

## “re-think” ... No.11

### THE LAKE OF (purifying) FIRE

#### IS IT IN ‘THE TIMELESS ZONE’ OR ‘THE SPIRITUAL TIME ZONE?’

God is in the spirit realm or **the timeless zone**. Then there is a created heaven IN THE BEGINNING that constitutes a timing, which can be called ‘**the spiritual time-zone**’. Thirdly there is **the earth realm of time** . . . 24 hour days where the earth goes around the sun in its prescribed orbit. Out of the timeless zone God brought forth LIGHT, out of which creation was changed as the first step towards full restoration. In this realm of ‘heaven’, boundaries in the spirit were introduced including a ‘man’ . . . a spirit man covered in light in the image of God and after His likeness. Subsequently this spirit-man was placed in a body formed out of the earth and became a living soul.

The Lake of Fire is only mentioned in the Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ. It falls into the category of **the spiritual time zone** for there is a sequence of unfolding events. If it were totally in the timeless zone, all events listed would be instantaneous.

#### ACTUAL MEANING OF THE WORDS

Due to many biased translations under the influence of the Roman Catholic Church at the time, many wrong conceptions have been thrust upon us. We are today blessed with many scholarly works that can shed light on the truth. Also it is important that we see the scriptures of Revelation speaking to us beyond the letter-word, which is good at creating unbelieving-believers!

(Rev 21:8) *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

The word ‘**BURN**’ means to **CONSUME** or **combustion** . . . it does NOT mean annihilation. It is a scientific fact that all matter can go through change into a new or different form, but it cannot be destroyed or removed forever. All **FIRE** is light and heat as one can see in the sun.

The word ‘**BRIMSTONE**’ or SULPHUR comes from the Greek word **THEION** that also is translated ‘divine’. Sulphur was always used as a purifying agent and was used in all incense associated with worship of God/gods. The root word for this is **THEIOO** which means **to make divine, to hallow and/or dedicate to a god**.

**Thus ‘the lake of fire and brimstone’ should actually read ‘the lake of divine purification’.**

The word for ‘**lake**’ is **LIMEN** in the Greek (#3040): the word for ‘**haven**’ or ‘**harbor**’ is **LIMNE** in the Greek (#3041) from the root word **LIMEN**. So we can readily see that **the lake** is a confined place free from any outside influence while the fire of God’s dealing carries out its combustion and consuming work. *For our God is a consuming fire* (Hebrews 12:29). The individual secluded with the fire of God is

free from outside interference while the Fire burns up all the wood, hay and stubble in the life being cleansed. The brimstone or sulphur will remove all contaminants and bring the subject to perfection worthy of the Living God. Every word and action instigated by the false prophet and the devil will be in that fire being purged out of every unbelieving man in his own order.

**Thayer Definition for 'tormented':** 1) to test (metals) by the touchstone, which is a black siliceous stone used to test the purity of gold or silver by the colour of the streak produced on it by rubbing it with either metal. 2) to question by applying torture. 3) to torture. 4) to vex with grievous pains (of body or mind), to torment. 5) to be harassed, distressed. 5a) of those who at sea are struggling with a head wind. Nos. 2 and 3 cannot apply as they contravene God's very redemptive nature.

## **THE BEAST AND FALSE PROPHET'S LAIR**

(Rev 20:10) *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast (-nature) and the false prophet (such who propagate religious bondage with false hopes) are, and shall be tormented (tested over and over to measure the change of heart) day and night (= time zone) forever and ever (the affect of all ages upon the life are included).*

The 'beast nature' of fallen, natural, carnal, duped man with all his records are present in the lake of fire awaiting to be released as fuel to the consuming fire that God is. Words, thought and actions that have manifested fear, unbelief, abominable and degrading acts, murders, prostitution, witchcraft and idolatry (anything that pushes Christ into second place or no place at all), all have to go before the spotlight of Christ for exposure, processing and disposal. It is a time of remorse, regret and repentance . . . in fact one hell of a dealings! . . . that will bring every knee to willingly bow before the Lamb of God.

## **THE LAMB OF GOD AND THE HOLY ANGELS ARE PRESENT ALSO**

(Rev 14:10) *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 ascends up forever and ever (= the age of the ages . . . i.e. what covers all of time): and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image (seen in the mirror), and whosoever receives the mark of his name (see re-think No.12 on the 666 mark).*

There will truly be much weeping and gnashing of teeth as each rebellious one is confronted with their life (thoughts, words and actions) placed alongside the provision and the life of Christ and is brought to acknowledging their folly. This whole dealing time of reconciliation and restoration (for nothing is lost) takes place in the presence of the holy angels (messengers of truth) who had and have influence in every life. The whole purification is carried out in the presence of the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus Who is the redeemer of all men and is personally present to declare His love to each one.

God's wrath is against all ungodliness and ungodly acts with zero compromise. He will utterly destroy all carnal thinking so that each is released from the effects of the Adamic life. Remorse and regret will be expressed with tears as each one is brought to face up to their words, thoughts and actions as one is brought face to face with the Lamb of God, the Son of God to whom all judgment is given. The result will bring to pass that *every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord . . .* that

He was and is fully in control of all things and all people.

(Rev 20:13) *And the sea* (of humanity) *gave up the dead* (those lacking the LIFE of Christ are dead), *which were in it; and death* (every aspect of sin and self) *and hell* (the effect within and without) *delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire* (the last enemy to be destroyed is death and hell departs for ever as fuel for this fire!). *This is the second death. (15) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life* (see re-think No.33) *was cast into the lake of fire* (for purification).

‘For ever and ever’ is not unending as we have been led to believe, but, as the Greek declares, it is for a set time broken down into ages of varying durations until the work of restoration is completed.

## **THE PLACE FOR UNBELIEVERS & ‘UNBELIEVING BELIEVERS’(?)**

There are many who are unbelievers as regard to the gospel of salvation . . . there are many unbelievers who do not believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit . . . there are many unbelievers who fail to see the sovereignty of God and His unconditional love for all men . . . these add up to a lot of unbelievers! (Luke 12:46) *The lord of that servant* (who should know better!) *will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

(47) *And that servant, which knew his lord’s will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. (48) But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

(49) *I am come to send fire* (baptism of the spirit and of fire) *on the earth* (us); *and what will I, if it be already kindled?* The burning up of all wood hay and stubble in lives is going on all the time . . . in every age. It is obvious that there is no torture ‘ad.infinitum’ as we have erroneously been taught, for some are dealt with by many stripes while others receive a few corrective stripes. Remember it is all a part of the judgment unto righteousness. The believing-overcomers have allowed God to process them now at this time and their wood, hay and stubble has been removed . . . thus they do not need the lake of fire cleansing.

For further enlightenment on this subject go to Elwin Roach's (The Pathfinder) writings:

The Lake of Fire That Men Built:

[http://godfire.net/beginning\\_of\\_the\\_end11.html](http://godfire.net/beginning_of_the_end11.html)

The Lake of Fire That God Built:

[http://godfire.net/beginning\\_of\\_the\\_end12.html](http://godfire.net/beginning_of_the_end12.html)

[http://godfire.net/beginning\\_of\\_the\\_end13.html](http://godfire.net/beginning_of_the_end13.html)

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