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Foreword

Most people have *no true concept* regarding what the **Bible** teaches compared to what

Popular churches and **popular leaders** are teaching.

They *assume* that what they are being taught and what the **Bible** teaches **is the same!**

Compare for yourself what the **Bible** says to what you have been **taught** and see the difference for *yourself*.

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Introduction

Jesus' 1st Coming

We find it difficult today to understand why the people of Jesus' day rejected him. The problem originated from the misconceptions that were in the minds of the people, taught to them by the religious leaders of their day. These misconceptions or **errors** held by the people **prevented them** from accepting truth and even Jesus Himself! They believed the Messiah would set up a **visible** kingdom.

Jesus' 2nd Coming

You'd think we would be wiser today, with their experience behind us, but Jesus warned that the same problem would exist again just before His second coming.

Once again the Religious Leaders will have misled the people and there will be false christs, and false teachings. This time the people will have been led to believe that Jesus will be **invisible** when He comes.

1. Why weren't the people of Christ's day ready for His **first coming**?
 - A. They did not study the **Scriptures** for themselves.
 - B. They relied on their **religious leaders** who misled and deceived them.
2. Do we dare rely upon the religious leaders of our day to prepare us for Christ's 2nd coming?
3. If we **dare not** rely upon religious leaders, what can we do to be sure we are prepared for the **2nd coming**?
 - A. "Compare Scripture with Scripture" 1 Cor. 2:13
 - B. "Write the vision and make it **plain** upon tables." Hab. 2:2

Let's **Study our Bibles** so we won't be misled!

PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE	COMMENT
Luke 21:26,27 "Men's hearts failing them for <u>fear</u> , and for looking after those <u>things which are coming on the earth</u> . And then shall they <u>see</u> the <u>Son of Man</u> coming in a cloud with power and great glory."	<i>Men will <u>fear</u> things coming upon the earth. We will <u>see</u> Jesus when He comes.</i>
2 Timothy 3:1-5 "This know also, that in the <u>last days</u> <u>perilous times</u> shall come. Men shall be <u>lovers of their own selves</u> ... without natural affection, ... <u>lovers of pleasure</u> more than lovers of God ...having a form of godliness"	<i>The conditions of <u>men's hearts</u> during the last days.</i>
Luke 17:26,27 "As it was <u>in the days of Noah</u> , so shall it be also in the <u>days of the Son of Man</u> ."	<i>When Jesus comes the earth will be like the <u>days of Noah</u></i>
Genesis 6:5 "And God saw that the <u>wickedness of man</u> was great in the earth and <u>every</u> imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only <u>evil continually</u> ."	<i>During <u>Noah's day</u> men were <u>very wicked</u>.</i>
Luke 17:28-30 "Likewise also as it was in the <u>days of Lot</u> : they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained <u>fire and brimstone from heaven</u> and destroyed <u>them all</u> . Even thus shall it be in the <u>day when the Son of Man is revealed</u> ."	<i>During the days just before Jesus comes, <u>men will still be doing ordinary things</u>.</i>
Jude 7 Even as <u>Sodom</u> and Gomorrah... <u>giving themselves over to fornication</u> and going after strange flesh are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."	<i>During the days just before Jesus comes men will be obsessed <u>with sex outside of marriage</u>.</i>
2 Peter 3:3,4 There shall come scoffers in the last days saying "Where is the promise of His coming?" ..."All things continue as they were from the beginning...."	<i><u>Scoffers in last days</u> mocking at Christ's coming again</i>

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2 Timothy 3:13 "But evil men and seducers shall wax <u>worse</u> and <u>worse</u> deceiving and being deceived."	<i>The world will become <u>more and more wicked</u>, and people will be deceived</i>
Revelation 3:14-18 ..."Thou art neither hot nor cold." ..."Thou sayest I am <u>rich</u> ...and in need of nothing" ..."Knowest not that thou art ...poor and <u>blind</u> and naked."	<i>Generally, people will be "<u>lukewarm</u>" or <u>apathetic</u>, neither hot or cold in the churches</i>
James 5:1-8 ..."Ye have <u>heaped</u> treasure together for the last days. ...Your gold and silver ...shall be a witness against you. ...The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."	<i><u>Great riches</u> of men gained by fraud</i>
John 14:1-3 ..."I go to prepare a place for you." ..."I <u>will come again</u> and receive you unto myself that where I am ye may be also."	<i>The <u>promise of Jesus to come again</u> for us</i>
Luke 24:51 "And it came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."	<i>Jesus went to heaven after His resurrection</i>
Acts 1:9-12 ...While they <u>beheld</u> He was taken up and a cloud received him...ye men of Galilee...this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so <u>come in like manner</u> as ye have seen Him go into heaven." "Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet...."	<i>The <u>manner that Jesus went to heaven as observed by the disciples</u> And <u>where</u> He was when His feet left the ground</i>
Matthew 24:30,31 "...They shall <u>see</u> the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ...He shall send His angels ...They shall gather together his elect from the four winds	<i>The <u>manner that Jesus will come again</u>.</i>

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Revelation 1:7 "Behold He cometh with clouds; and <u>every eye</u> shall <u>see</u> Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him."	<i>All will <u>see Jesus come</u></i>
Matthew 24:27 "For as the <u>lightning</u> cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the West, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."	<i>Manner or way that Jesus will come. (<u>Visible as the lightning</u>)</i>
Revelation 6:14-17 "...Every mountain and island were moved out of their places," "...the kings of the earth...the great men, the rich...the mighty... <u>hid themselves</u> in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains and said... <u>fall on us and hide us</u> from the face of Him who sitteth on the throne, and from the <u>wrath</u> of the Lamb for the <u>Great Day of His wrath</u> is come and who shall be able to stand?"	<i><u>Manner of Jesus coming</u> (<u>Visible to the wicked</u>) (Great physical changes to the earth)</i>
2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 "...The Lord Jesus shall be <u>revealed</u> from heaven with his mighty angels, <u>in flaming fire</u> taking vengeance on them that know not God ...who shall be <u>punished with everlasting destruction</u> from the presence of the Lord ... when He shall come <u>to be glorified in His saints...</u> "	<i>The <u>manner of Jesus coming and what happens to the wicked and God's people at his coming</u></i>
2 Thessalonians 2:8 "...Then shall that <u>wicked</u> be revealed whom the Lord shall <u>consume ...and destroy</u> with the <u>brightness</u> of His coming."	<i>When Jesus comes the <u>wicked (lawless one)</u> will be <u>destroyed with the brightness</u></i>
1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 "...The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a <u>shout</u> , with the voice of the Archangel, and with the <u>trump of God</u> and the <u>dead in Christ shall rise first</u> : Then <u>we</u> which are alive and remain shall be <u>caught up together with them</u> in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the <u>air</u> and so shall we ever be with the Lord."	<i>The <u>manner of Jesus coming and how we meet Him</u> (In the <u>air, not on the earth</u>)</i>

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<p>Isaiah 24:1-6 "Behold, the Lord maketh the <u>earth empty</u>, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be <u>as with the people, so with the priest</u>, as with the servant, so with his master...<u>The land shall be utterly emptied</u>, and utterly spoiled; for the Lord hath spoken this word...The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof: <u>because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant</u>. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth...Therefore <u>the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.</u>"</p>	<p><i>The <u>condition of the earth and the condition of its inhabitants after Jesus has come!</u></i></p>
<p>Matthew 24:37-41 "But <u>as the Days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be</u>. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ...And knew not until <u>the flood came, and took them all away</u>; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the <u>one shall be taken</u>, and the other left..."</p>	<p><i>As the <u>flood came and "took" the wicked away, so when Jesus comes the wicked will be "taken" in death again.</u></i></p>

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<p>heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and <u>remain</u> shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:22,23 As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.</p>	<p><i>The righteous will <u>remain</u> and the <u>left alive</u> when Jesus comes while the <u>wicked will be slain.</u></i></p>
<p>1 Corinthians 15:51-54 "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all <u>be changed</u>, in a <u>moment</u>, in the twinkling of an eye, <u>at the last trump</u>: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ...This <u>mortal must put on immortality.</u>"</p>	<p><i>At the trump of God, the <u>righteous will be given immortality</u></i></p>
<p>Matthew 25:13 "Watch therefore, for <u>ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.</u>"</p>	<p><i>Be ready always for Jesus to come</i></p>
<p>Matthew 24:44 "Therefore <u>be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not</u> the Son of Man cometh."</p>	<p><i>Jesus will come <u>unexpectedly</u></i></p>
<p>I Thessalonians 5:1-6 "For yourselves know perfectly that the <u>day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night</u>. For when they say <u>peace and safety</u>; then <u>sudden destruction cometh upon them</u>.. But ye brethren are not in darkness, that that <u>day should overtake you as a thief</u>....Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let <u>us watch and be sober.</u>"</p>	<p><i>Jesus will come <u>as a thief, unexpectedly to the wicked but His coming will not be a surprise to those who are watching for Him.</u></i></p>
<p>2 Peter 3:10,12 "But the <u>day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night</u>; in the which <u>the heavens shall pass away with a great noise</u>, and the elements shall melt with <u>fervent heat</u>, <u>the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.</u>"</p>	<p><i>When Jesus comes <u>as a thief there will be a loud noise and great heat which will burn the earth and the heavens. (It will not be an invisible coming)</u></i></p>

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<p>Luke 17:29, 30, 34-37 "But the same day that Lot went out of <u>Sodom</u> it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in <u>the day when the Son of Man is revealed</u> ... I tell you, in that night there shall be two in one bed; the <u>one shall be taken</u> and <u>the other left</u>. ... Two shall be in the field; the <u>one shall be taken</u>, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, <u>where</u> Lord? And He said unto them, <u>Wheresoever the body is thither will the eagles be gathered together.</u>"</p>	<p><i>The destruction of the wicked when Jesus comes will be like the destruction of Sodom: by fire from heaven.</i></p> <p><i>The <u>body of the one taken in death</u> will be where the <u>eagles</u> are.</i></p>
<p>Matthew 24: 27, 28 "For as the lightening cometh out of the east and shineth even to the West so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For <u>wheresoever</u> the carcass is, there will the eagles be <u>gathered together.</u>"</p>	<p><i>The <u>eagles</u> will gather where the <u>carcasses of the wicked</u> are.</i></p>
<p>Revelation 19:11, 16-18 "And I saw <u>heaven opened</u> and behold a <u>white horse</u> and He that sat upon him was called <u>Faithful and True</u>, and in righteousness he doth judge and <u>make war</u>... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a <u>name written</u>, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.</p> <p>And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, <u>saying to all the fowls</u> that fly in the midst of heaven, come and <u>gather yourselves together</u> unto the supper of the great God: that ye may <u>eat the flesh of kings</u>, and the <u>flesh of captains</u>, and the <u>flesh of mighty men</u>..."</p>	<p><i>The wicked will be food for the birds (<u>eagles</u>).</i></p>

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<p>Zephaniah 1:3,18 "I will consume man and beast; I will consume <u>the fowls of the heaven</u>, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the <u>land</u>, saith the Lord. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but <u>the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy</u>; for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land."</p>	<p><i>God will <u>destroy all life on earth</u> when he sends fire upon it. <u>The earth will be empty.</u></i></p>
<p>Jeremiah 4:23-27 "I beheld the earth and lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and lo there was <u>no man</u>, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and <u>all the cities thereof were broken down</u> at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, <u>the whole land shall be desolate</u>; yet will I not make a full end."</p>	<p><i>The <u>whole earth will be empty and desolate</u>, but God will <u>not make a full end yet.</u></i></p>
<p>Isaiah 24: 19, 21-23 "The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall <u>punish</u> the host of the high ones that are on high, and the <u>kings of the earth</u> upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and <u>after many days</u> shall they be visited."</p>	<p><i>While the earth is <u>desolate</u> the wicked are dead for a <u>long time.</u></i></p>

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<p>Revelation 20:1-3</p> <p>"And I saw <u>an angel come down from heaven</u>, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he <u>laid hold on</u> the dragon, that old serpent, which is the <u>Devil and Satan</u>, and bound him a <u>thousand years</u>, and <u>cast him into the bottomless pit</u> and <u>shut him up</u>, and set a seal upon him, that he should <u>deceive the nations no more</u>, <u>till the thousand years should be fulfilled</u>: and after that he must be loosed a little season."</p>	<p><i>The Devil will not be able to deceive anyone for a <u>long time</u> (1,000 years)</i></p>
<p>Revelation 20: 4,6,5</p> <p>"And I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: And I <u>saw</u> the souls of <u>them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus</u> and for <u>the word of God</u>, and which <u>had not worshipped the Beast</u>, neither his image, <u>neither had received his mark</u> upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they <u>lived and reigned with Christ</u> a thousand years.</p> <p>Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the <u>first resurrection</u>: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. But the <u>rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished</u>. This is the first resurrection."</p>	<p><i>During the <u>1,000 years</u> the <u>righteous</u> will be <u>living and reigning with Christ</u></i></p> <p><i>(in heaven because the earth will be desolate.)</i></p> <p><i>During the <u>1,000 years</u> the <u>wicked</u> will all be <u>dead!</u></i></p>
<p>Revelation 20: 7,8</p> <p>"And when the thousand years are expired, <u>Satan shall be loosed</u> out of his prison, and shall go out to <u>deceive the nations</u> which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, <u>to gather them together to battle</u>: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."</p>	<p><i>After the 1,000 years the <u>wicked</u> are <u>resurrected</u> and <u>Satan gathers them</u> for battle</i></p>

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<p>Zechariah 14:1-5,9</p> <p>"Behold <u>the day of the Lord cometh</u>...For I will <u>gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle</u>. ...Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations. ...And <u>His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives</u> ...and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, <u>and there shall be a very great valley</u> ...and the <u>Lord my God shall come</u>, and <u>all the saints with thee</u> ...And the Lord shall be king over all the earth."</p>	<p><i>After the <u>1,000 years</u> <u>Jesus returns to the earth for the 3rd time</u> and <u>His feet touch the mount of Olives</u>.</i></p> <p><i>The righteous who have been in heaven return to earth with Him.</i></p>
<p>Revelation 21:2,10</p> <p>"And I John saw the <u>holy city, new Jerusalem</u>, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And He carried me away in the spirit <u>to a great and high mountain</u>, and showed me that great city, the <u>new Jerusalem</u>, descending out of heaven from God."</p>	<p><i>The <u>holy city, new Jerusalem</u> comes down <u>out of heaven</u> and comes <u>to rest on earth where the mount of Olives</u> was before the feet of Jesus split it.</i></p>
<p>Revelation 20:7-9</p> <p>"And <u>when the thousand years are expired</u>, <u>Satan</u> ... shall go out to deceive the nations....<u>to gather them together to battle</u>: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And <u>they went up</u> on the breadth of the earth, <u>and compassed the camp of the saints about</u>, and the beloved city: and <u>fire came down from God out of heaven</u>, and <u>devoured them</u>."</p>	<p><i>Satan and all the wicked surround the <u>holy city</u> and God destroys them with fire from heaven.</i></p>
<p>Nahum 1:9,10</p> <p>"What do ye imagine against the Lord? <u>He will make an utter end</u>: affliction shall not rise up the second time. For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, <u>they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry</u>."</p>	<p><i>God will make a <u>complete end of the wicked</u>.</i></p>

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<p>Malachi 4:1-3 "For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea <u>all that do wickedly, shall be stubble</u>; and the day that cometh shall <u>burn them up</u>, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither <u>root nor branch</u>. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be <u>ashes</u> under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this saith the Lord of hosts."</p>	<p><i>The wicked will be burned up completely leaving only ashes!</i></p>
<p>Isaiah 47:14 "Behold, they shall be as stubble: <u>the fire shall burn them</u>: they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: <u>there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.</u>"</p>	<p><i>After the fire has burned up the wicked it will go out!</i></p>

Bible Concept Prophecies of Christ's Visible 2nd Coming

...*"every eye shall see Him"* (Rev. 1:7)

Visible Righteous

"We which are alive and remain shall be caught up...to meet the Lord in the air..." (1 Thes. 4:17)

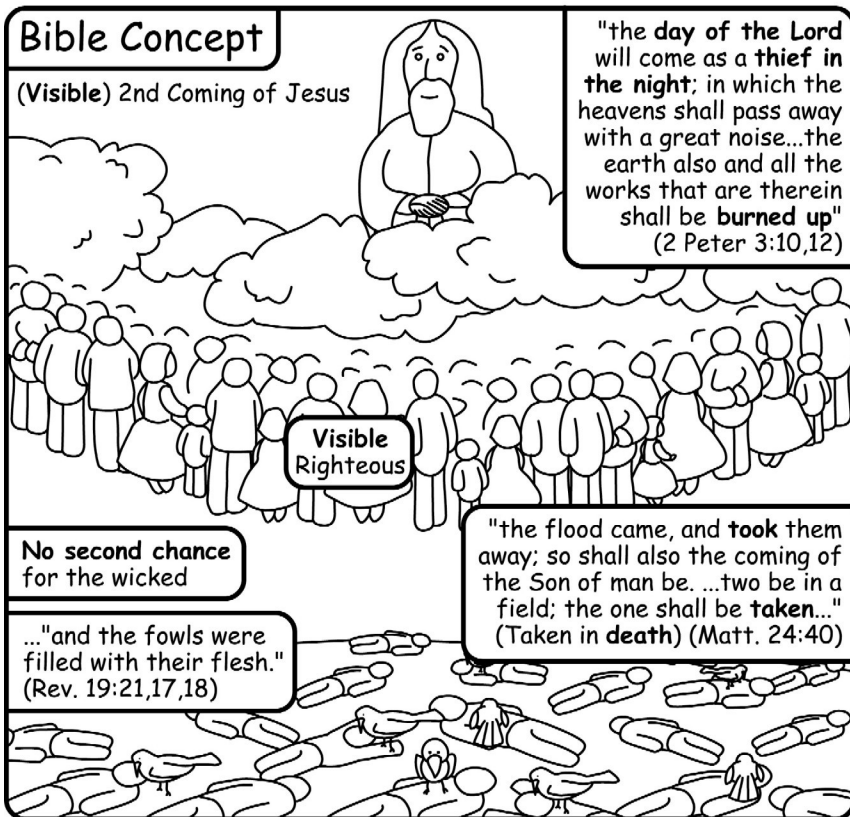
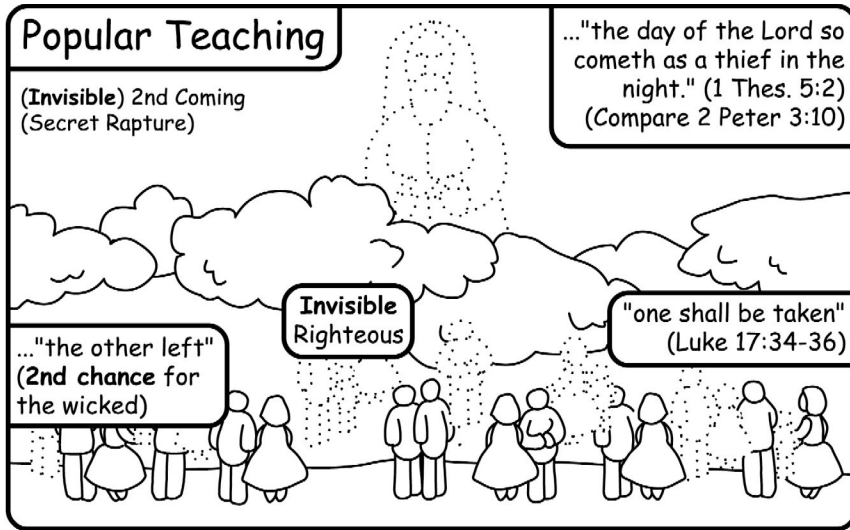
"...then shall that wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume...and destroy with the brightness of His coming." (2 Thess. 2:8)

The Wicked No 2nd chance

"the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise...the earth also and all the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10,12)

"...and the fowls were filled with their flesh." (Rev. 19:21,17,18)

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in a field; the one shall be taken..." (Taken in death) (Matt. 24:40)



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Introduction

Most people have heard of the "**Millennium**" or 1000 years in Revelation. This is a startling prophecy yet to be fulfilled.

Many people are confused about the Millennium because there are many different teachings on this subject.

Where will we be and what will we be doing during the 1000 years?

By *comparing* the Bible texts, the **truth** will become clear!

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<p>Matthew 24:27,28 "For as <u>the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even to the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be</u>. For <u>wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together</u>."</p>	<p><i>The <u>eagles</u> will gather where the <u>carcasses of the wicked</u> are.</i></p>

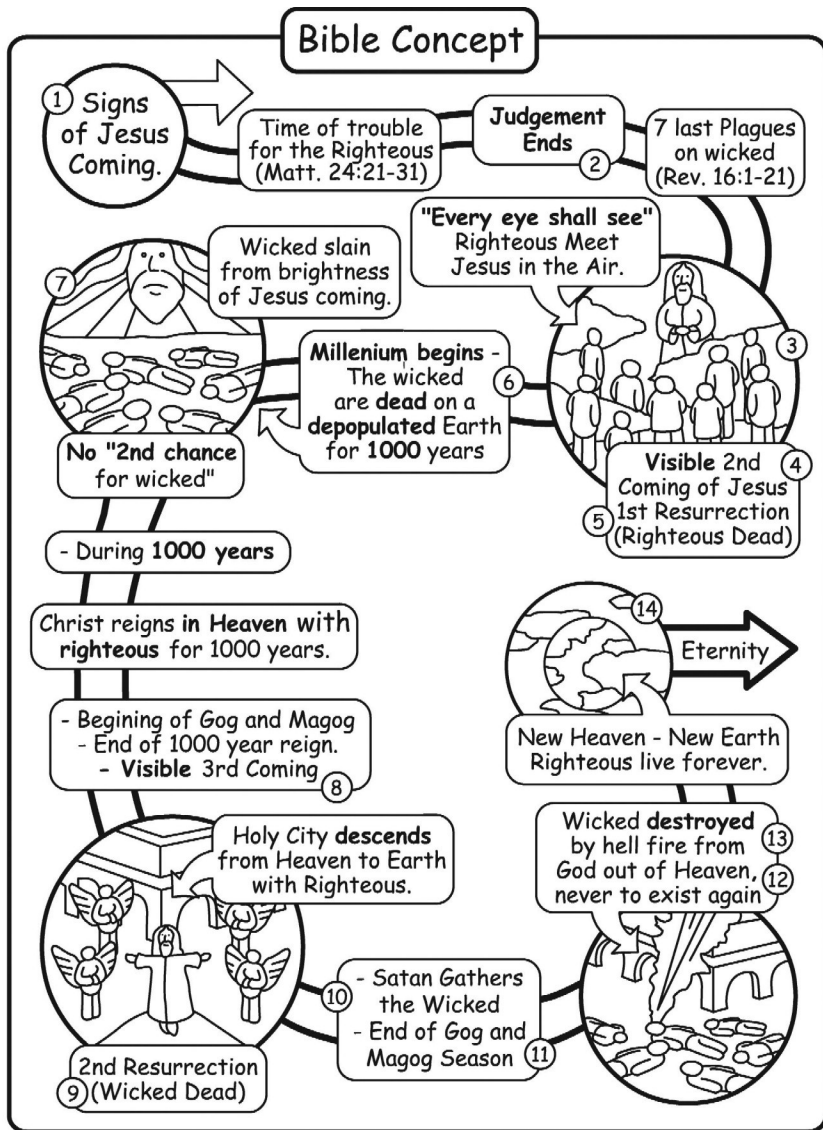
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<p>Revelation 19:11, 16-18 " And I <u>saw heaven opened</u> and behold a <u>white horse</u> and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and <u>make war</u>.... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a <u>name</u> written, <u>KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS</u>. And I saw an angle standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, <u>saying to all the fowls</u> that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and <u>gather yourselves together</u> unto the supper of the great God; that ye may <u>eat the flesh</u> of kings, and the <u>flesh of captains</u>, and the <u>flesh of mighty men</u>..."</p>	<p><i>The wicked will be food for the birds. (eagles)</i></p>
<p>Zephaniah 1:3,18 "I will consume man and beast; I will <u>consume the fowls</u> of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the lord. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them <u>in the day of the Lord's wrath</u>; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land."</p>	<p><i>God will <u>destroy all life on earth</u> when He sends fire upon it. The <u>earth will be empty</u>.</i></p>
<p>Jeremiah 4:23-27 "I beheld the earth and, lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. <u>I beheld, and, lo, there was no man</u>, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and <u>all the cities thereof were broken down</u> at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, the whole land shall be desolate: yet will I not make a full end."</p>	<p><i>The whole earth will be empty and desolate, but God will <u>not make a full end yet</u>.</i></p>

PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE	COMMENT
<p>Isaiah 24:19, 21-23 "The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. And it shall come to pass in that day, that <u>the Lord shall punish</u> the host of the high ones that are on high, and the <u>kings of the earth</u> upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the <u>pit</u>, and shall be shut up in the prison, and <u>after many days</u> shall they be visited."</p>	<p><i>While the earth is desolate <u>the wicked are dead for a long time</u>.</i></p>
<p>Revelation 20:1-3 "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he <u>laid hold on</u> the Dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a <u>thousand years</u>, And <u>cast him into the bottomless pit</u>, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should <u>deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled</u>: and after that he must be loosed a little season."</p>	<p><i>The Devil will not be able to deceive anyone for a <u>long time</u> (1000 years)</i></p>
<p>Revelation 20:4, 6, 5 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of <u>them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God</u>, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, <u>neither had received his mark</u> upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and <u>they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years</u>. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the <u>first resurrection</u>: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection."</p>	<p><i>During the 1000 years the <u>righteous</u> will be <u>living and reigning with Christ in heaven</u> because the <u>earth will be desolate</u>.</i></p> <p><i>During the 1000 years the <u>wicked</u> will all be <u>dead</u></i></p>

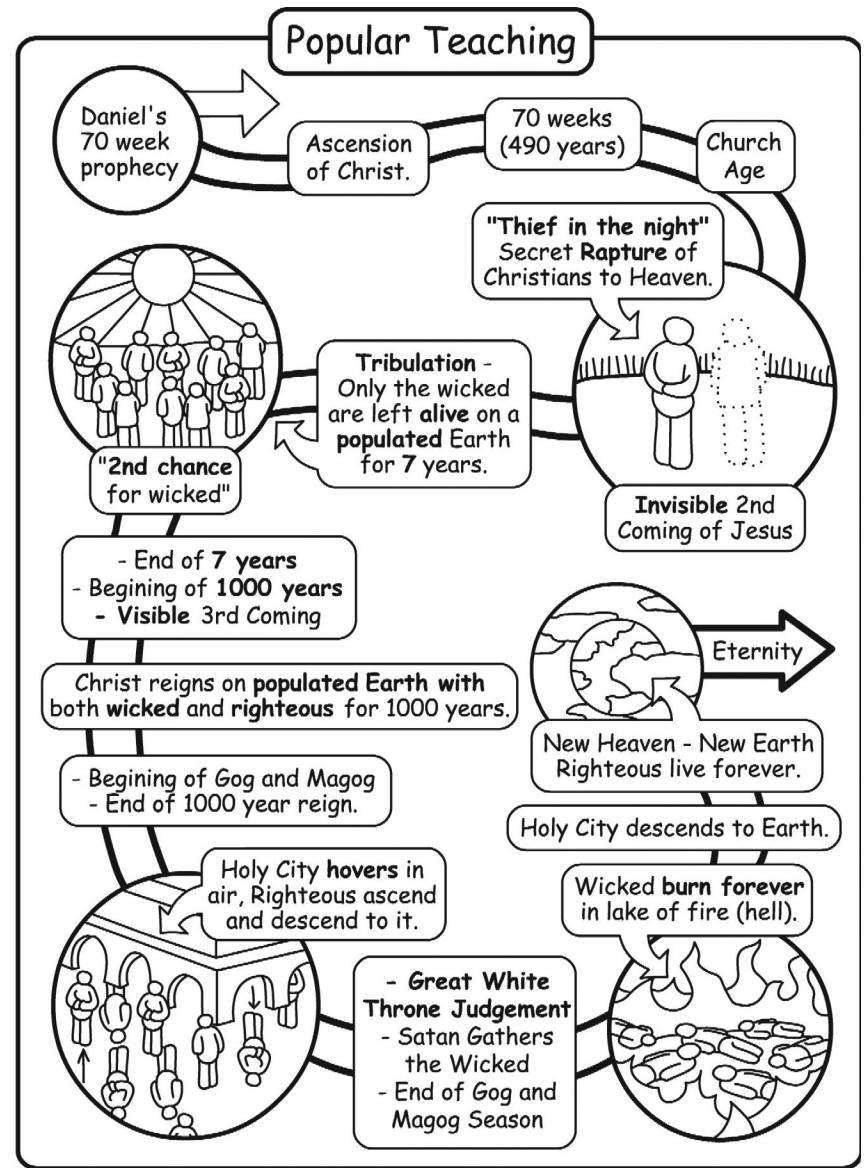
PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE	COMMENT
<p>Revelation 20:7, 8 "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number which is as the sand of the sea."</p>	<p><i>After the 1000 years the wicked are resurrected and Satan gathers them for battle.</i></p>
<p>Zechariah 14:1-5, 9 "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh... For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; ... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations... And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, ...and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley... And the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee... And the Lord shall be king over all the earth:..."</p>	<p><i>After the 1000 years Jesus returns to the earth for the 3rd time and His feet touch the mount of Olives.</i></p> <p><i>The righteous who have been in heaven return to earth with Him.</i></p>
<p>Revelation 21:2, 10 "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city the holy Jerusalem, descending out of the heaven from God."</p>	<p><i>The holy city, new Jerusalem comes down out of heaven and comes to rest on earth where the mount of Olives was before the feet of Jesus split it.</i></p>
<p>Revelation 20:7-9 "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan... shall go out to deceive the nations... to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."</p>	<p><i>Satan and all the wicked surround the holy city and God destroys them with fire from heaven.</i></p>

PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE	COMMENT
<p>Nahum 1:9, 10 "What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry."</p>	<p><i>God will make a complete end of the wicked.</i></p>
<p>Malachi 4:1,3 "For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."</p>	<p><i>The wicked will be burned up completely leaving only ashes!</i></p>
<p>Isaiah 47:14 "Behold, they shall be as stubble: the fire shall burn them: they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it."</p>	<p><i>After the fire has burned up the wicked it will go out!</i></p>

Now that we have seen the Bible Concept of the Millennium, let's compare it to the Popular belief.



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|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 (Mat. 24:3-33) | 6 (Jere. 4:23-25) | (Zech. 14:1-5) | 12 (Isa. 47:14) |
| 2 (Rev. 22:11, 12) | (Isa. 24:1-3) | (Jude 14,15) | (Mal. 4:1-3) |
| 3 (1 Thess. 4:16,17) | 7 (2 Thess. 1:7-10) | 9 (John 5:29) | (EzK. 28:14-19) |
| 4 (Re. 1:7) | (2 Thess. 2:8) | 10 (Rev. 20:7-9) | 13 (Rev. 20:9) |
| 5 (Re. 20:4-6) | 8 (Rev. 21:10) | 11 (Rev. 20:4,5) | 14 (Rev. 21:1-4) |



Bible Concept

Visible 3rd Coming of Jesus
(After 1000 Year Period)

..."Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints." (Jude 14)

"And He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that Great City, the Holy Jerusalem descending out of Heaven from God."
(Rev. 21:10)

New Jerusalem
(Holy City)

Mount of Olives

3rd Coming
"And His Feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives...and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof...and there shall be a very great valley! (Zech. 14:4)

Bible Concept

The Battle Of Armageddon

Fire from God
out of Heaven.

After The 1000 year period
(Rev. 20:7-9)

New Jerusalem
(Holy City)

"The wicked of all ages"

Satan
(The devil)

"For they are the spirits of devils which go forth unto... the **whole world** to gather them to the battle of that **great day of God almighty**"
(Rev. 16:14)

"**Satan shall...go out to...gather them together to battle...and they... compassed the camp of the saints about, and the **beloved city** and **fire** came down from **God** out of **Heaven** and devoured them.**" (Rev. 20:7-9)

The
Bible Concept
Of
Hell
Compared to
Popular Belief

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Introduction

Questions to Think About...

If God intended for the wicked to live forever, why did He ban Adam and Eve from the Tree of **Life** after they had sinned? Gen. 3:22-24

Why does God promise the **reward** of Eternal Life to the righteous, if everyone, wicked or righteous, already has it?

Why does the Bible talk about the **Second Death** (Rev. 2:11; Rev. 20:6; Rev. 21:8) for the wicked if the wicked continue to live forever? **Death** is the *opposite* of **Life**!

QUESTION/SCRIPTURE

Choose the answer to each question after reading the Bible texts which follow.

Question: *Is Hellfire:*
A. *Burning now*
B. *To burn at the end of the world*

Deuteronomy 32:22

“For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.”

Luke 12:49

“I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?”

Matthew 13:40

“As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (Check one)

Notes:

Question: Are the wicked dead:
A. Now suffering in the fire of hell
B. Resting in their graves without any consciousness

Job 21:26-32

“They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me. For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? ... Do ye not know ... that the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done? Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.”

Job 3:11, 13, 17-19, 22

“Why died I not from the womb? ... For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest... There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master. Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?”

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6

“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished...

Psalms 146:4

“His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: Are the wicked angels and Satan:
A. Suffering now in a burning hell
B. Reserved until the judgment day, at the end of the world to be punished with fire

II Peter 2:4

“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;...”

Jude 6, 7

“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, ... are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

- Question:** *Why will hell fire be prepared?*
- A. *So that Satan can burn and torture people in it.*
 - B. *So that Satan and his evil angels can be burned up along with all the wicked.*

Matthew 25:41, 46

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

II Peter 2:9

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.”

Revelation 20:10

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

- Question:** *Is Hellfire:*
- A. *A place of fire in the earth*
 - B. *Fire which comes down from God out of heaven and falls on the earth*

Revelation 20:7, 9

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan... shall go out to ... gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up ... and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

Malachi 4:1, 3

“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, ... it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ... They shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: Will Hellfire:
A. Burn the wicked continually without end
B. Burn up the wicked and then go out

Job 21:27, 29, 30

“Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me. For ye say, ... where are the dwelling places of the wicked? Do ye not know...that the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction?”

Nahum 1:9, 10

“What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: ... they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.”

Malachi 4:1, 3

“All that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, ... it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ... They shall be ashes...”

Isaiah 47:14

“Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; ... there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: Will Hell fire:
A. Destroy the **body** but not the soul of the wicked
B. Destroy both **body and soul** of the wicked

Matthew 10:28

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Ezekiel 18:4

“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall **die**.”

Psalms 22:29

“All they that go down to the dust ... and none can keep alive his own soul.”

Psalms 49:7, 8

“None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

- Question:** Is **immortality** (not capable of dying):
- A. Something that the **soul** of a person **now has**, whether he/she is wicked or righteous
 - B. Belongs only to God now, but will be given to the righteous at the second coming of Jesus

I Timothy 6:15, 16

“... The King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality...”

Romans 2:7

“To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life.”

I John 5:12

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

I Corinthians 15:53, 54

“For... this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

- Question:** Is **Satan** :
- A. Red and has horns and is very ugly
 - B. A beautiful angel

Ezekiel 28:12-14

“Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God... Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...”

Isaiah 14:12

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!”

Revelation 12:7, 9

“And there was war in heaven... Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

II Corinthians 11:14, 15

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: Will the one supervising the burning of the wicked be:
A. Satan
B. Jesus, in the presence of the holy angels

Revelation 14:9, 10

“If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,... and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb...”

Matthew 13:40-42

“... So shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather ... them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: While in Hellfire, will the wicked:
A. All burn for the same time (eternity)
B. Each burn for a different length of time, depending on their wickedness, but will all finally be reduced to ashes and cease to exist, including Satan and his angels

Luke 12:47, 48

“And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes.”

Nahum 1:9

“What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end...”

Malachi 4:3

“And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet...”

Ezekiel 28:16, 18, 19

“I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, ... a fire ... shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth... and never shalt thou be any more.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: Concerning the burning of the wicked and God, does He:

- A. Enjoy burning them
- B. Have no pleasure in their destruction by fire

Ezekiel 18:23

“Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?”

Ezekiel 33:11

“Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; ...”

Isaiah 28:21, 22

“For the LORD shall rise up... as in the valley of **Gibeon**, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. ...a consumption*, even determined upon the whole earth.”

* Heb. 3617 *Kalah* – completion, completely, utter destruction, full end, riddance

Joshua 10:10, 11

“And the LORD ...slew them with a great slaughter at **Gibeon**,... the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them ... and they died.”

Isaiah 30:30

“And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard ...with the flame of a devouring fire... and hailstones.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: When Jesus came to earth as a man, was His intention to:

- A. Allow the Devil to put Him to death but then get even with him by punishing him forever
- B. Die for us so that He could destroy death and destroy the Devil who had the power of death

Hebrews 2:14

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy* him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”

* Gr. 2673 *Katargeo* – abolish, cease, destroy, do away, vanish away

Revelation 20:10

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...”

Revelation 20:15

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:14

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

Question: Will the new heavens and new earth be created:

- A. While the wicked continue to burn in hellfire, experiencing pain while the righteous watch them with sorrow for eternity
- B. After hellfire has gone out and the wicked have ceased to exist and all pain and sorrow are **gone** for eternity

Revelation 20:14, 15

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 21:1, 4

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away... And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Answer: A _____ B _____ (check one)

Notes:

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	
<p>Isaiah 14 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet <u>thou shalt be brought down to hell</u> to the sides of the pit.</p>	<p>Isaiah 38 9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness: 10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years. 18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that <u>go down into the pit</u> cannot hope for thy truth.</p>
<p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p>Hell Is. 14:15 thou shalt be brought down to <i>h</i>. (7585)</p>	<p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p>Grave Is. 38:10 I shall go to the gates of the <i>g</i>. (7585) Is. 38:18 the <i>g</i>. cannot praise thee, death (7585)</p>
<p>Hebrew Dictionary</p> <p>7585. שׂוֹל sh'ôwl, sheh-ole'; or</p> <p>שׂוֹל sh'ôl, sheh-ole'; from 7592; hades or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat) incl. Its accesso-ries and inmates: -- grave</p>	

Ezekiel 28

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...
15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a **fire** from the midst of thee, it shall **devour** thee, and I will bring thee to **ashes** upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and **never shalt thou be any more.**

Strong's Concordance

Devour

Eze 28:18 It shall d thee, and I will bring

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Hebrew Dictionary

398. אָכַל 'ākal, aw-kal'; a prim. root; to eat (lit. or fig.) – x at all, burn up, con-sume, devour (-er, up), dine, eat (-er, up), feed (with), food, x freely, x in ... wise (-deed, plenty), (lay) meat, x quite

Psalms 37

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

Strong's Concordance

Consume

Ps 37:20 c; into smoke shall they c away

3615

Hebrew Dictionary

3615. כָּלָה kālāh, kaw-law'; a prim. root; to end, whether intr. (to cease, be finished, perish) or tran. (to complete, prepare, consume): -- accomplish, cease, consume (away), determine, destroy (utterly), be (when ... were) done, (be an) end (of), expire, (cause to) fail, faint, finish, fulfil, x fully, x have, leave (off), long, bring to pass, wholly reap, make clean riddance, spend, quite take away, waste.

Psalms 104

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Strong's Concordance

Consumed

Ps 104:35 Let the sinners be s out of the

8552

Hebrew Dictionary

8552. תָּמַם tāmam, taw-mam'; a prim. root; to complete, in a good or a bad sense, lit. or fig., trans. or intrans. (as follows): -- accomplish, cease, be clean, [pass-] ed, consume, have done, (come to an) end, fail, come to the full, be all gone, x be all here, be (make) perfect, be spent, sum, be (shew self) upright, be wasted, whole.

What does the Bible mean by “Fire is not quenched”?

Mark 9

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not **quenched**.

Jeremiah 17

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

II Chronicles 36

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and **burnt all the palaces** thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:
21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

RIRI F'S ANSWER

Fire that cannot be put out until it has burned up that which the Lord wants to destroy!

1. The wicked will be destroyed by fire at the end of the world.
2. The fire will come down from Heaven upon the wicked like it did on Sodom and Gomorrah.
3. The fire will consume or completely burn up the wicked and then it will go out.
4. The wicked will suffer briefly and then cease to exist.
5. Satan and his angels will also be burned up and cease to exist.
6. God will create new heavens and a new earth, where the saved will live for eternity.

Now, let's see what some popular churches teach!

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LESSON THIRTY-SEVENTH.

ON THE LAST JUDGMENT AND RESURRECTION,
HELL, PURGATORY AND HEAVEN.

Q. 1371. When will Christ judge us?

A. Christ will judge us immediately after our death, and on the last day.

Q. 1372. What is the judgment called which we have to undergo immediately after death?

A. The judgment we have to undergo immediately after death is called the Particular Judgment.

Q. 1373. Where will the particular judgment be held?

A. The particular judgment will be held in the place where each person dies, and the soul will go immediately to its reward or punishment.

Q. 1378. What are the rewards or punishments appointed for men's souls after the Particular Judgment?

A. The rewards or punishments appointed for men's souls after the Particular Judgment are Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell.

Q. 1379. What is Hell?

A. Hell is a state to which the wicked are condemned, and in which they are deprived of the sight of God for all eternity, and are in dreadful torments.

Q. 1380. Will the damned suffer in both mind and body?

A. The damned will suffer in both mind and body, because both mind and body had a share in their sins. The mind suffers the "pain of loss" in which it is tortured by the thought of having lost God forever, and the body suffers the "pain of sense" by which it is tortured in all its members and senses.

Q. 1398. Are the rewards in heaven and the punishments in hell the same for all who enter into either of these states?

A. The rewards of heaven and the punishments in hell are not the same for all who enter into either of these states, because each one's reward or punishment is in proportion to the amount of good or evil he has done in this world. But as heaven and hell are everlasting, each one will enjoy his reward or suffer his punishment forever.

Q. 1400. Name some of the more essential religious truths we must know and believe.

A. Some of the more essential religious truths we must know and believe are:

(1) That there is but one God, and He will reward the good and punish the wicked.

(2) That in God there are three Divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these Divine Persons are called the Blessed Trinity.

(3) That Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, became man and died for our redemption.

(4) That the grace of God is necessary for our salvation.

(5) That the human soul is immortal.

The
Bible Concept
Of
Death
Compared to
Popular Belief

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The subject of Death or What happens when a person dies is **very important** to understand. The majority of people do not have a **Biblical** understanding of death. Their understanding is based on "hearsay" or TV or what they have been told by their pastor, priest, or friend! They **do not have** a first hand understanding of what the Scriptures say about death, gained from personal study!

This booklet is dedicated to those who want a firsthand understanding of what the Scriptures teach about death. Satan's first lie concerned death and his last lie will concern death.

A Biblical understanding of the true state of the dead will prevent you from falling for his last lie!

and where did this concept come from?

In his book, "The Bible Speaks to You," Robert McAfee Brown shows that the concept of "immortality of the soul" comes from the Greeks. This concept in effect says that at death you don't really die, but that a part of you, (immortal soul) continues to live. Similarly, George S. Hendry, in his book "The Westminster Confession for Today," says that the idea of the soul being immortal, cannot be based on Scripture, because the Bible states that "God alone has immortality" (I Timothy 6:16). Edward White, in his book "Life in Christ" states that "the doctrine of the immortal soul is never once explicitly given in the Scriptures." He states that including Jewish writings, over 100 writers have all failed to give any reference to an immortal soul.

Where did the "Christian Church" get such strange beliefs about death?

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"We might naturally expect that a principle so essential to religion would have been revealed in the clearest terms to the chosen people of Palestine, and that it might safely have been intrusted to the hereditary priesthood of Aaron. It is incumbent on us to adore the mysterious dispensations of Providence, when we discover that the **doctrine of the immortality** of the soul is **omitted** in the law of Moses;....

After Cyrus had permitted the exiled nation to return into the promised land, and after Ezra had restored the ancient records of their religion, two celebrated sects, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees, insensibly arose at Jerusalem. The former selected from the more opulent and distinguished ranks of society, were strictly attached to the literal sense of the Mosaic law, and they piously rejected the immortality of the soul, as an opinion that received no countenance from the divine book, which they revered as the only rule of their faith. To the authority of scripture the Pharisees added that of tradition, and they accepted, under the name of **traditions,**

several speculative tenets from the philosophy or religion of the eastern nations.

The doctrines of fate or predestination, of angels and spirits, and of a future state of rewards and punishments, were in the number of these new articles of belief; and as the Pharisees, by the austerity of their manners, had drawn into their party the body of the Jewish people, the immortality of the soul became the prevailing sentiment of the synagogue under the reign of the Asmonaeen princes and pontiffs. The temper of the Jews was incapable of contenting itself with such a cold and languid assent as might satisfy the mind of a Polytheist; and as soon as they admitted the idea of a future state, they embraced it with the zeal which has always formed the characteristic of the nation. Their zeal, however, added nothing to its evidence, or even probability;...”

<p>Matthew 15 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that <u>the Pharisees</u> were offended, after they heard this saying? 13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone; <u>they be blind leaders</u> of the blind. <u>And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.</u></p>
<p>Matthew 16 6 Then <u>Jesus said</u> unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not <u>beware</u> of the leaven of bread, but <u>of the doctrine</u> of the <u>Pharisees</u> and of the <u>Sadducees</u>.</p>
<p>Matthew 15 9 But <u>in vain</u> they do worship me, <u>teaching for doctrines</u> the <u>commandments of men</u>.</p>

THE BIBLE CONCEPT OF DEATH

What is death like?

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT
<p>James 2:26 “For as the body without the <u>spirit</u> is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”</p>	<p><i>The body without the spirit is dead</i></p>
<p>Job 27:3 “All the while my breath is in me, and the <u>spirit</u> of God is in my nostrils;”</p>	<p><i>The <u>SPIRIT</u> is the BREATH (Heb. Ruwach / Greek-Pneuma - breath)</i></p>
<p>Genesis 2:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a <u>living soul</u>.”</p>	<p><i>The soul is the combination of breath and body.</i> <i>Dust + breath = Living soul Body + breath = Living soul</i></p>
<p>Psalm 22:29 “All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and <u>none can keep alive his own soul</u>.”</p>	<p><i>None can keep alive his own soul</i></p>
<p>Ezekiel 18:20 “<u>The soul</u> that sinneth, <u>it shall die</u>. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”</p>	<p><i>Souls are not immortal but die</i></p>
<p>Revelation 16:3 “And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and <u>every living soul</u> died in the sea.”</p>	<p><i>A soul can even refer to a fish: a <u>soul</u> just means "a living, breathing creature" Heb - Nephesh/ Greek Psuche</i></p>

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<p>Ecclesiastes 3:19, 20 “For <u>that which befalleth the sons of men</u> befalleth <u>beasts</u>; even one thing befalleth them: <u>as the one dieth, so dieth the other</u>; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. <u>All go unto one place</u>; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.”</p>	<p><i>A man dies just like an animal and they both "go" to the same place, the grave.</i></p>
<p>Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10 “For the living know that they shall die: but <u>the dead know not any thing</u>, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also <u>their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished</u>; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. ... Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is <u>no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave</u>, whither thou goest.”</p>	<p><i>When a person dies, they know nothing. They have no reward, nor memory, nor love, nor hate, nor work, nor knowledge, in the grave.</i></p>
<p>Psalms 146:4 “His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day <u>his thoughts perish</u>.”</p>	<p><i>When the breath leaves the body the thoughts perish or cease.</i></p>
<p>Ecclesiastes 12:7 “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”</p>	<p><i>The spirit, or breath returns to God at death. The body turns to dust, and waits in the grave.</i></p>
<p>John 5:25 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, <u>The hour is coming</u>, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and <u>they that hear shall live</u>.”</p>	<p><i>The dead do not now hear the voice of God, but the "hour" is coming when they will hear his voice.</i></p>

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<p>John 5:28, 29 “Marvel not at this: for the <u>hour is coming</u>, in the which <u>all that are in the graves shall hear his voice</u>, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto <u>the resurrection</u> of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”</p>	<p><i>That "hour" is on the resurrection morning, at the second coming of Jesus.</i></p>
<p>Job 17:13, 16 “If I wait, the <u>grave is mine house</u>: I have made my bed in the darkness. ... They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.”</p>	<p><i>Until the Resurrection Day, the grave, or "pit" is our "house."</i></p>
<p>Acts 2:29, 34 “Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch <u>David, that he is both dead and buried</u>, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. ... For <u>David is not ascended into the heavens</u>: but he saith himself, the Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand.”</p>	<p><i>The prophet David is dead in his tomb and has <u>not</u> ascended to Heaven</i></p>
<p>Psalms 17:15 “As for me, <u>I will behold thy face in righteousness</u>: I shall be satisfied, <u>when I awake</u>, with thy likeness.”</p>	<p><i>David looked forward to the resurrection morning when he would awake.</i></p>
<p>Psalms 115:17 “The <u>dead praise not the Lord</u>, neither any that go down into silence.”</p>	<p><i>If the dead went to heaven at death, they would praise God, but David says "The dead praise not the Lord."</i></p>

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BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT
<p>Luke 23:52-54 “This man went unto Pilate, and begged the <u>body of Jesus</u>. And he</p>	<p><i>Jesus died on Friday (Preparation day)</i></p>

took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And <u>that day was the preparation</u> , and the Sabbath drew on.”	
Luke 23:39-43 “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And <u>he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.</u> And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, <u>Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.</u> ”	<i>Jesus could <u>not</u> have promised the thief that "today" (Friday) he would be in heaven (Paradise) with Him, Because:</i> (See text below)
John 20:1, 17 “The <u>first day of the week</u> cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. ... <u>Jesus saith</u> unto her, Touch me not; for <u>I am not yet ascended to my Father</u> : but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.	<i>Jesus did <u>not</u> go to heaven on <u>Friday</u> and still had <u>not ascended to heaven</u> by <u>Sunday morning!</u> <i>Jesus was resurrected on Sunday (First day) and said He had <u>not ascended to His Father</u>, so <u>He was not in heaven</u> while He was <u>dead</u>.</i></i>

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BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT
Luke 23:43 “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say	<i>When the original scriptures were written in the Greek, there</i>

unto thee To day, thou shalt be with me in paradise.”	<i>was no punctuation (no comma's, etc.). Punctuation was not even invented until many years later. If the "comma" is placed after the word "To day," a different meaning is implied which is consistent with the rest of the scriptures. Christ simply was assuring the thief he would be in heaven with him some day.</i>
Daniel 12:2 “And many of them that <u>sleep</u> in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”	<i>Daniel called <u>death</u> a <u>sleep</u>.</i>
John 11:11-14 “These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend <u>Lazarus sleepeth</u> ; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly. <u>Lazarus is dead</u> .”	<i>Jesus also called <u>death</u> a <u>sleep</u>.</i>

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<p>I Thessalonians 4 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.</p>	<p><i>Paul spoke of <u>death</u> as a <u>sleep</u> and told us this, so that we would "<u>not be ignorant</u> and "<u>sorrow as others</u>"... who do not know the true condition of man in death, and therefore have "<u>no hope</u>."</i></p>
<p>Matthew 27 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the <u>saints which slept arose</u>, 53 And <u>came out of the graves</u> after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.</p>	<p><i>After Jesus was resurrected, "<u>many of the saints which slept, came out of their graves</u>" and went into the city and "<u>appeared unto many</u>."..... <u>IF</u> the saints were already in heaven, instead of in their graves as the bible says, it would have been an awful punishment to have to come back down to this earth.</i></p>

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<p>Luke 24:36-43 "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? <u>Behold my hands and my feet</u>, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them."</p>	<p><i>After Jesus had been resurrected, He had a <u>real body of flesh</u>. He was not a ghost or "spirit."</i></p>
<p>Acts 1:9-11 "And when he had spoken these things, <u>while they beheld, he was taken up</u>; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, <u>shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven</u>."</p>	<p><i>Jesus went back to heaven with a <u>real body</u> and He will return with a real body.</i></p>

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Revelation 1:7	<i>When Jesus comes</i>
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<p>“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and <u>every eye shall see him</u>, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”</p>	<p><i>the second time, every eye will <u>see His real body.</u></i></p>
<p>Job 19:25, 26 “For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet <u>in my flesh shall I see God:</u>”</p>	<p><i>Job expected to be in a <u>real body</u> again, after worms destroyed his body in the grave, but <u>not until his Redeemer came back for him "at the latter day."</u></i></p>
<p>Isaiah 66:22, 23 “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, <u>shall all flesh come to worship before me</u>, saith the Lord.”</p>	<p><i>Throughout eternity we will gather together <u>as flesh</u> to worship God on the Sabbath.</i></p>
<p>Job 14:12, 14 12 So <u>man lieth down</u>, and <u>riseth not</u>: till the heavens be no more, <u>they shall not awake</u>, nor be raised <u>out of their sleep</u>. ... If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time <u>will I wait</u>, <u>till my change come</u>.</p>	<p><i>The dead will remain in their graves, "asleep" until the appointed time, the resurrection day. They will stay in their graves "until the heavens be no more".</i></p>

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<p>Revelation 6:14, 15 And <u>the heaven departed as a scroll</u> when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;”</p>	<p><i>The second coming of Christ will be the day when "<u>heaven departs as a scroll.</u>"</i></p>
<p>I Thessalonians 4:16, 17 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the <u>dead in Christ</u> shall <u>rise first</u>: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”</p>	<p><i>At Christ's second coming the righteous dead will be resurrected and caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.</i></p>

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<p>I Corinthians 15:12-23 “Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is <u>Christ risen</u> from the dead, and become the <u>firstfruits</u> of <u>them</u> that <u>slept</u>. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be <u>made alive</u>. But every man in his own order: <u>Christ the firstfruits</u>; afterward <u>they that are Christ's</u> at his coming.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">64</p>	<p><i>The righteous "<u>shall be made alive</u>" at His coming.</i></p>
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<p>I Corinthians 15:51-54 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but <u>we shall all be changed</u>, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for <u>the trumpet shall sound</u>, and the <u>dead shall be raised</u> incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and <u>this mortal must put on immortality</u>. So <u>when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then</u> shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, <u>Death is swallowed up in victory.</u>”</p>	<p><i>When Christ comes the second time <u>mortal man will put on immortality</u>. Death will be conquered at last.</i></p>
<p>Isaiah 38:18, 19 “For the <u>grave cannot praise thee</u>, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. <u>The living, the living, he shall praise thee</u>, as I do this day: the father to the children shall <u>make known thy truth</u>.”</p>	<p><i>Now is our <u>probationary period</u> to love, serve, and praise the Lord. Now is the time to <u>learn God's truth, while we are alive</u>. The dead "cannot...hope for the truth."</i></p>

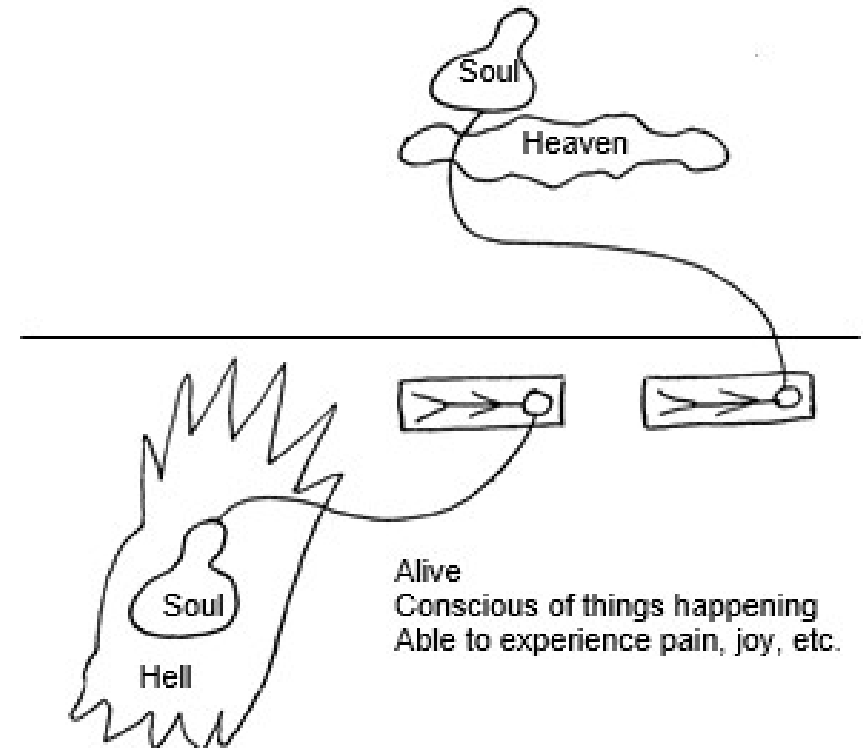
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Popular Teaching (About Death)

1. The concept of "Life after Death" or an "Immortal Soul" came from Greek Pagan philosophers.
2. The Pharisees added tradition to their teachings and taught the people the Pagan Greek belief of the immortal soul.
3. **Jesus condemned** the **doctrine** of the **Pharisees**, who taught "**immortality of the soul.**"
4. Jesus said that the traditions or "commandments of men" was vain (useless) worship.
5. The people that trusted their religious leaders instead of trusting the scriptures were "in darkness" or deceived!
6. The Bible or Scriptures call death a sleep.
7. The Bible says a person who is dead has no knowledge, no love, no hatred, no envy, no reward, no memory, and that they praise not the Lord.
8. The Bible says that "none can keep alive his own soul," and that the soul that sinneth it shall die."
9. The Hebrew word "Ruwach," translated as "spirit", simply means "breath" or "wind."
10. Those that are "in the graves" or dead are awaiting the resurrection day.
11. On the **resurrection day** (1st resurrection), the righteous dead will be given the **gift of immortality**.
12. At the 2nd resurrection of the wicked dead, they (the wicked) will be given life temporarily and then be destroyed by fire coming down from God out of Heaven. They will become ashes under foot and cease to exist.
13. Thus, the Bible says that when a person is dead they **cease from living**. They **do not** go on living in just another form. **Death** is the opposite of **Life**. Eternal Life is a gift from God which is **not given** to the wicked.

(Immortal Soul)

Alive, conscious





ALIVE	("Awake")
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Thinking
Breathing
Aware of things going on
Have emotions of love, hatred
Able to praise God
Experiences trouble

Death



DEAD	("Asleep")
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Thoughts have perished
Know not anything
Hear not the voice of the oppressor
Cease from trouble
No remembrance
Love, hatred, envy have perished
Breathing stops
Cannot praise the Lord

Popular Teaching (About Death and immortal soul) (Lutheran)

In *Luther's Small Catechism* under the "Apostle's Creed" page 143, article 197, the catechism teaches that when a believing person dies, their soul immediately goes to be with Christ. The reference cited is Luke 23:43,

"Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Note 1: The reason that the above reference is not quoted directly is that the material is protected by copyright laws.

Note 2: Review pages 58 and 59 of the "Bible Concept of Death compared to Popular Belief" for comments concerning the Bible reference cited (Luke 23:43).

The following text by Paul is often used to attempt to “prove” the concept of “immortality of the soul” and “separation of the soul from the body”.

2 Corinthians 5:8

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and present with the Lord.”

Notice how the following texts, also by Paul, explain his previous “hard to understand” text.

1 Corinthians 5:3

“For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.”

Colossians 2:5

“For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 2:17

“But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.”

Remember also that Paul (who wrote Corinthians, Colossians, and Thessalonians) said...

1 Corinthians 15:53 “this **mortal** must put on **immortality**.”

Paul did not believe in the immortality of the soul or separation of the soul from the body.

Summary:

By now, you have seen what I have seen... that Bible Concepts or Bible Teachings *greatly differ* from the teachings of the Popular churches and Popular leaders.

What will you believe, dear reader?
The **Bible** or Popular opinion?

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