

Everlasting Destruction.

**2 Thessalonians 1:9** *"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"*

After the Lord Jesus returns in His rapturing of the saints, or His second coming, after His In flaming fire taking vengeance on them or the Tribulation period, the Millennium Period, after His judging them at the Great White Throne, then comes "everlasting destruction".

A. Their punishment is "everlasting destruction"

1. The punishment of the wicked will not only remain after the end of the world, but it is called everlasting, because it will never end.
2. God said in **Hebrews 12:26 – 27** *"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. (27) And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."* This is from the Old Testament,
  - a. **Haggai 2:6** *"For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;"* – but it goes farther back than Haggai,
  - b. **Exodus 19:17 - 18** *"And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. (18) And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly."* – When He burnt the top of the Mountain. – When will people understand that God doesn't tolerate sin! God doesn't care what you think is right or wrong. God is RIGHT!
  - c. God will shake the heavens and the earth and everything Temporal will die!
  - d. Then God will sentence these lost sinners to "everlasting destruction"
  - e. God is ANGERY!!!!!!!!!!
3. The word Destruction means - (to destroy; ruin, that is, death, punishment: - It is said not only that the punishment shall be forever but forever and ever, never ending.
  - a. **Revelation 14:10 - 11** *"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: (11) And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they*

*have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."*

- b. **Revelation 20:9 - 10** *"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (10) And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."* - **If this does not signify an absolute eternity, there is no expression that does!**

B. Their punishment is separation from God. V. 9b *"punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"*

1. Think of the word "Omnipresent". Literally, it means that God is present everywhere. Even with the lost.
2. People do not understand that God has grace on the lost as well as the saved. **Matthew 5:44 - 45** *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; (45) That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*
3. God may not have saving grace for them, but their destruction is not today by grace.
4. Separation from the Presence of God in their life will be their main punishment. God will not protect them from any punishment as He did on the earth.
  - a. Jesus will pronounce this at the Great White Throne, **Matthew 7:22 - 23** *"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*
  - b. God said their punishment shall be to pay their sin debt to God without mercy. **Luke 12:59** *"I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite."* – which could never be paid!
5. God said to live a life of human misery is better than Hell.
  - a. **Mark 9:42 - 44** *"And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. (43) And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life*

*maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (44) Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."* - If ever the time comes that their worm shall die; if ever there shall be a quenching of the fire at all, then it is not true that their worm dieth not and that the fire is not quenched.

- b. Listen to the Old Testament about this account. **Isaiah 66:22 - 24** "*For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. (23) And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. (24) And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.*" - Isaiah says that the people of God "shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men who have transgressed against God." Their enemies would be overcome. They would be slain. The people of God would triumph.

- C. Separated from God. "*from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*" V. 9
1. They will be cast into outer darkness. **Matthew 25:30** "*And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*"
  2. The earth shall be melted and sealed from God and everything else for all eternity. **2 Peter 3:10** "*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.*"
  3. Folks, they do not have another blessed day for all eternity. This is their punishment for rejecting the Saviour.