

Will Everyone Who Receives The Mark of the Beast Be Tormented Forever in the Lake of Fire?



Introduction

I recently began reading a book entitled *“Know the Future”* authored by Tim McHyde. Although I probably shouldn’t be shocked at spiritual folly published by the professing church these last days, in this case I remain alarmed by an odd conclusion located on page 19 of this book.

“Clearly, God is against the idolatrous act of taking the Mark of the Beast. Those who compromise will be unable to escape his wrath (although their deception does not warrant damnation⁸).”

Puzzled by the statement, “although their deception does not warrant damnation”, I quickly followed a footnote to the following link:

<http://www.escapeallthesethings.com/mark-beast-unpardonable-sin-rapture.htm>

The article found at the above link raises the following handful of questions that could be used to mislead readers to think that it wouldn't be fair for God to eternally condemn a person for receiving the mark of the beast.

First, the writer questions the wisdom of believing that a loving God would eternally condemn people for marking themselves. The false premise underlying his unsound doctrine is that biblical truth needs to be attractive to the unconverted mind in order for them to desire salvation. McHyde contends that a God who could eternally condemn a starving person for compromising truth in order to simply eat isn't a God that anyone would want to know. (McHyde, 2011)

Second, McHyde exalts his own understanding over the wisdom of God in order to conclude that people who don't know God when the mark is released won't have the inner power to refuse it. In that case, the author reasons that God would have no legitimate right to eternally condemn an unregenerate person for marking themselves. (McHyde, 2011)

Third, the author offers false teaching based upon Revelation 14:9-14 that fails to prove that God's penalty for receiving the mark of the beast is only a brief period of hell on earth rather than torment in hell forever. (McHyde, 2011)

In contending for the truth and the welfare of others, including Mr. McHydes', this message will show that the scriptures clearly warn that all those who choose to mark themselves will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the lake of fire day and night forever and ever. It will also explain why this is a just sentence and why it's right for God to expect his children to glorify his name in refusing to mark themselves.

Truthful Consequences

The lake of fire is a literal physical location below the earth into which those that receive the mark of the beast will be thrown. It's a perpetual hot spot of smoking fire and brimstone torment mentioned in the following five places within the Revelation.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 20:14 and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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

The table below shows a comparison between the use of the phrase “lake of fire” in Revelation 20:4-10 and Revelation 14:9-12.

Revelation 20: 4-10	Revelation 14: 9-12
<p><i>And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.</i></p>	<p><i>And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 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: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.</i></p>

In Revelation 20:10 we see that the lake of fire and brimstone will be used as a place of perpetual torment. Those who choose to worship the beast and its image and receive a mark on their forehead or on their hand will also be thrown there.

Revelation 14:11 informs us that the smoke resulting from the torment of the marked citizens of the global beast nation will “go up forever and ever”. Tim McHyde errantly claims forever and ever means “age to age” or a limited earthly time period.

In response to this false assertion, I offer the following wise sentiments of John Wesley regarding Revelation 14:11:

And the smoke - From the fire and brimstone wherein they are tormented. Ascendeth for ever and ever - God grant thou and I may never try the strict, literal eternity of this torment!

The phrase “forever and ever” refers to a future of infinite duration or a perpetual future. It does not refer to a limited time period as McHyde alleges. The phrase translated “day and night” is used in conjunction with the phrase translated “forever and ever”. Revelation 21:25 and Revelation 22:5 teach that there will be no night in the holy Jerusalem, however, Revelation 14:11 and Revelation 20:10 state that there will be both day and night in the lake of fire.

Forever and ever is translated from the Greek phrase εις αιωνας αιωνων. Εις is a preposition which means to or into. Αιωνας is a noun referring to an age or a perpetual series of ages extending to infinity. Couched between the preposition Εις and the noun Αιωνων, the phrase εις αιωνας αιωνων translates “unto ages of ages”.

It is significant that both Revelation 14 and Revelation 20 use this phrase. Revelation 20 explains that 1000 years after the global beast nation and the false prophet are thrown into the lake, the devil is thrown there.

If the torment described in Revelation 14 occurred over a finite time period as McHyde alleges, Revelation 20 wouldn't say that the beast and false prophet remain in the lake of fire and brimstone 1000 years after being thrown there.

Revelation 20:14 marks the lake of fire and brimstone as the location of those sentenced to the second death.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Revelation 20:4-6 teach that the second death has no power over those that “had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands”.

According to Revelation 20:4-6, these blessed and holy saints who overcome the second death will be part of the first resurrection group who will rule with Christ as priests of God and Christ for 1000 years.

Revelation 21:8 prophecies:

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”.

Revelation 15:2 refers to those that get the victory over the mark of the beast. Revelation 2:11 translates the Greek verb word νικων overcome. νικων is translated “get the victory” in Revelation 15:2 teaching that only those that overcome won’t be hurt by the second death.

If those that overcome the mark aren’t hurt by the second death, we know that those who don’t overcome or get the victory over the mark of the beast **will be** hurt by the second death. Revelation 21:8 teaches that the marked citizens of the global beast nation will be among the detained idolaters sharing a perpetually tormenting burning death in the lake of fire and brimstone along with the devil and false prophet.

The consequences of receiving the mark of the beast transcend the mere physical plane. The second death or burning torment in the lake of fire and brimstone result in perpetual physical torment in an actual lake of fire and brimstone located below the earth.



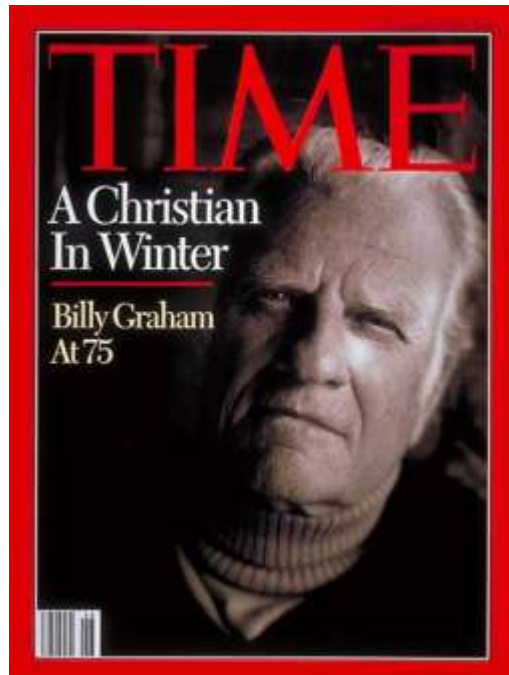
Literal hell?

Over the past decades, Pop American Evangelist Billy Graham has helped make belief in hell as a literal place of fire an unfashionable belief among professing “bible believing” Christians.

In *Biblical Standard for Evangelists*, Mr. Graham said the “fire of hell” could be a symbolic term.

“Jesus used three words to describe hell. ... The third word that He used is ‘fire.’ Jesus used this symbol over and over. This could be literal fire, as many believe. Or it could be symbolic ... I’ve often thought that this fire could possibly be a burning thirst for God that is never quenched” (Graham, 1983)

Graham was quoted in the November 15, 1993 *Time* cover story concerning his heretical belief in a figurative hell.



“The only thing I could say for sure is that hell means separation from God. We are separated from his light, from his fellowship. That is going to be hell. When it comes to a literal fire, I don’t preach it because I’m not sure about it. When the Scripture uses fire concerning hell, that is possibly an illustration of how terrible it’s going to be- not fire but something worse, a thirst for God that cannot be quenched.”

Billy Graham uses terribly faulty logic in rationalizing hell as a symbolic word for separation from God.

First, there are many people who believe “life is good” in spite of the fact that they have lived in willful separation from God.

Sinning and doing your own thing can be pleasurable. Granted, there are unhappy “up and outers” and “down and outers”. There are many people from all walks of life, however, who refuse to follow the Lord Jesus Christ because they believe that moral restrictions will deter their happiness. Timothy described these types of people as “lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”. (2 Timothy 3:4)

Secondly, preaching hell as separation from God is both intellectually dishonest and exegetically unsound. Biblical language should be interpreted literally unless the scripture specifies that the language is figurative; or a literal interpretation contradicts other scripture or is senseless.

There is no linguistic reason or hermeneutical justification for interpreting hell figuratively!

Yet, because of the global popularity of Reverend Graham and the broad circulation his teaching receives due to vast media support; support typifying false prophets according Luke 6:6 by the way, many people separated from God through love of self and pleasure will take false comfort in the lie that hell merely represents separation from God.

The truth of the scripture overrides Mr. Graham’s attempt to quench the fire of hell prepared for the devil and his servants. Biblical truth also overrides McHyde’s intellectually and hermeneutically dishonest attempt to gloss over the perpetual torment of the lake of fire promised to anyone receiving the mark of the beast. God have mercy on these men as they answer to him for the number of souls they’ve deceived through this false teaching.

Conclusion

Those who refuse to mark themselves will be considered unworthy of life by the soul bullying beast system.

Resistors won’t be able to legally work, drive, fly, buy, or sell within the global beast system. They may be falsely labeled unpatriotic, anti-government, conspiracy theorists, kooks, crazies, dangerous, domestic terrorists, economic terrorists, anarchists, extremists, disrespectful, technophobic, paranoid and psychologically unstable because of their inflexible resistance against using the mark to identify themselves.

A proper futuristic interpretation of biblical prophecy can equip believers to resist the temptation to mark themselves. Like Pavlov's dog, American professionals, more than non-professionals, have been subtly conditioned to act as team players willing to junk some degree of independent thought, idealism, Christ's preeminence, values and principles in order to survive. (Pilger, 2011) In order to overcome the demonic power of the mark of the beast system and the worship of its image, people will have to possess heart knowledge of the book of Revelation.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Rev 1:3, Rev 22:7, Rev 22:14)

Those that don't love the truth will be misled into believing a lie and will receive the mark of the beast. (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12)

Because of the holy nature of God, the mark of the beast can be nothing other than a fair test. God expects his children to pass this test because he will equip them to victoriously overcome.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (James 1:12-15)

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1Corinthians 10:13)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Php 4:13)

Because God desires that everyone repent and be saved, he has been warning people for centuries about the irreversible consequences of receiving the mark of the beast.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2Pe 3:9)

It's trendy in "churchdumb" to downplay the importance of doctrinal study. Frankly, however, failure to study scripture and or heed warnings from those who have studied on our behalf, show that we haven't loved God with our entire mind. This lack of love can result in fatal deception.

God has made his truth available to us if we're willing to seek for it with all of our heart. He will get his message to everyone who needs to hear it in his time before the end comes. (Amos 3:7; Matthew 24:14)

Without faith it's impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

The deception of the mark will be clear to those that actively engaged in God's word and controlled by Gods Spirit. It will only con those whose minds aren't controlled by God's Word. The test will be passed by those who have been hearing the word of God. They have learned to discern right from wrong through exercising faith in God's word. (Hebrews 5:14)

In light of this truth, the consequences promised to those who refuse to listen to him and choose to believe the lie instead of the truth, must be fair.

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. (Proverbs 1:24-32)

The testing trials of Job help us understand that God wants his people to overcome the devil. God's purpose is to show the powers of evil that God's people love, trust and obey their Lord simply for who he is.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in

the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. (Job 1:7-11)

The victorious response of Job to his testing trials; as well as the response of those destined to be victorious over the mark in their trial, testify that God is worthy of love simply because he is love.

Overcomers will glorify God by showing the devil and his demons that God's children value their Father in heaven above all things. Loyalty to Christ is more important than life itself to them. In comparison to their love for their Lord Jesus, real Disciples of Christ hate their lives. Jesus has already told us that he expects such extreme love from his followers.

And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Luke 14:25-35)

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (Revelation 12:10-12)

Elements of God's holy character such as his mercy, truthfulness, justice, fairness, kindness, patience and love prohibit him from setting people up to fall for the magickal seduction of the mark of the beast. It's the unholy devil, not the holy God, who is actively preparing people physically, mentally, psychologically and spiritually to be snared by the mark.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

The mark is Satan's "weapon of mass destruction". Antichrist and his global beast nation will use it to physically overcome the saints in his war on them.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. (Revelation 13:7-10)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Rev 20:4)

What will the mark test in people?

First, the test of the mark will be used to accelerate the character refining process in overcoming believer's lives.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (1 Peter 1:7)

Revelation 13:10 speaks of the patience and faith of the saints in the context of the war of the beast nation upon them. God's people are physically conquered by Antichrist during this 42 month long conflict. During this war, extreme pressures such as unemployment, poverty, hunger, rejection, loneliness, and slander will converge upon believers. This intense spiritual battle will require a persistent exercise of faith and the continued development of patience in believers in order for them to resist the temptation to receive the mark of the beast.

Second, this test will disclose the nature of a person's faith. It's far too easy in these last days for professing Christians in America to live in a state of self-deception unaware that Christ isn't preeminent in their lives and that they don't really trust his word. The test of the mark will show whether or not the object of a person's faith is the rock solid holy character of Jesus Christ.

Third, the test of the mark will show whether or not we love Christ with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.

The prophet Daniel was told that our ability to understand the meaning his prophecies would increase at the time of the end. (Daniel 12)

A professing Christian who receives the mark because they were misled by false teaching will be without excuse. Those controlled by God's Spirit will understand that the mark is forbidden fruit. (Daniel 12:10) The mark test will be passed by those remaining in God's word. (John 15:1-6) They have learned to discern right from wrong through exercising faith in God's word. (Hebrews 5:14) The false prophet will only come on those whose minds aren't controlled by God's Word into receiving the mark. (John 6:63; John 16:13)

Loving money and physical and financial security will blind us to the truth concerning the mark of the beast. (Proverbs 2; Matthew 6:22-24; Hebrews 13:12-14)

In the face of the mark test, anyone who loves the emotional security that can come with blending in with the official mainstream establishment views is highly at risk for being psychologically unable to turn off the dangerous broad road onto the secure and narrow road of truth. (Jeremiah 17:5)

The mark test is designed to reveal whether or not a profession of faith in Christ is true or false. It will reveal whether or not our professed love for God is a narcissistic religious feeling or an unselfish, unconditional love that surpasses our love for life itself. It will show why we really love God. It will show whether we love Jesus Christ more than ourselves because we know him and not because we just think he "rocks", or makes us feel good about ourselves, or gives us purpose and a place to belong.

The test will separate those who depend upon the living word of God for wisdom and instruction in daily life from those who depend upon their own understanding and resources. The compartmentalized faith of those who separate their lives into secular and sacred spheres will be tested and found

false. Saturday or Sunday only Christians trusting in their own devilish, earthly wisdom to guide their daily lives will fall. (Daniel 11: 32-35)

We must understand God as the scripture reveals him to us to avoid the deception of the mark. We must place ourselves in humility under the authority of the scripture. If we superimpose our understanding of humanity upon the character of God, we will misinterpret his intentions involving the mark of the beast test.

We know God is just, kind, patient, humble, merciful, and truthful. We know he teaches, warns and shows us things to come. We know he is a good shepherd. His character would never allow him to test our character in order to defeat us. He isn't a cruel God who enjoys tormenting people. No, God tests people to reveal self-deception and false profession in those that don't know him. He tests them to refine and make those that do know him more like Jesus.

Those that remake God in their own image through placing their own understanding of scripture over biblical truth will be deceived. People who trust extra-biblical signs and visions rather than the written word of God will be fooled. Those that trust money, intellect, elite wisdom, family, resources, or anything else over the revelation of God about overcoming the beast, its image and the mark will be snared.

In closing, this message shows that the scriptures warn that all those who choose to mark themselves will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the lake of fire day and night forever and ever. It explains why this is a just sentence and why God expects his children to glorify his name in refusing to mark themselves.

It's my prayer that the Spirit of God will use the simple truth of this message to prepare God's people to be victoriously overcome the global beast nation should they ever face the fiery trial of its mark.