

1 - spawned the climate for the curses.

2 **1. The first curse is directed at Satan**

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4 Satan, formerly known in heaven as Lucifer, a leader of the angels, commanded a
5 rebellion against God and was thrown, along with his legions - one-third of the angels -
6 out of heaven. Satan, in the form of a serpent, hissed his temptations to Eve to eat the
7 forbidden fruit of the tree. She succumbed to his plan and even challenged her husband
8 Adam to do the same. This was God's edict for Satan:

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10 Genesis 3:14

11 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed
12 above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust
13 shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

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15 **2. The second curse was upon the earth**

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17 Genesis 3:17

18 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and
19 hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed
20 is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

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22 **3. The third curse was on us for our sins**

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24 Genesis 3:16-19

25 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in
26 sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall
27 rule over thee. [17] And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice
28 of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not
29 eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy
30 life; [18] Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of
31 the field; [19] In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the
32 ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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- 34 • TO THIS POINT ONLY ONE OF THOSE CURSES HAS BEEN REMOVED:

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36 Galatians 3:13

37 **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for**
38 **it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

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40 The follow-up to this blessed reality is Paul's writing in Romans 8:1: **There is**

1 **therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not**
2 **after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

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4 My friend, when you are supernaturally born again, and Jesus' life actually resides
5 within you, are you free from the terrible curse upon sinning mankind. Listen to what
6 John testifies: 1 John 4:17 **Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have**
7 **boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.**

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9 Pentecost: *This means that if you have accepted Christ as your Sin-bearer, the*
10 *judgment and the curse which was upon you has been born away, the debt has been paid,*
11 *and as Jesus Christ at the right hand of God cannot be punished nor judged for sin*
12 *because He is sinless, so you cannot further be judged for sins because your sin has been*
13 *paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ. The curse upon sinners has been borne by the*
14 *Lord Jesus Christ. Prophecy for Today / page 173*

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16 **BUT TWO CURSES REMAIN: THE CURSE UPON THE EARTH (THE PLANET**
17 **ITSELF) AND THE CURSE UPON SATAN. NOW WHAT ABOUT THOSE**
18 **PEOPLE WHO SPURNED GOD'S LOVE AND HIS PLAN OF SALVATION, PAID**
19 **FOR AT DEAR PRICE BY OUR PRECIOUS LORD JESUS? THE CURSE**
20 **REMAINS UPON THEM - AND IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO FULFILLMENT.**
21 **THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.**

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23 1. **WHEN DOES THIS EVENT OCCUR?** The Great White Throne Judgment will
24 take place following the Millennium.

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26 2. Jesus told us in His prophetic message on the Mount of Olives about the throne:
27 Matthew 25:31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy**
28 **angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**

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30 **DON'T GET THE MISTAKEN NOTION THAT GOD'S THRONE AND COURT**
31 **ROOM WILL BE SOMETHING LIKE JUDGE JUDY'S! THE VERY SCRIPTURAL**
32 **DESCRIPTION OF THIS PLACE SENDS CHILLS THROUGH YOUR SOUL.**

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34 We get a view of that throne room in Rev. 4:1-11 **After this I looked, and,**
35 **behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it**
36 **were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee**
37 **things which must be hereafter. [2] And immediately I was in the spirit: and,**
38 **behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. [3] And he that sat**
39 **was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round**
40 **about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. [4] And round about the throne**

1 were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting,
2 clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. [5] And out of
3 the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven
4 lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. [6] And
5 before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the
6 throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.
7 [7] And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third
8 beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. [8] And the
9 four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within:
10 and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which
11 was, and is, and is to come. [9] And when those beasts give glory and honour and
12 thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, [10] The four and
13 twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that
14 liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, [11] Thou
15 art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created
16 all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

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18 3. WHERE IS THIS PLACE? Not on earth certainly because by this time the earth
19 has been destroyed. Not in heaven certainly because no unrighteous person will ever be
20 given that opportunity to be in such a holy place.

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HOW IS THIS EARTH DESTROYED?

2 Peter 3:8-13

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9] The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. [10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. [11] Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, [12] Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? [13] Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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Peter is writing here of the fulfillment of the curse upon the earth pronounced in Genesis

1 3. Something is going to happen to this planet that seals its complete demise. God
2 will then re-create it and the earth will be the scene of the display of the eternal glory of
3 God.

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5 NOTICE PETER'S WARNING IN VERSES 11 AND 12: 2 Peter 3:11-12

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9 **the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

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11 4. Now begins the drama of the ages as God calls the dead, small and great, to stand
12 before him. Rev. 19:13 says that even the sea will give up the dead which are in it.

I am often asked by folks in this congregation and Byline recipients what I think about cremation. Is it alright. I know of nothing in the Bible that speaks for or against it. Preacher intone over the body at the grave, "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes." Even those long since buried at sea or lost in tragedies such as the Titanic will be raised to life. There may be psychological factors involved in cremation, but I know of no theological ones.

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14 • There are two different resurrections of the dead: There is a resurrection
15 unto life and there is a resurrection unto damnation...often referred to as "the first
16 and second resurrections. Every person in this sanctuary WILL BE
17 RESURRECTED (unless raptured). It is up to you which resurrection it will be.

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19 The first resurrection unto life will be completed at the time of the second coming
20 of Christ back to this earth. This apparently will include those who have died in Christ
21 during the Tribulation period. The only ones still left in the grave are those who did not
22 know Christ. Just as the Great White Throne Judgment opens, even these are raised
23 from the death, but they will prefer they had NOT been They will stand before God
24 and it will not be pretty. AT THIS POINT THERE WILL NOT BE ONE HUMAN
25 BEING WHO HAS EVER LIVED WHO HAS NOT BEEN RAISED FROM THEIR
26 GRAVES.

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28 When born-again people die, their souls and spirits go to be with the Lord. The
29 souls and spirits will be re-united with the bodies at the resurrection. Those who died
30 outside of Christ have had their souls and spirits in Hades, the region of the lost. Now
31 as the Great White Throne Judgment opens, even their souls and spirits will be brought
32 forth to appear before the throne of God.

1 5. NOW GOD OPENS THE BOOKS - THE BOOKS THAT CARRY THE
2 DETAILED HISTORY OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US.

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4 Rev. 20 teaches us that we will be judged out of those things in the books. The
5 born-again followers of Jesus Christ will be thrilled when they see that their sinful deeds
6 have been blotted out by the precious blood of the Lamb of God. NO BORN-AGAIN
7 BELIEVER WILL STAND IN JUDGMENT AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE.

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9 • But what about those who sins are NOT blotted out, who have never committed
10 their lives to Christ? They will stand unprotected and alone before their Creator
11 God. Every detail of their lives will stand out loud and clear in that book.
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13 • Plus there is a second book called THE BOOK OF LIFE. Everyone who has
14 committed his or her life will be entered in that book (Remember Heaven's Gates
15 and Hell's Flames).

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17 Pentecost: *When an individual stands before God and the books are opened, there is the*
18 *undeniable record of his sins, of his unrighteousness, and of his unworthiness to be*
19 *received into the presence of a holy God. The record stands! And then, as though to*
20 *demonstrate that no error has been made, God will take the Book of Life and will go*
21 *through its pages to see if that person's name had been inscribed there. If not, the*
22 *sentence against the sinner stands, and because the sinner would not avail himself of the*
23 *provision of the grace of God, he must pay his own sentence and bear his own curse.*
24 ***Rev. 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the***
25 ***lake of fire.*** Prophecy for Today / page 179

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27 • Here is a key verse that indicates the reason for the severity of the judgment:
28 **Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."**
29 **WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD?" John 1:14 And the Word was made**
30 **flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only**
31 **begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

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33 Someone will say, "Well, I'm not Hitler....I'm not a mass murderer. I measure up
34 pretty well to most people." Unfortunately, the measuring stick for Heaven is "the glory
35 of the Father" which is Jesus Christ Himself. Can anyone here say he or she can match
36 that measuring stick?

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38 • I am often asked, "So why such a severity as eternal hell?"

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40 The Bible makes it clear that the lake of fire was not intended for man but for the

1 devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

2 **Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into**
3 **everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

5 The new heaven that God will prepare will have no sin whatsoever in it. Rev. 21:8

6 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and**
7 **whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in**
8 **the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

10 One who alienates God by his or life decisions makes Satan his or her lord and will
11 therefore share Satan's ultimate fate.

- 13 • Just as there is eternal life for the believer, there is eternal death or damnation
14 for the unbeliever. We have no passages in scripture that indicate there will be
15 any rehabilitation or second chance once hell is entered.
- 17 • SATAN WILL BE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE, WHICH BRINGS TO
18 FRUITION THE CURSE THAT WAS PUT UPON HIM IN THE GARDEN OF
19 EDEN.

21 WHAT WILL HELL BE LIKE?

- 23 1. It will be a place of eternal punishment. The primary punishment will be eternal
24 separation from God.
- 26 2. Satan will not rule Hell. In Philippians 2 Paul taught us that when God set His Son
27 on His throne, "things in heaven and things in the earth and things UNDER the earth
28 would be subject to his authority." The place of eternal punishment will be regimented
29 by the authority of God. Every individual there will acknowledge that Jesus is King of
30 Kings and Lord of lords. There will be no further rebellion against God.
- 32 3. Even while acknowledging God, the denizens of hell will always be separated from
33 Him, never to see His face, never to enjoy His blessings or provision.
- 35 4. There will be degrees of punishment in Hell just as there will be degrees of rewards
36 in heaven. Luke 12:47 - 48
37 **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither**
38 **did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.**
39 **But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten**
40 **with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much**

1 **required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.**
2 Billy Graham: *What does a person go to hell for? Not for getting drunk, cursing,*
3 *committing adultery, or lying. The only thing that will send a man to hell is rejecting*
4 *Jesus Christ. The question on the judgment day will be, "What did you do with Jesus?"*
5 When the great business plants of our city
6 Shall have turned out their last finished work,
7 And when the merchants have sold their last order
8 And dismissed every last tired clerk,
9 When our banks have raked in their last dollar
10 And have paid out their last dividend,
11 When the Judge of the earth wants a hearing
12 And asks for a balance – what then?
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14 When the choir has sung its last anthem
15 And the preacher has voiced his last prayer
16 When the people have heard their last sermon
17 And the sound has died in the air,
18 When the Bible lies closed on the altar
19 And the pews are all empty of men
20 When each one stands facing his record
21 And the great book is opened – what then?
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23 When the actors have played their last drama
24 And the minute has made its last span,
25 When the movie has flashed its last picture
26 And the preacher intoned his last amen,
27 And the billboard displayed its last ad
28 And gone out in the darkness again,
29 When the trumpet of ages has sounded
30 And we stand before Him – what then?

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33 **The last lesson in this series will be next Wednesday night, April 25:**

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35 **THE END OF EVERYTHING AND THE BEGINNING OF ETERNITY**

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