

JESUS' BAPTISM OF FIRE (Part #2)

Jesus' baptism of Holy Spirit is listed under **Ecclesiology** (study of Church) while Jesus' baptism of fire is listed under **Eschatology** (study of end times).

This lesson will study six aspects of Jesus' Baptism of Fire (Luke 3:15-17).

1. We will begin with a doctrinal definition of Jesus' baptism of Fire.

All living unbelievers will be removed from the earth by Jesus' Baptism of Fire at the Second coming of Jesus Christ (2 Thess.2:5-10) (read).

In our last lesson we studied seven parables of Jesus on this subject from the book of Matthew. One of these parables was the Wheat and Tares (Matt.13:24-30) [Jesus' explanation of parable] (Matt.13:36-43).

(Matt.13:30) "Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers (elect angels), 'First gather up the tares (unbelievers) and bind them in bundles to burn them up (Matt.13:41-42); but the wheat (believers) into my barns (Matt.13:43).'"

2. All living unbelievers removed from earth are sent to Sheol to the place of Torment in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Matt.12:40; Eph.4:9).

They will be kept in Torment until the Great White Throne Judgment (GWTJ). The place of Torment is also called Gehenna.

(Matt.10:28) "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Gehenna)."

3. There are three parts to Sheol:

- Abraham's bosom or Paradise (believers prior to ascension-session) (Luke 23:43; 16:22-23)
- Torment, Gehenna, hell (unbelievers) (Luke 16:23) [Until the GWTJ] (Rev.20)
- Tartarus (fallen angels of Gen.6) (2 Pet.2:4-5) [Released mid-tribulation] (Rev.9)

4. Elect angels will execute the divine judgment of Jesus' baptism of fire (Matt.13:38, 41-42, 46; 25:31, 41, 46).

(2 Thess.1:7-8)" And to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well **when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**"

5. Torment, Gehenna, hell is described by the following five characteristics.

- Outer darkness (Matt.8:12; 22:13; 25:30; 2 Pet.2:17; Jude 13)
- Fiery furnace (Matt.13:42, 50; 25:41)
- Wailing and gnashing of teeth connected with Gehenna
- Eternal destruction (Matt.25:46; Phil.3:18-19; 2 Thess.1:9)
- Worms never dies in **unquenchable fire** (Mark 44, 46, 48)

After the GWTJ: “Then death and Hades (unbelievers of Sheol) were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, the Lake of Fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.” (Rev.20:14-15)

6. Two eschatological world wars will be associated Jesus’ baptism of fire: Armageddon and Gog and Magog.

- **World War of Armageddon** (End of the Great Tribulation - last 7 years of the Jewish age) (Rev.16:13-16) **All unbelievers** removed for Millennium Age.
- **World War of Gog and Magog** (End of the Millennial Age] (Rev.20:7-10) **All unbelievers** removed for the GWTJ and for New Heaven and Earth (Rev.21-22).

Matt.24:6-8	Gives a dress rehearsal during the church age of what is coming after the Rapture.
Matt.24:15-20	Mid tribulation/ Abomination of Desolation (“when/ then”)
Matt.24:21-28	Great Tribulation (last 3 years (Matt.24:21)
Matt.24:29-31	Immediately after the Great Tribulation – “signs in sky” (Acts 2:19-20; Joel 2:10)