

The following Scripture passages are offered to aid beginning fellowships. The readings and commentary are offered as openings into dialogue about the subject or concept. And the concept behind the readings for this Sabbath is *hell-fire, or the lake of fire*.

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## Weekly Readings

For the weekly Sabbath of November 12, 2005

The person conducting the Sabbath service should open services with two or three hymns, or psalms, followed by an opening prayer acknowledging that two or three (or more) are gathered together in Christ Jesus' name, and inviting the Lord to be with them.

*The person conducting the services should read or assign to be read Matthew chapter 5, verses 22 and 29 through 30, followed by Matthew chapter 10, verses 26 through 28.*

**Commentary:** In the above verses, the word translated as hell is *gehenna*, the Greek transliteration of *Ge-Hinnom*, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, an arroyo on the outskirts of Jerusalem that was used as the city garbage dump. The valley was designated as the city's refuse site after the remnant of Israel returned from Babylon, for it was where rebellious Israelites formerly caused their firstborns to pass through fire. It was where parents offered, by killing with fire, their firstborns to Molech. Thus, this physical valley forms the shadow or type of a spiritual lake of fire into which rebelling firstborn sons of God the Father are cast upon Christ Jesus' return.

In Matthew 10:28, Jesus said to fear the one who can cast *psuche* and *soma* into *gehenna*. Jesus' disciples had not then (when He sent the twelve forth) received the Holy Spirit or Breath Holy [*Pneuma 'Agion*]. Thus, His disciples consisted of *psuche*, shallow breath or life that comes through the breath of life breathed into the first Adam's nostrils (Gen 2:7), and *soma*, flesh. After the glorified Jesus breathes on ten of His disciples (John 20:22) and said, "Receive *Pneuma 'Agion*," His disciples consist of *psuche*, or the breath of life received from Adam, *soma*, the fleshy tent in which each human being dwells, and *pneuma*, the divine breath which gives every disciple spiritual life or actual life in the heavenly realm. Disciples, with the receipt of the Holy Spirit, become as the Apostle Paul describes them when he wishes them well in all aspects of their lives (1 Thess 5:23). However, before receiving the Holy Spirit, every human being is as Jesus' disciples were when He sent the twelve forth: they are only *psuche* and *soma*. They have no life in the heavenly realm; they have no immortal soul. So while they can be destroyed by fire as the firstborns of the natural nation were, only the flesh and the life that is in the flesh will perish.

The sacrificed firstborns of natural Israel, offered to Molech in the valley of the son of Hinnom, will be resurrected through birth from above—and they will know no sin. In essence, through the mischief of

their parents, generations of firstborns of the natural nation were sealed in death before these generations could know sin. They will live again, as will all of humankind that hasn't already received a second birth through receipt of the Breath of God; and they will do so after lawlessness has ceased to exist.

But Jesus knew His disciples would be born from above after He was glorified (John 7:39). Thus, He assigned to their physical breath [*psuche*] the properties that belong to spiritual breath [*pneuma*]; for His sending the Twelve forth forms a shadow of, and is a type of Him sending forth disciples during the first 1260 days of the [seven endtime years of the tribulation](#). The end of the age occurs in the middle of these seven years, occurs when the kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of the Most High and of His Christ (Rev 11:15 & Dan 7:9-14). Therefore, when the divine parents of all children of God cast their spiritual firstborns into *gehenna* fire, there will be no rescue of these infants. They will utterly perish because of their [the infants'] lawlessness, not because of any lawbreaking on the part of the household of God.

*The reader should now read Ezekiel chapter 20.*

**Commentary:** Because the natural nation rejected the Lord's statutes and greatly profaned His Sabbaths, the Lord gave this natural nation of Israel statutes that were not good and rules by which they could not live (v. 25). He defiled them through their offering of their firstborns to fire; He did it so that He might devastate them; He did it so that the natural nation might know that He is the Lord (v. 26).

The spiritual nation of Israel has condemned infant sons of God to *gehenna* fire through teaching these newborns to erase the laws of God written on hearts and minds when these infants are born of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual nation has done in the heavenly realm what the natural nation did in the physical realm. But there is no resurrection after the second death.

All firstborn belong to the Lord to do with as He pleases.

*The reader should now read Exodus chapter 12 through verses 1 & 2 of chapter 13, followed by Isaiah chapter 43.*

**Commentary:** Not just the firstborn of Israel belong to the Lord—He has the right to give as ransom for Israel the lives of the firstborn of Egypt, and of spiritual Babylon. His giving the lives of the firstborn of man and beast in Egypt as ransom for the natural nation of Israelforms a copy and shadow of what will be done [when the Lord gives the lives of the firstborn of \[fallen\] angel and man in spiritual Babylon](#). (Angel and man in the spiritual realm equate to man and beast in the physical realm. Thus, King Nebuchadnezzar receiving the mind of a beast for seven years equates to the spiritual king of Babylon, Satan, being cast to earth and given the mind of a man for a like period, half of which

occurs before being bound in the bottomless pit, the other half after a thousand years when he is released for a short while.)

Because of the natural nation's lawlessness and idolatry, the Lord—with perverse logic—protected the firstborn of this nation, all of whom belonged to Him, from learning the ways of their parents by causing their parents to sacrifice them in the valley of the son of Hinnom. Because of the spiritual nation's lawlessness and idolatry, the Lord, with equal perverseness, will protect His spiritual firstborn sons through causing the greater Christian Church to slay—as Cain slew righteous Abel—those disciples who keep the commandments of God, especially the Sabbath commandment. All of the Christian Church will be baptized, or immersed in Spirit and in fire (Matt 3:11). All will pass through fire. But those disciples who receive an imperishable body upon Christ Jesus' return will pass through unharmed and will enter the heavenly realm, where the marriage supper awaits them. Those disciples who placed their physical life, their perishable bodies, ahead of obedience to Father and Son will lose their spiritual lives as well as their physical lives when they are baptized with fire. They will perish in the flame of *gehenna*, where the refuse of the spiritual city of Jerusalem is burned with age-to-age fire. These disciples who, like the first thief on the cross, sought to save that which must perish will be no more forever.

The Lord gave to the natural nation statutes by which it could not live; the Lord has already given to the spiritual nation statutes that will cause this idolatrous nation to rebel against obedience when the Son of Man is revealed. And for the spiritual nation's rebellion, the Lord will send a great delusion over those disciples who place salvation of their flesh ahead of obedience to God. This great delusion will preclude their repentance. All of the rebels will perish in the flames of *gehenna*.

*The reader should now read Ezekiel chapter 16.*

**Commentary:** Again, the natural nation of Israel in the physical realm forms a copy and shadow of the spiritual nation of Israel, a royal priesthood, a chosen people, who was not before a nation, in the heavenly realm. Physical circumcision is a copy and shadow of spiritual circumcision. The laws of God inscribed by the finger of the Lord on two stone tablets are a copy and shadow of the laws of God inscribed by the Holy Spirit on two tablets of flesh, the heart and mind of each disciple. And the natural nation playing the whore, trusting in her beauty, making for herself colorful shrines (vv. 15-17) forms a copy and shadow of the spiritual nation committing adultery with the spiritual princes of Babylon, Persia, Greece (Dan 10:13, 20). Therefore, the natural nation taking its sons and daughters, borne to the Lord, and sacrificing them to be devoured by flames forms a copy and shadow of the spiritual nation slaying its sons and daughters, borne to the Lord as sons of God, in the flames of *gehenna*.

When a human being is drawn by the Father (John 6:44, 65) through a whiff and a whisper of His holy breath, the person receives actual life in the heavenly realm. The person has been born-from-above before the person realizes that the Father and Son truly exist. The person will have no interest in God

prior to being drawn or called, and the person will certainly not obey God (Rom 8:7). And yes, many are called (Matt 22:14). Many receive a whiff and a whisper. But few will, by faith, turn from disobedience and begin living as spiritual Judeans. Few will believe Moses—and if a person will not believe Moses, the person will not believe Jesus (John 5:46), will not be convinced by the only one who has been raised from the dead (Luke 16:31). It is as simple as that: every Israelite, natural and spiritual, has a righteous accuser, Moses (Deu 31:24-27). Yet the greater Christian Church today scorns this righteous accuser while it cozies up to alien princes, paying them to tickle her in the arroyo outside the Jerusalem above.

God the Father has given the greater Christian Church traditions by which it cannot live, traditions that will cause it to burn firstborn sons of God in *gehenna* fire...no disciple can enter God's rest on the following day. No disciple can please God by continuing to live as a son of disobedience. No disciple who cherishes his or her flesh more than obedience to God will live when baptized with fire.

The person conducting the Sabbath service should close services with two hymns, or psalms, followed by a prayer asking God's dismissal.

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