

A close-up photograph of a lion's face, showing its eyes, nose, and whiskers. The lion is looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

**A Preview of
Jesus' Victory**
(Pt. 3)

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Rev. 14 provides a powerful preview of the Lamb's final victory, with the eternal defeat of His enemies and the eternal reward of His followers.

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- I. Jesus Returns & Gathers with His 144,000 Jewish Witnesses (1-5).**
- II. Through His Angel, Jesus Preaches the Everlasting Gospel to the World (6-7).**
- III. Through His Angel, Jesus Proclaims the Imminent Fall of Antichrist's Empire (8).**
- IV. Through His Angel, Jesus Announces the Impending Judgment of Mankind (9-13)**

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Burning Sulphur (Brimstone)



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 - Unending Duration (11a)

Arguments for Annihilationism

1. The Bible speaks of the destruction of the wicked—which implies they cease to exist (1 Th. 5:3; 2 Th. 1:9; 2 Pet. 3:7).
2. Eternal punishment is inconsistent with the love and goodness of God.
3. God would be unjust to punish temporal sins for eternity.

Hodge's response: "It is obvious that this is a question which can only be decided by divine revelation. No one can reasonably presume to decided how long the wicked are to suffer for their sins upon any general principles of right and wrong.... What the infinitely wise and good God may see fit to do with his creatures...is not for such worms of the dust as we are to determine. If we believe the Bible to be the Word of God, all we have to do is to ascertain what it teaches on this subject, then humbly submit."

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1. Jesus called hell eternal.

- Mt. 18:8-9 – "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire.

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2. Jesus equates the length of heaven and hell.

- Mt. 25:46 – "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
- Augustine (354-430): "The phrases 'eternal punishment' and 'eternal life' are parallel, and it would be absurd to use them in one and the same sentence to mean: 'Eternal life will be infinite, while eternal punishment will have an end.' Hence, because the eternal life of the saints will be endless, the eternal punishment also, for those condemned to it, will assuredly have no end."

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3. The doctrine of eternal punishment has been the nearly unanimous consensus of the Church for 2000 years.

- Tertullian (155-230): “If, therefore, anyone shall violently suppose that the destruction of the soul and the flesh in hell amounts to a final annihilation of the two substances, and not to their penal treatment (as if they were to be consumed, not punished), let him recollect that the fire of hell is eternal—expressly announced as an everlasting penalty.

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- John Calvin (1509-1564): “The phrase which he adds in apposition [‘eternal destruction from the face of the Lord’] explains the nature of the punishment which he had mentioned—it is eternal punishment and death which has no end.”
- Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758): “The Scripture is very express and abundant in this matter that the eternal punishment is sensible misery and torment and not annihilation.”

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- B.** Christ Has Decreed Everlasting Rest for Believers (12-13)
 - 1.** They will persevere to the end (12).
 - 2.** They will rest for eternity (13).

Lessons...

1. Embrace the biblical realities of eternity.
2. Prepare your soul for eternity.
3. Share the gospel with those headed to a Christless eternity.
4. Trust Christ's power and promise to ensure your final salvation.
5. Live in anticipation of perfect eternal rest and joy.