

Do Unbelievers Live Forever? & John the Baptist's Insights

Message of Life

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Introduction to *Do Unbelievers Live Forever in the Lake of Fire?*

Three Answers Are Theoretically Possible:

1. No, unbelievers will be vaporized; they will cease to exist (Annihilationism)

2. Yes, _____.

3. No, _____.

Those favoring view _____ usually do so, because _____

I agree that view 1 is wrong, **BUT** I do not regard _____

Two Key Passages: John 3:14-16 and Revelation 20:14:

John 3₁₄ "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ₁₅so whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ₁₆ For God loved the world this way: That He gave His *One and* only Son, so whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life [FMT: Faithful Majority Translation].

Revelation 20₁₄ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. [FMT]

Implications

Introduction to *Understanding John the Baptist's Insights*

1. Matthew 3:13-17 // Mark 1:9-11 // Luke 3:21-22 Mention Jesus' Baptism by John

2. John's Gospel Does Not Mention Jesus Baptism by John

3. John 1:29-36 Speaks of Contact between Jesus and John the Baptist

QUESTION: When (in Relation to John 1) Would Jesus Have Been Baptized?

Possibility 1: The Day of John 1:29-35 Was Also the Day of His Baptism

Possibility 2: He Was Baptized Over 40 Days Prior to John 1:29-35

ANALYSIS: Where Did Jesus Go after Each Meeting with John the Baptist?

In John 1:37-42 (a new day) He accumulated some disciples.

Then in John 1:43ff (a new day) He went to Galilee with disciples.

Then in John 2:1-11 (three days later) He and disciples went to a wedding.

However, _____

Therefore, _____

IMPLICATIONS:

A. Zane Hodges seems to have been on the right track, when he suggested that

John's narration begins at John 1: _____, not at John 1: _____

B. It explains the prior conversation reported in John 1: _____

C. It is quite reasonable that John the Baptist would have known all the things

that he says in John 1: _____ this early in the book.