

# Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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## Everlasting Destruction

After the apportioned punishment is reviewed during the thousand year period (millennium), what will be the next event to take place? The Bible gives us a clear accounting. Is the punishment a hell-fire that burns eternally?

**Opening prayer:** Heavenly Father, guide us through Your Spirit to a biblical understanding of everlasting destruction of the wicked. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ, amen.

**Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does the scripture tell us about everlasting destruction.**

1. *Revelation 21:1-2* "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the \_\_\_ city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of \_\_\_\_\_, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
2. *Revelation 20:7-9* "And when the \_\_\_\_\_ years are expired, Satan shall be \_\_\_\_\_ out of his prison, And shall go out to \_\_\_\_\_ the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to \_\_\_\_\_: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the \_\_\_\_\_ about, and the beloved city: and \_\_\_ came down from God out of heaven, and \_\_\_\_\_ them."
3. *Malachi 4:1* "For, behold the day cometh, that shall \_\_\_ as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be \_\_\_\_\_: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave neither root nor branch."
4. *Obadiah 1:15-16* "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the \_\_\_\_\_: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: Thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they \_\_\_\_\_."
5. *2 Thessalonians 1:7-10* "And to you who are \_\_\_\_\_ rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with \_\_\_\_\_ destruction from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When shall he come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."
6. *Matthew 25:46* "And these shall go away into \_\_\_\_\_ punishment: but the \_\_\_\_\_ into life eternal."

7. *Romans 6:23* “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_; but the gift of God is \_\_\_\_\_ life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

8. *Revelation 20:14-15* “And \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were cast into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_. This is the second \_\_\_\_\_. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

9. *2 Peter 3:7-13* “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of \_\_\_\_\_ and perdition of \_\_\_\_\_ men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his \_\_\_\_\_, as some men count slackness; but is \_\_\_\_\_ to usward, not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be \_\_\_\_\_ up. Seeing then that all these things shall be \_\_\_\_\_ what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on \_\_\_\_\_ shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent \_\_\_\_\_? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for \_\_\_\_\_ heavens and a \_\_\_\_\_ earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

**From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?**

That at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the thousand years the Lord descends with \_\_\_\_\_ people and the New \_\_\_\_\_, the wicked dead are \_\_\_\_\_, and come up on the surface of the yet unrenewed earth, and gather about the city, the camp of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 20:9), and fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. They are then \_\_\_\_\_, root and branch (Malachi 4:1,3), becoming as though they \_\_\_\_\_ been. Obadiah 1:15-16. In this everlasting destruction from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:9), the wicked meet the “everlasting punishment”, threatened against them (Matthew 25:46), which is everlasting death. Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:14-15. This is perdition of \_\_\_\_\_ men, the fire which consumes them being the fire for which the “heavens and earth, which are now,...are kept in store,” which shall \_\_\_\_\_ even the elements with its intensity, and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth from the deepest stains of the curse of sin. 2 Peter 3:7-13.

*His | end | Jerusalem | raised | saints | consumed | had | not | presence | ungodly | melt | purge*

**Closing prayer:** Loving Father, Your character is above reproach. Your desire that none should perish is evident by Your sacrifice and longsuffering. You are merciful in that You did not provide an eternal burning hellfire, but a swift destruction of the wicked. Thank You for revealing this to us that we might love You more. In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, amen.

Answers: 1. holy, heaven 2. thousand, loosed, deceive, battle, saints, fire, devoured 3. burn, stubble 4. heathen, reward, had not been 5. troubled, everlasting, presence 6. everlasting, righteous 7. wages, death, eternal 8. death, hell, fire, death 9. judgment, ungodly, promise, longsuffering, any, burned, dissolved, fire, heat, new, new