

NW Bible Church – Angels, Devils, and the Dead

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LESSON –ENDGAME; THE ETERNAL STATE

Only 2 Final Destinations

1. Matthew 8:10-12, 25:46
 - a. Kingdom of Heaven
 - b. Outer Darkness

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 - a. Matthew 8:10-12 (22:13, 25:30) Outer Darkness
 - b. Revelation 19:20 – Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire
 - c. Revelation 20:10 – Satan into the Lake of Fire
 - d. Revelation 20:11-15 – Unbelievers into the Lake of Fire

3. Kingdom of Heaven
 - a. Revelation 21:1-6 (7-9 change in tense address people of John's age)
 - b. Revelation 21:10-14
 - c. 15-17 - Measure
 - d. 18-21 - Components
 - e. 22-27 – Holiness
 - f. 22:1-7 – Conclusion

4. Final Message – new tense to current people of world – 22:10-21

Moon 1,000 mile radius or 2k mi diameter, New Jerusalem is min of 1,400 mi in each dimension

Other Beliefs

Limbus Infantum - In Catholicism, "edge, infants", aka **Limbo** – where unbaptized infants go – neither tormented or allowed into heaven.

Based on doctrine of baptismal regeneration, not based on Protestant cannon Scripture

Purgatory – also Catholic in origin, "to purge" – canonical Scriptures all grossly misinterpreted by natural context. Primary passage II Maccabees 12:41-45 – sin offering and prayers for those who had died in sin.

Note on Maccabees: Occurs during the time between the Testaments, never classed as scriptural by Jews.

Guardian Angels – Primary Scripture of direct association of individuals with guardian angels is Matthew 18:10. Otherwise, there are several verses of acts of angels protecting in various ways (saving Lot, rescuing Peter from prison, etc.)

Much more established in Rabbinic literature and Catholic tradition, but also a concept in Eastern non-Christian religions.

The Dead becoming Angels – Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772) taught as doctrine no created angels, but only dead humans – good and evil. This is also popularized by the 1946 classic movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and by children's cartoons which have used transformation into angelic or devilish forms as an on-screen euphemism for death.

Not helping the confusion is the fact that the Bible does not relate the creations of angels per se.