.”

ἀπώλεια *apōleia* destruction, ruin

Note the term *perish* in connection with the ultimate punishment in John 3:16; 10:28; Romans 2:12; and 1 Corinthians 1:18

Ezek. 18:32, “ ‘For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,’ says the Lord GOD. ‘Therefore turn and live!’ ”

1 Tim. 2:4, “[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

John 3:18, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 3:36, “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”