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How Long Is Eternity?

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WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT _____ AND _____ WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU _____.

The _____ Of Heaven & Hell

Heaven is created for God's _____.

John 14:1 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. **2** There is more than enough room in my Father's home. *[Or There are many rooms in my Father's house.]* If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? **3** When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. **4** And you know the way to where I am going." *(NLT)*

Hell was created for _____ and his _____.

Matthew 25:41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons." *(NLT)*

Hell is a _____.

Isaiah 5:14 The grave *[Sheol]* is licking its lips in anticipation, opening its mouth wide. The great and the lowly and all the drunken mob will be swallowed up. *(NLT)*

Matthew 7:13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way." *(NLT)*

Joshua 24:15 "But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." *(NLT)*

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." *(NLT)*

Satan is not in _____- he is being _____.

Revelation 20:10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. *(NLT)*

Hell at this time is _____.

Revelation 20:13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave *[and Hades]* gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. **14** Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. **15** And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. *(NLT)*

- What is the "second death?"

Revelation 2:11 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death." *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:6 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 Christ and will reign with him a thousand years. *(NLT)*

Revelation 21:8 "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." *(NLT)*

How Is Hell _____?

- The English word "Hell" refers to a place of eternal punishment for the wicked.

_____ (Greek) / _____ (Hebrew)

- Both mean "place of the dead"

Luke 16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. **20** At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores **21** and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. **24** So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' **25** "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' **27** "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, **28** for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' **29** "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' **30** "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' **31** "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" *(NASB)*

- We are not given proper names but descriptions

- The temporary place of torment for the souls of the wicked dead.

Luke 23:43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." *(NLT)*

Hebrews 9:12 With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. **13** Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. **14** Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds *[dead works]* so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. **15** That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant…**22** In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. **23** That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals… **27** And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, **28** so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. *(NLT)*

_____ **(Greek)**

- Specific place currently holding fallen angels (demons).

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, *[Tartarus]* putting them in chains of darkness *[in gloomy dungeons]* to be held for judgment; *(NLT)*

Jude 6 And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. *(NLT)*

- There is a place mentioned that demons are currently chained up and will be released.

- If this is the same place these prisoners of the bottomless pit hate humanity and seek to destroy them, but God controls their terror and limits their power.

Revelation 9:1 Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. *[the abyss, or the underworld]* **2** When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke. **3** Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. **4** They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. **5** They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. **6** In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them! **7** The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. **8** They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. **9** They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. **10** They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people. **11** Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon—the Destroyer. *(NLT)*

Revelation 11:7 When they *(two witnesses)* complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit *[abyss, or the underworld]* will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. **8** And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, *[the great city]* the city that is figuratively called "Sodom" and "Egypt," the city where their Lord was crucified. *(NLT)*

- The "beast" mentioned in Revelation 11 is the same mentioned in Revelation 13.
- The abyss will be used again.

Revelation 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit *[abyss, or the underworld]* and a heavy chain in his hand. **2** He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. **3** The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while. *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:7 When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. **8** He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. **9** 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 the attacking armies and consumed them. **10** Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. *(NLT)*

_____ **(Greek, but originally from a Hebrew name)**

- Lake of Fire, Second death, Presently uninhabited
- One of two Eternal resting places.

- The Beast and the False Prophet will be cast into it at the end of the tribulation.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. *(NLT)*

- One thousand years later, Satan will be cast into it.

Revelation 20:10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. *(NLT)*

- Followed shortly by the lost people of all previous time periods

Revelation 20:15 And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. *(NLT)*

- They will all enter Gehenna together, in there resurrected bodies, where they will remain in torment for all eternity.