REVEALING

What will happen when Jesus returns?

- It will be <u>unexpected</u> Matthew 24:36, 42, 44, 50
- The parable of the "Ten Virgins" 25:13
- The parable of the "Talents" 25:19, 30
- The "Judgment" 25:31-33, 46

There will be a *single* resurrection:

- John 5:28-29
- Acts 24:14-15
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-54 the "dead" (all dead) will be raised "imperishable"
 - When the "perishable" puts on "imperishable," then "death is swallowed up in victory.

There is one judgment:

- 2 Corinthians 5:9-10
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - The "rest" who have no hope (vs. 13) are non-Christians
 - The context is only dealing with Christians
 - "caught up" (ver. 17) is "rapture" in old KJV
 - used 14 times: Matt. 11:12; 12:29; 13:19; John 6:15; 10:12, 28-29; Acts 8:39; 23:10; 2 Cor. 12:2, 4; Jude 23; Rev. 12:5

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
 - The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will not happen
 - Until the apostasy comes first
- Hebrews 9:27
- 2 Peter 3:10-11 (Matt. 5:18; 24:35; Heb. 1:10-12)

REVELATION on the "end times:"

- Revelation 20:11-15
 - "Heaven and earth will flee away" destruction of the physical world
 - The "dead" (all dead) are judged based on the "books"
 - "death and hades" are thrown into hell

"Hades:"

- Matthew 11:23 Capernaum for not repenting
- Matthew 16:18 Will not stop Christ
- Luke 10:15 same as Matt. 11:23
- Luke 16:23 torment for rich man
- Acts 2:27, 31 Christ went to "hades" (sheol)

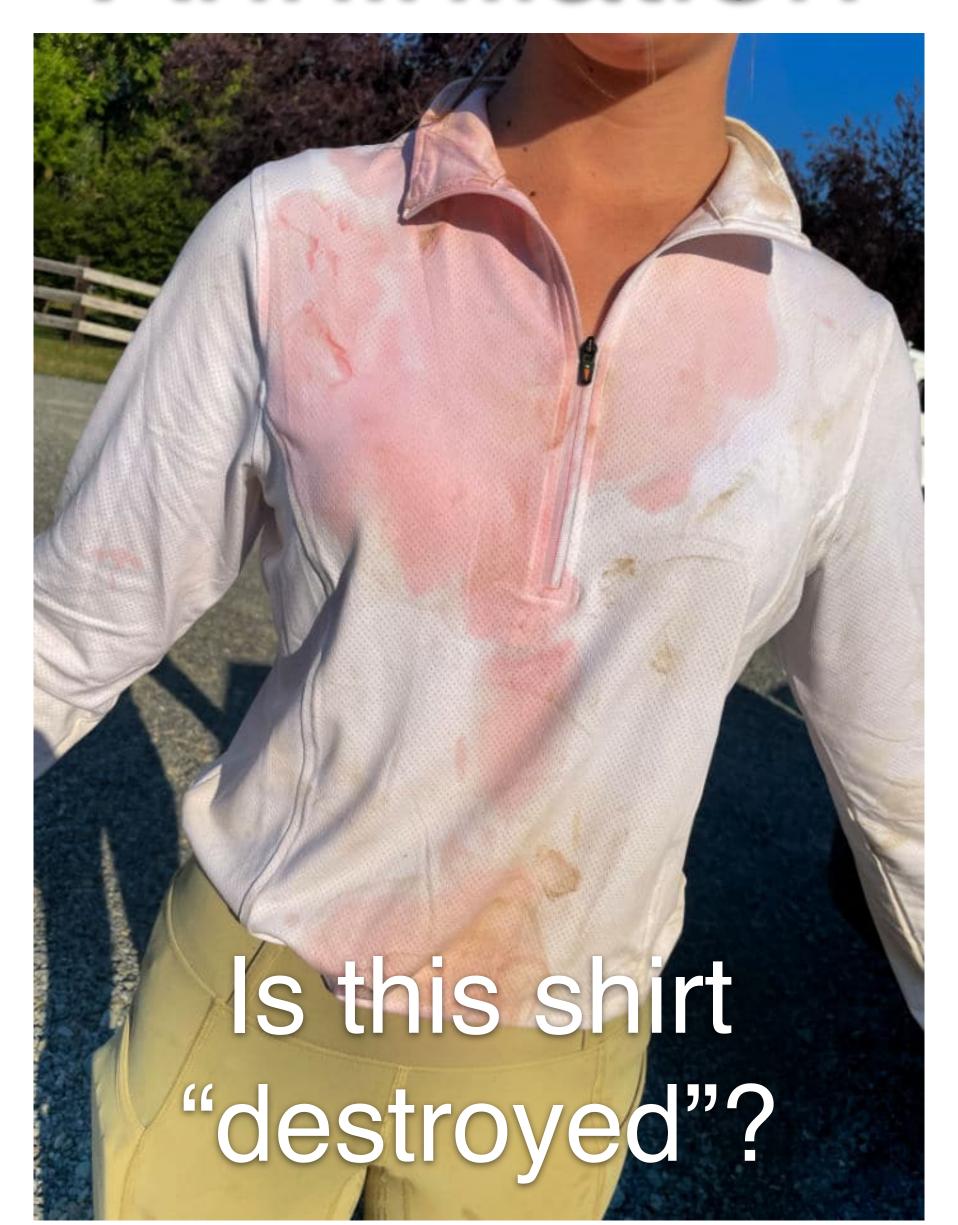
"Hades:"

- Revelation 1:18 Christ has the keys
- Revelation 6:8 hades followed death
- Revelation 20:13-14 destroyed at the end

- "The wicked will not suffer an everlasting conscious hell."
- Unbelievers will be snuffed out of existence after the final 2 "Perish
 - judgment; there will be no eternal conscious torment forever.
- Sinners aren't deserving of conscious eternal wrath.

- 1. Fire is the *mode* of punishment.
- 2. "Perishing" is the *result*.
- 3. Death is the end.
- 4. Destruction is the effect.







- "Eternal punishment is contrary to God's justice."
- "Contrary to God's mercy."
- "Contrary to the Nature of God's victory."

- But the Bible teaches:
 - Hell is conscious pain: Luke 16:24-25
 - Weeping and gnashing of teeth
 - Eternal torment

- The Bible teaches:
 - Hell lasts as long as "heaven" lasts: Matt. 25:46
 - Hell is "unquenchable"

- Eternal existence is consistent with human freedom and dignity.
- What good is eternal bliss if there is no eternal misery?
- Justice demands punishment.

- Matthew 5:22, 29-30
 - "fiery"
 - We don't want to go to hell.
- 10:28
 - "destroy!" "to ruin"
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 - soul and body

- Matthew 18:9
 - "fiery"
- 23:15
- 23:33
 - involves a "sentence"

- Mark 9:43, 45, 47
 - "unquenchable" asbestos
 - "fire"
 - "where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (Isa. 66:24)

- Luke 12:5
 - We should fear the one who has authority to cast us into hell
- James 3:6
 - "fire"

"Hell" / fire

• Matthew 13:40-41, 49-50

22:13

"darkness"

8:12; 25:30;

• 2 Peter 2:17; Jude 13

 "weeping and gnashing of teeth"

Matthew 13:42

• 24:51; 25:30

Luke 13:28

- "everlasting destruction:"
 - 2 Thess. 1:7-9
 - Is "everlasting" to be interpreted figuratively?
 - Or is "destruction" more than annihilation?

- 2 Peter 2:4 "tartarus" = "hell"
- "torment forever and ever:"
 - Matthew 8:29; Mark 5:7;
 Luke 8:28
 - Revelation 9:5
 - 14:10-11; 18:7, 10, 15; 20:10



A study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians