

# Hell

## Hell is a Real Place of Eternal Consequences

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### Message Truth:

Jesus taught that one's failure to be born again has the consequence of eternal damnation. Jesus also warned that those who cause those who trust in Him to fall into sin will be judged most harshly. In fact, Jesus warns us to take sin so seriously that mutilation be considered preferable to the danger of hell fire. You and I should take sin seriously and we should also take care to live our lives each day in a way that will point others to heaven and warn them of the dangers of hell.

### Message Text:

<sup>4</sup> Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the Word of God. They had not worshiped the beast nor his statue, nor had they accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. These all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

<sup>5</sup> This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.)

<sup>6</sup> **Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection.** For them the second death holds no power, but **they will be priests of God and of His Christ and will reign with Him a thousand years.** <sup>7</sup> When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. <sup>8</sup> He will go out to deceive the nations — called Gog and Magog — in every corner of the earth. Satan will gather for this battle a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore.

<sup>9</sup> And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the

earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on these attacking armies and consumed them. <sup>10</sup> Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the lake of fire which burned with sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne, and the earth and sky fled from the presence of the one sitting on it, but they found no place to hide. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And books were opened, and another book was opened, **the Book of Life.** And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up its dead, and death and Hades gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the **lake of fire.** This **lake of fire** is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the **lake of fire.**

Revelation 20:4-15 (WSV)

- 1• Who can help me retell this Bible story? Who can pick up the story from . . . ?
- 2• What does this Bible story teach you about the ultimate fate of all those who oppose God?
- 3• What does this story teach is the primary work of Satan?
- 4• According to this story, who is thrown into the lake of fire and how long do they suffer?
- 5• Will you share in the first resurrection or suffer the second death? What about those who are in your family, friends or workplace?
- 6• Is there someone with whom you need to share this story?