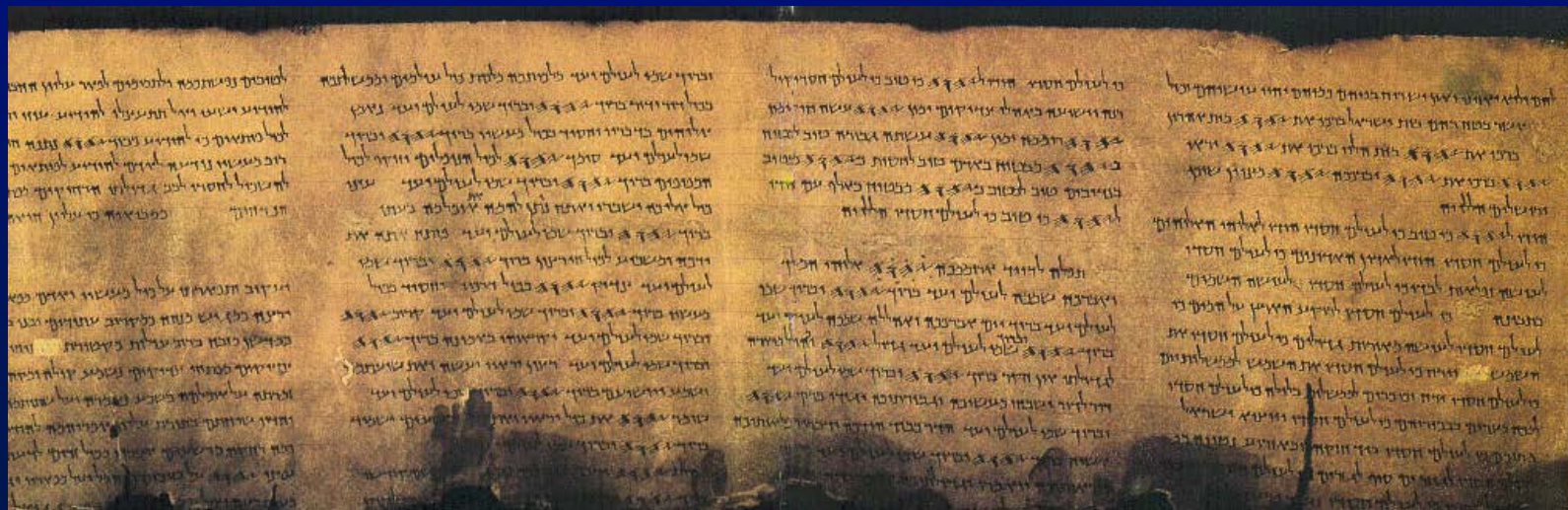


# Hebrews 3:12-19

## Warning Against Unbelief (Part 2)





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- 3. Hebrews 3:7-11 quotes Psalm 95 and says that the \_\_\_\_\_ spoke those words**
- 4. The Israelites in the wilderness rebelled and tested God despite seeing His \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ years**



5. In response, God was provoked and swore in His \_\_\_\_\_ that they would not enter His \_\_\_\_\_
6. The warning of Hebrews 3:8 is to not \_\_\_\_\_ your heart
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**Answers**

**1. Complete the following verse:**



**Hebrews 3:3a:** For He (*Christ*) has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses

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- 3. Hebrews 3:7-11 quotes Psalm 95 and says that the Holy Spirit spoke those words**
- 4. The Israelites in the wilderness rebelled and tested God despite seeing His works for 40 years**



**Answers**


5. In response, God was provoked and swore in His wrath that they would not enter His rest
6. The warning of Hebrews 3:8 is to not harden your heart
7. According to Hebrews 3:7, the time of decision is today , while you can still hear

# Warning Against Unbelief

- **Part 1 – The illustration of unbelief and the warning**
  - Hebrews 3:7-11 (last week)
- **Part 2 – The explanation and application of the warning**
  - Hebrews 3:12-19 (today)

# Explanation and Application of the Warning

## ■ The call for self-examination (v12)


- The  **WARNING** restated
  - *Don't have an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God*
- The command
  - *Take care that no such attitude is in your heart*
  - *Examine yourself and be on guard*

**Jeremiah 17:9** <sup>9</sup>“The heart is more deceitful than all else  
And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

**Colossians 2:8** <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive  
through philosophy and empty deception, according to the  
tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of  
the world, rather than according to Christ.

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**1 Corinthians 10:12** <sup>12</sup>Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

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- The call for self-examination (v12)
- The call to encourage one another (v13)
  - Who? *Everyone in the church*
  - How long? *In the period of grace, while each person can respond*
  - Why? *So none are hardened by the deceitfulness of sin*

**1 Corinthians 12:12** <sup>12</sup>For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

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**Acts 14:22a** <sup>22</sup>strengthening the souls of the disciples,  
encouraging them to continue in the faith

**Hebrews 10:25** <sup>25</sup>not forsaking our own assembling together,  
as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and  
all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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- A reminder that true believers persevere in the faith (v14)

**John 10:27–29** <sup>27</sup>“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup>and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup>“My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.

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**John 8:31** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine;”

**2 Timothy 2:12** If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

**Mark 13:13** “You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”

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**Philippians 1:6** *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Romans 8:35-39** <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?... <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**1 Peter 1:4–5** <sup>4</sup>to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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  - False believers don't possess genuine, enduring faith

**1 John 2:19** <sup>19</sup>They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

**Matthew 7:21–23** <sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup>“Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup>“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

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# Descriptions in 3:16-19

## Behavior of the Israelites

- They heard from God
- They sinned persistently for 40 years
- They were disobedient
- They were marked by unbelief

## God's Response

- He was provoked
- He was angry for 40 years
- He sworn against them

## Judgment Received

- Their bodies fell (died) in the wilderness
- They did not enter God's rest

# Math Quiz

- **Census taken in 2<sup>nd</sup> year after the Exodus, detailed in Numbers 1**
- **Given:**
  - There were 603,550 men who were 20+ years old
  - Assume the same number of women 20+ years old
- **Compute:**
  - How many people died, on average, per day for the remaining 38 years?

# Math Quiz

## ■ Census taken in 2000 Numbers 1

### ■ Given:

- There were 603,550 men
- Assume the same for women

### ■ Compute:

- How many people will die remaining 38 years

Total men	603,550
Add women	* 2
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Total adults 20+	1,207,100
Numbers of years remaining	38
Days per year	* 365
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Total days remaining	13,870
Total adults 20+ who will die	1,207,100
Total days remaining	% 13,870
	=====
Average deaths per day	87

# Personal Reflection

- For those who are not followers of Christ
- For those who are followers of Christ