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ISAIAH GIVES us a vivid description of Hell in the death of Nebuchadnezzar, the great emperor of Babylon and of his descent into Hell.

Isaiah 14:9-11 says:

"Hell from beneath is excited about you. To meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. "they all shall speak and say to you "Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? "your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments. The maggot is spread under you and worms cover you.

It seems Satan prepared a great reception for him, the world's greatest ruler. Look at the answer of the Kings and princes on their "mock" thrones. You can see the wail of lost men, and their helplessness, and the crawling fiery serpents, coiling about the spirit of the great Nebuchadnezzar.

He has made kingdoms desolate, slain mothers and their children; and NOW, in Hell, his agony is witnessed by multitudes, many whom he has sent there.

Isaiah 66:24:

"and they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against me for their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. They shall be abhorrence to all flesh.

The prophet Daniel (12:2) says that "the resurrection of the wicked dead shall be one of shame and contempt."

Matt. 25:41, 46- says it is the home of the "cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (not mankind). But now, it is the home/jail of the wicked human.

Notice, it is eternal. There are no pardons there!

Peter in *II Peter 2:4 (Ampl.)* "For God did not [even] spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment and their doom. PRISONS OF PUNISHMENT!

Revelation 9:1-2 says:

And the fifth angel sounded: and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Revelation 9:1-2 (cont.)

And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke (sulphuric fumes) out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. (This describes the eternal home of demons).

Jesus gives us a picture of Hell that only He could give in *Luke 16:19-31* (The rich man and Lazarus – read).

This passage of scripture is NOT a parable, as many have tried to say. It is not even situated AMONG parables. Note the reference to a “certain”, which means specific man. We see He describes torment, conscious intelligible torment that surpasses “Dante’s Inferno” or “Milton in Paradise Lost.”

NOTE that from the fall of man TILL Christ ascended to the right hand of the Father (after His resurrection), the underworld was in two (2) compartments, with an impassable gulf between them.

On one side are the old testament saints who had trusted in the Blood Covenant, the Abrahamic Blood Covenant, hence it was called “Abraham’s Bosom”.

On the other side are the wicked dead, awaiting the resurrection and judgment. When Jesus arose from the dead, He carried His blood into the Holy of Holies of heaven, satisfying the claims of justice in the redemption of the transgressors under the old covenant, He went down to “Paradise” and preached the gospel to those waiting and then they, with Him, ascended into Heaven.

Before that time, (unless it was Elijah), because of the sin problem, no one had yet ascended; they only had a promise of redemption, written in the blood of bulls and goats.

JESUS came to die for sinners. There is no “paradise” today. It is empty!

The rich man that went to hell had broken a fundamental law “thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thy self”. THE WHOLE LAW IS SUMMED UP IN THIS!

FACTS:

- He has all the faculties of his Soul.
- This is not physical, but spiritual. Notice the remark of the tongue; he was in anguish in the flame.

Whether WE want to insist that this is purely figurative language or not, is beside the question. JESUS SAID HE WAS IN TORTURE!

Your memory lives on in Hell. It is of haunting things such as:

- sins against God and man and,
- all the opportunities you had to escape Hell and did not.

Remember, there is no probation here. He who goes to hell, he stays!

Luke 16:27-28 is the most pathetic part.

Some of the most intelligent men in the country believe that if we keep the subject of heaven and hell and the sufferings of Christ from their minds OR if they don’t go where it is being preached, they will somehow escape the responsibility of knowledge and that, in itself, will prove to be their salvation from Hell.

MY HOW ERRONEOUS AND DANGEROUS....

NOTICE the rich man’s answer came: to send someone from the dead to warn his brothers that they not come to this place of torment.

They have Moses and the prophets (the word). Let them hear them.

But did they hear?

Jesus came from Hells dark dungeons and awful sufferings to earth and has man heeded to him. NO, they ridicule it.

Well, who goes to hell?

Psalm 9:7 - “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

Romans 7: 8-10 - no babies go to hell either until the age of accountability. They are saved on the grounds of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9 - if you refuse to recognize the Lordship of Jesus, you go to hell.

John 3:3-5 - unless you are born again from above, you will (can) not enter heaven. - “you will enter the kingdom of Satan”.

There is nothing but the covering of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice that will keep you out of hell. No educational test, no giving of any test, no financial test!

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