

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Praised by Christ, or Not?

Matthew 10:32–33

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ἀποκτείνω *apokteinō*
pres act part masc plur
gen
to kill

ἀπόλλυμι *apollumi*
aor act infin to
destroy, ruin; to
lose

Two options:

a. *Gehenna* describes the eternal Lake of fire.

b. *Gehenna* describes a form of temporal punishment or divine discipline in time, not eternity.

If *Gehenna* refers to the Lake of Fire, then this would indicate that either:

- a. Jesus is indicating that His hearers can lose their salvation for avoiding persecution, [Arminianism]**
- b. Jesus is indicating that failure to persevere in the face of persecution means His disciples are not truly believers [Lordship Calvinism].**

Gehenna, The Valley of Hinnom

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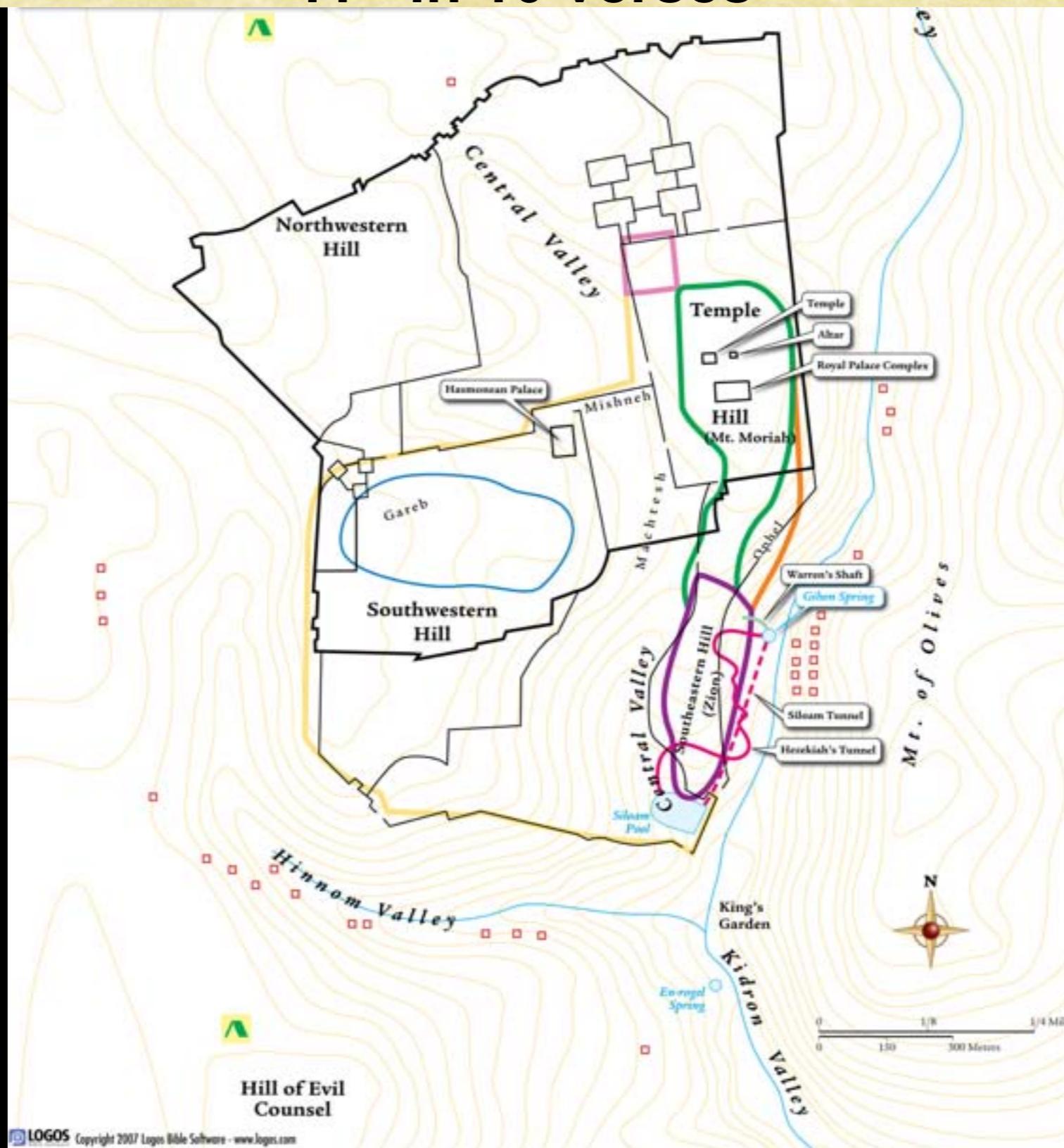
Matt. 11:1 shows that Jesus was teaching His disciples who were already believers (except Judas).

Matt. 11:1, “Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.”

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11× in 10 verses



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- 1. Where Judah sinned by committing child sacrifice and burning their sons and daughters in the fires of Molech.**

Thus *Gehenna* symbolized a place of idolatry, disobedience to God, and spiritual failure.



2 Chron. 28:3, “He [Ahaz] burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.”

Jer. 7:31, “And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.”

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2. For their sins of idolatry Judah was to be punished in *Gehenna* in 586 B.C.

This was a historical punishment of divine discipline on the nation for their spiritual failure.

In Jeremiah 19:6 Jeremiah predicted that as punishment for the sins, the valley would be used as a mass burial site for those slaughtered in the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

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Jer. 19:6, “ ‘therefore behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.’ ”

Jer. 7:32, “ ‘Therefore behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room.’ ”

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- 3. Conclusion: The Valley of Hinnom was not used in the Old Testament as a reference to eternal condemnation in the Lake of Fire, but as a place of divine discipline on the nation of Israel for their spiritual failure.**

***Gehenna* thus became an idiom for spiritual failure, condemnation and shame, and divine discipline in time, not in eternity.**

The Valley of Hinnom, *Gehenna*, was a Jewish metaphor invoking the memory of Israel's spiritual failure and God's judgment to warn believers of the very real dangers of divine discipline in time, and the loss of rewards and shame at the judgment seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:10–15).

Matt. 10:28,

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

“But** rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [*gehenna*: the valley of Hinnom].”**

i.e., Do not fear the one who persecutes you even to the point of death,

BUT fear the One who can bring misery to your life through divine discipline for disobedience.

Matt. 10:29, “Are not two **sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.**

Matt. 10:30, “But the very **hairs of your head are all numbered.**

Matt. 10:31, “Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many **sparrows.”**

φοβέω *phobeō*

pres pass impera 2

plur

to fear, be afraid

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE

ONE

Justification

**Saved from the
Penalty of Sin**

PHASE

Two

**Spiritual
Life**

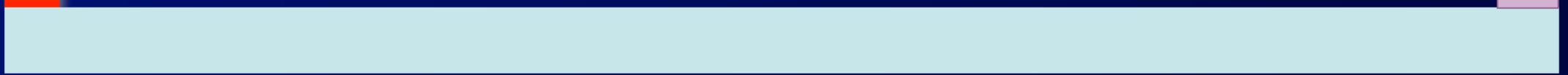
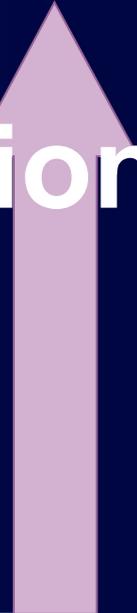
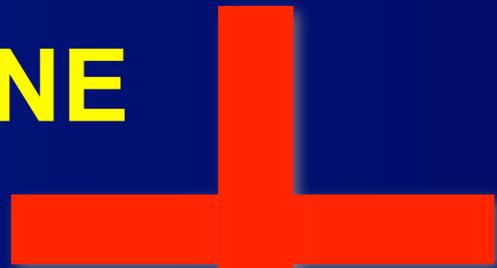
**Saved from the
Power of Sin**

PHASE

THREE

Glorification

**Saved from the
Presence of Sin**



Matt. 10:32, “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Matt. 10:33, “But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

Matt. 10:40, “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

Matt. 10:41, “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall **receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall **receive** a righteous man’s **reward**.**

Matt. 10:42, “And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his **reward.”**

Matt. 10:32, “Therefore whoever **confesses Me before men, him I will also **confess** before My Father who is in heaven.**

Matt. 10:33, “But whoever **denies Me before men, him I will also **deny** before My Father who is in heaven.”**

**ὁμολογέω *homologeō*
“to confess, praise, to
admit, acknowledge”**

**ἄρνέομαι *arneomai*
“to deny, to refuse”**

Salvation is a FREE GIFT

Rewards are EARNED

Revelation 22:12,

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

2 John 1:8, “Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.”

Revelation 3:4, “BUT You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:5, “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Matt. 10:37, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Matt. 10:38, “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Matt. 10:39, “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”

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Examples of *litotes*

Isa. 55:11, “So shall My word ... not return to Me void,”

Jer. 30:19, “... I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish [they will be numerous]; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small [they shall be magnified].”

Jer. 7:31, “... which I did not command [which I prohibited]”

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**2 Tim. 2:11–13,
“This is a faithful saying:**

**For if we died with Him,
We shall also live with Him.
If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him.
If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.
If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.”**

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“This is a faithful saying:**

For if [1st] we died with Him, [Rom. 6:3–5]

We shall also live with Him. [Eternal security]

If [1st] we endure,

We shall also reign with Him. [Rewards]

If [1st] we deny Him,

He also will deny us. [Loss of rewards]

If we are faithless, [*apisteuo*]

He remains faithful; [*pistos*]

He cannot deny Himself.”



**2 Corinthians 5:10,
“For we must all appear
before the judgment seat
of Christ, so that each one
may be recompensed for
his deeds [works] in the
body, according to what
he has done, whether
good or bad.”**

1 Peter 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s **work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”**

e;rgon, *ergon*, “work, labor, toil, production”