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Perish in the Old and New Testament.

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Topics.

- Perish in the Old Testament.
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NOTE: the purpose of this study is not to do an in-depth study on each topic, but simply to discover if there are any verses that link the word perish to eternal torment or even imply eternal torment. Since the majority of this study is simply a list of Scriptures that uses the word perish the following is the conclusion of the sum total of all the Scriptures in the Old and New Testament that use the word perish and perishing. In the Old Testament the word perish comes from the Hebrew word '*abad*', and from Strong's Concordance means to be lost; to destroy; to abolish; to destroy; to put to an end; to put out of the way entirely; to ruin or render useless; to kill or declare that a person must be put to death and to give one over to eternal death in the grave. In the New Testament the word perish comes from the Greek word *apollumi* and from Strong's Concordance means to destroy fully, to perish, to lose and to die. The Hebrew and Greek meaning of the word perish shows that it carries the idea of a person totally perishing and of God punishing and destroying the wicked until they utterly perish meaning they are judged to eternal death (i.e., total extinction).

Jesus said:

- God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not *perish*, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

And told his disciples:

- I give my sheep eternal life, and they shall never *perish* (John 10:28).

Jesus in these Scriptures is contrasting eternal life with perishing this is because in the context of these verses the word perishing refers to eternal death (i.e., total extinction). There are no Scriptures that use the word, perish that are linked to eternal torment or even imply eternal torment. This is because the traditional teaching that those outside of Christ will exist in some form of conscious spirit state and be painfully and cruelly tortured by eternal evil spirit creatures called demons in a place full of fiery flames which will forever burn their bodies for all eternity so that they will never be free of the most extreme agony is a gross misunderstanding of the word hell and a gross miss-representation of the nature and character of God. For further information concerning hell, see the following title:

- Hell or the Grave (Final destination of Humans).

In, Death (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Following are all the Scriptures from the Old and New Testament that use the word perish and perishing.

PERISH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Perish: in the Old Testament comes from the Hebrew word '*abad*', and from Strong's Concordance means to be lost; to destroy; to abolish; to destroy; to put to an end; to put out of the way entirely; to ruin or render useless; to kill or declare that a person must be put to death and to give one over to eternal death in the grave.

The following verses show, that perish means to die:

- **Numbers 17:10-12:** the LORD said to Moses, “Bring Aaron’s rod back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die.” ¹¹Thus did Moses; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did. ¹²So the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, “Surely we die, we *perish* we all *perish*!”
- **Numbers 24:20-24:** Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said: “Amalek was first among the nations, But shall be last until he *perish*.” --- NOW GO TO VERSE --- ²³Then he took up his oracle and said: “Alas! Who shall live when God does this? ²⁴ But ships shall come from the coasts of Cyprus, And they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber, And so shall Amalek, until he *perishes*.”
- **Deuteronomy 30:17-18:** But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸“I announce to you today that you shall surely *perish* you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in.
- **1 Samuel 26:10:** David said furthermore, “As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and *perish*.”
- **Job 20:4-9:** Do you not know this of old, Since man was placed on earth, ⁵That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment? ⁶Though his haughtiness mounts up to the heavens, And his head reaches to the clouds, ⁷Yet he will *perish* forever like his own refuse; Those who have seen him will say, ‘Where is he?’ ⁸He will fly away like a dream, and not be found; Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.
- **Job 34:15:** All flesh would *perish* together, And man would return to dust.
- **Psalms 9:18:** For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not *perish* forever.
- **Psalms 49:20:** A man who is in honour, yet does not understand, Is like the beasts that *perish*.
- **Psalms 68:2-3:** As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked *perish* at the presence of God.
- **Isaiah 26:14:** They are dead, they will not live; They are deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And made all their memory to *perish*.
- **Jeremiah 10:11:** Thus you shall say to them: “The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall *perish* from the earth and from under these heavens.
- **Jeremiah 10:15:** They are futile, a work of errors; In the time of their (idols) punishment they shall *perish*.

SUMMARY OF PERISH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Perish in the Old Testament carries with it the idea of putting to an end, being dead or non-existent. There are many other Scriptures in the Old Testament using the word Perish, but there are no Scripture using the word perish that teach everlasting torment.

PERISH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Perish: in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *apollumi* and from Strong’s Concordance means to destroy fully, to perish, to lose and to die. The following verses show that perish means death or to die.

- **Matthew 8:25:** His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are *perishing*!”

- **Matthew 18:14:** Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should *perish*.
- **Luke 8:24:** they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are *perishing*! Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased.
- **Luke 13:3-6:** I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise *perish*. 4 “Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise *perish*.
- **Luke 15:17:** But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I *perish* with hunger!
- **Luke 21:18:** But not a hair of your head will *perish*.
- **John 3:15-16:** that whoever believes in Him should not *perish* but have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not *perish* but have everlasting life.
- **John 10:28:** I give them eternal life, and they shall never *perish*.
- **Romans 2:12:** as many as have sinned without law will also *perish* without law.
- **1 Corinthians 8:11:** because of your knowledge shall the weak brother *perish*, for whom Christ died?
- **2 Corinthians 4:16:** Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is *perishing*.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12:** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who *perish*, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- **Hebrews 1:11:** They will *perish*, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment.
- **2 Peter 3:9:** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should *perish*.
- **2 Corinthians 2:15:** we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are *perish*.
- **2 Peter 2:12:** these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly *perish* in their own corruption.

SUMMARY OF PERISH IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

We began this study not to do an in-depth study on each topic, but simply to discover if there are any verses that teach or link the word *perish* to eternal torment. These verses show that the word *perish* in the Old and New Testament carries the sense of totally perishing and of God punishing and destroying the wicked until they utterly *perish* meaning they are judged to eternal death (i.e., total extinction). There are many other Scriptures in the New Testament using the word *perish*, but they all carry the same meaning as the above verses.

There are no Scriptures that uses the word *perish* that teach or are linked to everlasting torment. The book of Revelations talks of a second death and of the false prophet; the devil; death and hades (the grave) and whosevers name is not found written in the book of life, being judged by God Himself and thrown into a Lake of Fire which is called the Second Death. The Lake of Fire is a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total and utter extinction). It is at this judgment to the Lake of Fire that those who have denied God and the wicked will utterly *perish*.

For further information see the following title:

- Lake of Fire in Death (ON WEBSITE MENU).

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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