



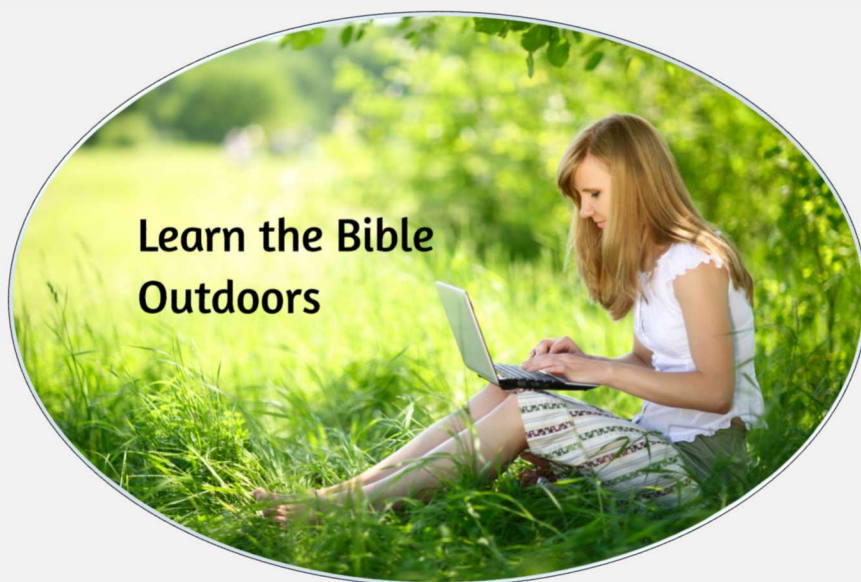
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Burn in the Old and New Testament.

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Topics.

- Sinners and those who forsake the Lord will burn together.
- He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
- Gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn.
- The chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.
- For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.
- Whoever does not abide in me, is thrown into the fire, and burned.
- The heavens and earth are preserved for fire until the Day of Judgment.
- The heavens will be dissolved and all works on the earth will be burned-up.

NOTE: the purpose of this document is not to do an in-depth study on each topic, but simply to discover if any verse using the word burn teach or link the word burn with eternal torment.

BURN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

SINNERS AND THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE LORD WILL BURN TOGETHER

- **Isaiah 1:28-31:** But rebels and sinners shall be broken together, and those who forsake the LORD *shall be consumed*. ²⁹For they shall be ashamed of the oaks that you desired; and you shall blush for the gardens that you have chosen. ³⁰For you shall be like an oak whose leaf withers, and like a garden without water. ³¹And the strong shall become tinder, and his work a spark, and *both of them shall burn together*, with none to quench them.

Burn carries the idea of a thing being consumed until it is totally gone almost all Old Testament Scripture, relating to burn are in relationship to burning things on the altar or burning Incense, burning wood or burning chariots. This is the only verse in the Old Testament that talks of sinners and those who forsake the LORD being burned until they are consumed by the fire. Notice there is no mention of eternal torment the word burn in this context carries the idea of total extinction.

There are no Scriptures in the Old Testament that use the word, burn or burning that implies everlasting torment.

BURN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

HE WILL BURN UP THE CHAFF WITH UNQUENCHABLE FIRE

- **Matthew 3:12:** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

The reason the word fire is the perfect word to describe the punishment of sinners is because fire is never satisfied until it has utterly consumed everything in its path. This is why it is called unquenchable because fire will never stop until everything in its path is destroyed.

GATHER TOGETHER THE TARES AND BIND THEM IN BUNDLES TO BURN

- **Matthew 13:30:** Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

At the end of this present age the wicked and corrupt will be burned with fire meaning doomed to eternal destruction and total extinction. Fire is the perfect symbol because it consumes everything in its path

THE CHAFF HE WILL BURN WITH UNQUENCHABLE FIRE

- **Luke 3:17:** His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

The chaff in this context is the wicked servants in the Lords Kingdom, the fire is called unquenchable, because fire is never satisfied; it always needs more fuel to keep it alive and will continue to burn until everything is utterly consumed and destroyed.

FOR IT IS BETTER TO MARRY THAN TO BURN WITH PASSION

- **1 Corinthians 7:9:** But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame (burn in KJV) with passion.

Burn/aflame in this context carries the idea of overflowing and uncontrollable sexual passion.

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WHOEVER DOES NOT ABIDE IN ME, IS THROWN INTO THE FIRE, AND BURNED

- **John 15:5-6:** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

Fire in this context carries the idea of total destruction and total extinction because fire consumes everything until it is utterly gone.

NOTICE: so far there has been no mention of eternal torment in fire.

THE HEAVENS AND EARTH ARE PRESERVED FOR FIRE UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

- **2 Peter 3:7:** But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

The fire in this context refers to the Lake of Fire which is also called the Second Death and takes place at the Great White Throne Judgment it is total and eternal extinction there is no coming back from this death. For further information concerning the Lake of Fire see, the title:

- Resurrection (Second or White Throne Judgment).
- In Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

- **2 Peter 3:10-13:** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Following are the two most common interpretations for these verses:

1. Some groups teach that the words, "The heavens will pass away and the earth will be burned up" have a literal application, they say the Heavens will literally pass away and the earth will be physically and literally utterly destroyed by fire.
2. Other groups teach that the words, "The heavens will pass away and the earth will be burned up" relate to the wickedness and corruptness of all the people of the earth being removed, because the verses say that the works that are in the earth will be burned up and that the heavens being dissolved applies to corrupt political powers, authorities and governments (especially corrupt religious authorities) that are on the earth being destroyed.

It matters little to debate over whether the first or second group is right because when Christ returns in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords to establish God's Kingdom of righteousness, justice, joy and peace on earth the Bible tells us deserts will flourish and a lamb will lie down with a wolf. So, it is clear there will be dramatic climate changes that will greatly enhance living conditions and for this to happen the heavens will dramatically change.

Added to this there is no doubt when Christ is ruling as the King of kings and Lord of lords all corrupt authorities and governments will be removed. So, the reality is that both groups have at some level a degree of truth, though the earth will not be destroyed it will experience dramatic natural disasters until the Lord returns in glory and then the climate will change to bring about the paradise conditions Adam and Eve had before the fall.

Added to this Christ will rule as a benevolent King to bring about a world that is fair to all. When this earth is changed in this fashion it would be perfectly right and proper for those living in that era to say they are living under New Heavens and upon a New Earth because the climate, the animal kingdom, authorities, governments and the world's trading system of mammon and materialism will be abolished. The deserts will become fruitful, there will be no more war and animals will not harm each other, but rather eat of the fruit and vegetation that the earth produces.

SUMMARY

Though there are many more Scriptures that use the word burn in the New Testament not one of them teach eternal torment. The word burn in the New Testament when used in the context of punishing sinners carries the idea of consuming them until they are utterly destroyed and nothing is left remaining (i.e., eternal extinction).

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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