

Bereans Bible Institute Module IV

Lesson 5, The Fire that Completely Incinerates

1. Sodom & Gomorrah – completely consumed, absolutely nothing remained.
 - A. 2 Peter 2:6 *“and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly”*
 - B. Jude 1:7 *“As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”*
 - C. 1 Kings 18:31-39 Elijah and the “Fire of God.”
2. Unquenchable fire completely consumes the wicked
 - A. Isaiah 1:18-31 (vs. 31 wicked will be “incinerated;” fire is unquenchable)
 1. JtB – Matt. 3:11-12
 - B. Isaiah 66:22-24 Corpses burned w/ unquenchable fire in Gehenna
 1. Jesus – Mark 9:42-48
 - C. Unquenchable fire on Jerusalem – Jer 17:27 (to be restored afterward)
 1. The “fire” consumes both “body and soul” (Isa. 10:16-25)
 1. Jesus – Matt 10:28 *“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”*
(Body & Soul explained in Matt. 6:25)
3. Gehenna & Tophet – the place where the corpses of the wicked will be burned up.
 - A. Isaiah 30:33 *“For Tophet was established of old, Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made it deep and large; Its pyre is fire with much wood; The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, Kindles it.”*
 - B. Jer. 7:30-33
 1. “Tophet” and “Ge-hinnom” are synonyms – same place.
 2. The Israelites burned their children to Molech & Baal there.
 3. It will become the valley of corpses (destruction by Nebuchadnezzar)
 - C. Jer. 19:1-15 Jeremiah prophesied of Jerusalem’s destruction, and the corpses filling “Tophet” and “Gehenna.”
 - D. Jer. 31:38-40 (cf. vss. 31-34) Gehenna / Tophet will eventually be cleansed and become *“dedicated to the Lord.”*
4. The Wicked will utterly be destroyed
 - A. Both “body and soul” (Matt. 10:28)
 - B. They will “perish” (Luke 13:3), like those killed by Herod or crushed in a building collapse.
 - C. They will be punished with “everlasting destruction” (2 Thess. 1:9).
5. Perpetual Torment for “ages” is for the Devil and His Angels (Rev. 20:7-15)
 - A. Tophet / Gehenna was prepared for “the king” (Isa. 30:33 – see 3.A. above)
 - B. “Eternal fire” was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41,46)