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- **Revelation 21:8:** But as for the cowardly (fearful in KJV), the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

The word, "cowardly (fearful in KJV), in this context does not refer to those in Christ who are timid or sometimes of a fearful heart, on account of persecution, hardships, troubles, stress, and anxiety etc., but to those who through fear of men, or of the ungodly ten horned beast nations and their rulers, or for some other reason are afraid to believe the Gospel and make a confession for Christ. It would also include those who forsake their faith, because of fear of the following:

- Fear of persecution and loss of life.

- Fear of being rejected by family, or a loved one.

- Fear of losing their worldly reputation and worldly friends.

- Fear of losing their honour and high position in the world, or their worldly fame, or loss of some other kind.

- Fear of mockery, ridicule, and such like things.

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