



Daily Verse and Comment

[Revelation 20:11-15](#)

(11) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. (13) The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. (14) Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (15) And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

[Revelation 21:1](#)

(1) Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

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Are the names of the Destroyer and his constantly sinning demon companions written in the God's Book of Life? Of course not. [Revelation 20:10](#) affirms this: "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the [false prophet](#) are [were cast]. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." The Scriptures reveal that it is impossible for [God](#) to lie ([Hebrews 6:18](#)). Yes, [Satan](#) and his demons are to be burned up in the Lake of Fire prepared for them, as [Jesus](#) states in [Matthew 25:41](#). According to God's law, death is what they have earned for their sins.

We should understand that, biblically, *forever* does not always mean “everlasting.” It sometimes indicates “as long as conditions exist.” For instance, the Old Covenant sacrifices were instituted forever. The [book of Hebrews](#), however, shows that they are clearly no longer required for the sons of God. “Forever” lasted only until [Christ died for our sins](#). Ezekiel 44 suggests that they will be revived in the future for a brief time, but when the Lake of Fire occurs, they will no longer be needed for a relationship with God ([II Peter 3:10](#)).

[II Peter 3:13](#) makes an encouraging statement immediately following Peter's statements about the Lake of Fire: “Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” A dwelling is where a person or family lives. In the New Heaven and New Earth, *only* righteousness dwells in them.

Does this mean “except for the unrepentant demons who continue living on despite the Lake of Fire because God cannot exterminate their existence because He mistakenly created them of imperishable spirit”? No! They are not there because they were burned up in the everlasting fire. Not one iota of sin—not even the remembrance of sin!—will exist in those living where only righteousness dwells. The unrepentant demons will be completely purged from the New Heaven and New Earth, and only [holiness](#) will remain. By the way, “new” in [II Peter 3:13](#) and in [Revelation 21:1](#) is *kainos*, the same word Paul uses in [II Corinthians 5:17](#), meaning “something that did not exist before.” Since there will be no unrighteousness in any form in [the world](#) to come, Satan and his fellow demon spirits must be totally annihilated.

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