

Facts of the Faith (Conclusion)

Review—Rapture, Antichrist, 7 Year Tribulation, Battle of Armageddon, The Return of Christ, Expulsion of Evil Trinity, 1,000 Year Reign of Christ.....

Revelation 20:7-21:8

**I. God will punish Satan Permanently.**

Vs 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.”

Story: Me killing the snake as a little boy, mom—“you sure took care of him.” God is going to one day take care of the devil for good!

**This punishment is:**

- A) Eternal—No escape, forever gone.
  - B) Severe—Fire and brimstone.
  - C) Just—God’s judgments are accurate.
- The Deceiver will be Doomed. Vs 10
  - Tempter will be Tortured. Matt. 4:3
  - Accuser will be Accursed. Rev.12:10
  - Liar will be Languished. John 8:44

God is going to eternally torture the devil and his minions.

**II. God will punish Sinners Eternally.**

**Vs 14** “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

Spiritual death—eternal separation from God.

The second death is the punishment Jesus warned about: “Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28). Death and Hades are the last to be thrown into the lake of

fire. [Sinner’s will be thrown into as well (Rev. 21:8).] He who holds the keys of death and Hades has finally turned the lock (Rev. 1:18). This picture [agrees] with Paul’s statement, “The last enemy to be destroyed is death “(I Cor. 15:26).

**Vs 15** “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Vs 11 Great White Throne, One who sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away.”— Sinner’s only

John 5:22 “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,”

Story: Freshman in high school/ written up and our principal let us off, at the Great White Throne Judgment God will let no one off!

**The sinner’s punishment will be:**

- A) Irreversible.** No second chances, no chance for parole, this judgment is final. Vs 15
- B) Inconceivable.** Horrendous suffering. Different degrees of punishment. **Hell.** Christ spoke of an unquenchable flame, an undying worm, and that it will be a place of horrific sounds (Weeping, gnashing of teeth).

**Mark 9:42-48 Hell—Valley of Hinnom/ Gehenna**—a garbage dump right outside Jerusalem where fires burned continually.

“Unquenchable flame” --Napalm—Dad in Vietnam—gasoline type jelly.—Continues to burn after contact./ Creosote

“Undying worm”—when a person dies and begins to decay worms help eat away the decaying body.....Jesus says in hell they will never stop eating!!!!

## Matthew 8:12 /5 times

“Outer Darkness”

“Weeping or wailing & gnashing of teeth.”

- Weeping/wailing—Gr—lamentation—expression of grief, sorrow.—Regret, eternal agony.
- Gnashing—Gr—Grating—harsh, raspy, annoying. Going crazy.

“A place of mental and physical torment”

Vs 12 “Small and great” Presidents, kings, pro-athletes, movie stars, rock stars, celebrities, janitors, waitresses, baby-sitters, truck-drivers, rich, poor, black, white,—will all stand before God in judgment. Men like Hitler, Stalin, Saddam Hussein, Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, and Marilyn Manson. Groups like AC/DC, Metallica, and KISS will stand before Him.

Jonas Brothers, Taylor Swift, Rihanna, Beyonce, Usher

Hollywood heart throbs—Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner—Twilight  
Kardashians—Kourtney, Khloe, Kim

**C) Unavoidable.** Will not be able to hide.  
Vs 11 “And there was found no place for them.”

**Ex.** Lindsey Lohan...claimed she was stuck in France because her passport had been stolen.

**III. God will dwell with the Saints Indefinitely.**

**Vs 3** “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

## Three things about this Heavenly Place:

**A) The Presence of God will be Permanent.**

OT/ NT History:

- God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden.
- After the fall God dwelt with Israel in the tabernacle and later the temple.
- When Israel sinned God had to leave.
- When Jesus came to earth, John 1:14, tells us that God “tabernacled” among us.
- Today, God dwells in the hearts and lives of believers in Spirit, but one day we will enjoy the full presence of God!

Illustration: Leaving the ones we love. There will be a day when we (Christians) will permanently be together with God forever!!

**B) The City will be Magnificent.**

Vs 21 “New heaven and a new earth...”

Vs 2 “The holy city, [Heaven’s Capital] New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”—Spectacular.

**Spectacular in terms of:**

- Stature—Vs 11 “having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.” Red or green.

Vs18 “The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.”

Vs 21 “And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”

Vs23 “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”

- Size—Vs 16 “12,000 Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 1500X1500X1500 miles. Grace Baptist Church to El Paso Texas is 1558 miles.

Walls—144 cubits/ 18 inches—216 ft. high

- Safety—Vs 25 “Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there.”

### **C) The Character of it will be Innocent.**

**Vs 27** “But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”

No perversion, no deceit, no greed, no evil, no sin!!!! It will be a place of absolute perfection!

Closing Story: In one of his books, A. M. Hunter, the New Testament scholar, Source unknown relates the story of a dying man who asked his Christian doctor to tell him something about the place to which he was going. As the doctor fumbled for a reply, he heard a scratching at the door, and he had his answer.

“Do you hear that?” he asked his patient. “It’s my dog. I left him downstairs, but he has grown impatient, and has come up and hears my voice. He has no notion what is inside this door, but he knows that I am here. Isn’t it the same with you? You don’t know what lies beyond the Door, but you know that your Master is there.”