Why

God created an

Eternal Hell!

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Chapter 1

Hell as the Antidote to future Rebellions

Hell is a horrible place of incomprehensible torment. Those who are condemned to Hell will suffer there forever and ever. Why did God create this terrible place.

Rebellion in a perfect world – 3 Times!

By the time this earth is destroyed and all of us are either in Heaven or in Hell, God will have had rebellion 3 times in a perfect world.

1. The first time was when Lucifer rebelled in heaven.

Luke 10:17-18

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

18He replied, "I **saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven**. 19I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

<u>Rev. 12:7-9</u>

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

<u>Isaiah 14:12-15</u>

How you have **fallen from heaven**, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will **make myself like the Most High."** 15 But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

<u>Ezekiel 28:11-18</u>

The word of the LORD came to me: 12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: " 'You were the **model of perfection**, full of wisdom and

perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. 18 By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.

2. The second time was in the garden of Eden.

<u>Genesis 1:26-31</u>

Then God said, "Let us **make man in our image, in our likeness,** and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So **God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.** 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 **God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.**

3. The third time will be after the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth.

Revelation 20:1-8

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**. 3He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life **and reigned with Christ a thousand years.** 5(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

7When the **thousand years are over**, Satan will be released from his prison 8and will go out to **deceive** the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

There is no indication in God's Word that God is done creating. In fact, one of his names is "Creator". Jesus himself called God "The Creator" in Mt. 19. A name indicates an aspect of that person's nature. Since it is in God's nature to create, why do we think He will stop with angels, humans, animals and plants. God may create billions of new creations. He may create whole new dimensions and universes.

What is there to keep these future creations from rebelling? The answer is Hell! Hell is the antidote to future rebellion. By seeing the just punishment and the absolute horror of God's justice on those who rebel, it helps future creations to understand that God's love does not cancel out His justice.

Chapter 2 God's justice and scriptures on Hell.

The book of Revelation is the book that tells us what will happen when God begins to judge. God has not yet judged, but that day will come soon. The words judge or some version of that word is used in Revelation 18 times.

<u>Revelation 14:7</u> He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the **hour of his judgment has come.**

<u>Revelation 16:5</u>

Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are **just** in these **judgments**, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so **judged;**

Revelation 16:7

And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, **true and just** are your **judgments."**

<u>Revelation 19:2</u> for **true and just** are his **judgments.**

<u>Revelation 19:11</u> With **justice he judges** and makes war.

<u>Revelation 20:12</u>

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged** according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

The word "Holy" is in the Bible 532 times. It is impossible for us to comprehend God's holiness. He will judge us according to His Holiness. The only hope for anyone is to have received the precious gift of life through His Son dying on the cross in our place.

In heaven, when we look at those in Hell who are suffering torment forever and ever, we will begin to understand God's justice and holiness along with His love. We will soberly look at those whom we once knew suffering in Hell and we will say "The punishment fits the crime!"

<u>Matthew 5:22</u> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca, ' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in **danger of the fire of hell.**

<u>Mt. 5:29-30</u>

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

<u> Matthew 10:28</u>

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can **destroy both soul and body in hell.**

<u>Mt. 18:8-9</u>

If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

<u>Matthew 23:33</u> "You snakes! You brood of vipers! **How will you escape being** condemned to hell?

<u> Matthew 25:41</u>

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

<u>Mark 9:43-48</u>

43If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. 45And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. 47And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 where "'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

<u>Luke 12:5</u>

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side, 2450 he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment. 29"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 30" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

<u>2 Peter 2:4</u>

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

<u>Jude 1:6-7</u>

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

<u>Jude 1:13</u>

They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom **blackest darkness has been reserved forever.**

<u>Rev. 14:9-11</u>

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, 10he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."

<u>Rev. 19:2-3</u>

for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." 3And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The **smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."**

<u>Rev. 20:10-15</u>

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the **lake of burning sulfur,** where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. **They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.** 11Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

<u>Rev. 21:6-8</u>

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—**their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.** This is the second death."

I beg you to do whatever it takes to understand and obey the gift of eternal life that Jesus is offering you so that you can avoid this eternal torment.