

For Ever and Ever

Exodus 15:18 The LORD shall reign **for ever and ever**.

- Could this be referring to Jesus Christ? What about the fact that He wasn't on the throne until He overcame? Except that this is referring to a future tense...
 - **Revelation 3:21** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
 - **Revelation 3:22** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
- What about when Christ died on the cross?
 - **Mark 15:37** And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.
 - **Mark 15:38** And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

1 Chronicles 16:36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel **for ever and ever**. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

- This phrase, "Lord God of Israel" refers to the Father, partially because of the next verse in this paper which calls Him "our father."

1 Chronicles 29:10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel **our father, for ever and ever**.

- Though I realize the Christ is referred to as the "everlasting father" in Isaiah 9:6, it is only one time that I am aware that He is called by that name, and the major weight of evidence in the Bible leans toward calling God the Father (the Father of our Lord in Heaven), "our Father."

Nehemiah 9:5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God **for ever and ever**: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

- This could refer to the Father, though the Son also has a name that has been exalted.
 - **Philippians 2:9** Wherefore God also **hath** highly exalted him, and **given** him a name which is above every name.

Psalms 9:5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name **for ever and ever**.

- Notice what verse two says, showing who this is referring to:
 - **Psalms 9:2** I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

Psalms 10:16 The LORD *is* King **for ever and ever**: the heathen are perished out of his land.

- The context is difficult to tell who is being referred to, so I lean toward it referring to the Father.
- Again the question, was the Son of God king while He was in the tomb?

Psalms 21:4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days **for ever and ever**.

- The king asked life of God, and it was given him. Who gives that life?
 - **1 John 5:11** And this is the record, that God hath **given** to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
 - **John 5:26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he **given** to the Son to have life in himself;

Psalms 45:6 Thy throne, O God, *is* **for ever and ever**: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

- Was Christ given the throne before overcoming? Was He on the throne while in the tomb?
- This verse was applied to Christ in Hebrews one, but what about before that... ? Who did it refer to?
- Has this verse always been applicable just as a prophecy?

Psalms 45:17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee **for ever and ever**.

- This verse must refer to people throughout the generations—especially those to come, as people die and cannot in each generation continue to praise God that long. ;)

Psalms 48:14 For this God *is* our God **for ever and ever**: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

- It seems that death is when God stops guiding us, as it doesn't say 'through' death, but 'unto' death.
- Does for ever and ever demand here that it is unto death, but not really throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity past and future?

Psalms 52:8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God **for ever and ever**.

- This is a personal trust in God's mercy, and it must mean unto death. Notice these verses:
 - **Ecclesiastes 9:5** For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶ Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

Psalms 111:8 They stand fast **for ever and ever**, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.

- This refers to the commandments of God, referred to in the previous verse.

Psalms 119:44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

- What about during the time of death?

Psalms 145:1 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

²Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

- What about during the time of death?
 - **Psalms 6:5** For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

Psalms 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

- What about during the time of death?
 - **Isaiah 38:18** For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

Psalms 148:6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

- This is speaking of the waters that are above the heavens, and they will be destroyed, to my understanding, along with the other elements of this world:
 - **2 Peter 3:10** 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 burned up.
 - **Revelation 20:15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
 - **Revelation 21:1** 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.

Isaiah 30:8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:

- This could be referring to the books that will decide the destinies of every living being.
 - **Revelation 20:11** I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Isaiah 34:10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

- The smoke is what shall go up, not the fire. Fire in the Bible completes its work.

Jeremiah 7:7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

- How will someone dwell in a land forever if dead? Speaking of the dead:
 - **Job 7:10** He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

Jeremiah 25:5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

- We know the land itself will not last forever and ever. God will create a new heavens and a new earth, as mentioned before. The land is given until it is in need no longer.

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

- This is something that could be forever in reality. So, the Bible can use this phrase more than one way.

Daniel 7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

- Understanding that the saints will be alive with everlasting life, we can take this verse as it reads, especially as Revelation 20 shows the kingdom of the enemy to be finally destroyed.

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

- As God's children who will live with Him forever on the earth made new, this can be taken as it reads as well.

Micah 4:5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

- This verse is contrasting the idolators with those who have eternal life with the LORD.

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Galatians 1:5 To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- In light of God's eternal nature, this can be taken as it reads.

Philippians 4:20 Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- The same can be said of this verse as in the previous verse.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- The same can be said of this verse as in the first New Testament verse.

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- The same can be said of this verse as in the first New Testament verse.

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

- Because Christ had overcome and had upheld His Father's will and righteousness, this could be said of Him during His coronation. Christ's victory was like this:
 - **Luke 22:42** Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Hebrews 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- This can be said of Christ as it reads.

1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- God the Father is to be praised eternally through His Son.

1 Peter 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- God the Father is again praised through His Son. See the previous verse.

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- God the Father or His Son are praised here, either way, it is appropriate.

Revelation 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

- This is referring to the Father, as the Son comes into the throne room in the next chapter.

Revelation 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

- Both the Father and the Son are praised forever and ever.

Revelation 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth [for ever and ever](#).

- According to the previous chapter, this was applied to the Father, but both Father and Son will live throughout eternity future.

Revelation 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God [for ever and ever](#). Amen.

- Though God and the Lamb are both mentioned in the context, the Father is the one praised.

Revelation 10:6 And swore by him that liveth [for ever and ever](#), who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

- The Son is the One with the feet on the earth and the sea, swearing by His Father, who created all things through His Son.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign [for ever and ever](#).

- It will then be time for Christ to take the throne of His glory.
 - **Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - **Matthew 25:31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up [for ever and ever](#): and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

- The smoke ascends up, not the flames. Those who have chosen the flames over glory will not have rest while they worship, while they are living, before the final destruction. Their smoke, a remembrance of their punishment, will ascend forever.

Revelation 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth [for ever and ever](#).

- This is a reference to God the Father.

Revelation 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up [for ever and ever](#).

- The smoke arises, not the flames.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

- Now, after every one of the verses we've seen previously, could we say that this verse is speaking of eternal torment throughout the ceaseless ages? Or is this verse speaking of fire that will not go out until its purpose is accomplished? If they are tormented in flames of hell through eternity in this verse, how is it that the earth will be made new a few verses later?

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

- If, on the earth made new, the fires of hell continue to scorch those who have chosen another spirit to lead them, how could it be bliss for the saints who shall reign there eternally? Wouldn't the saints know at least some of the ones who would be screaming in pain throughout the ages to come? Wouldn't that be sadistic and worse than what the devil himself would put people through?
- We serve a loving God who will finally bring "everlasting punishment," a finished act (see Matthew 25:46), not everlasting punishing... a continued action. Let's accept what God says about death, that when you're dead you're really dead, and believe that hell ultimately brings death, which is the "last enemy to be destroyed" (1 Corinthians 15:26).

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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