

Holy Fire by lel

God has given several examples of how He uses God sent holy fire to indicate His presence, power and cleansing ability against impurities. An early example shows holy fire being used to catch the attention of Moses. God shows this to be a special type of fire that does not burn up the thorn bush in it's midst. We are also told that this place is Holy as God is residing there. I have a theory why God chose the thorn bush to be in the fire. On the surface, thorn branches would be very small and should easily burn. This would have gotten the attention of Moses. Moreover, the thorn is a symbol of a small irritation that is difficult to remove. Israel in Egypt had become a small irritation that God desired to cleanse from sin. He wished Moses to become an instrument to extract His people from the midst of the sinful atmosphere found in Egypt. He loved Israel and wished to refine them in the heat of desert struggles. They would come to know Him and to depend on Him for their very lives. They would also find God to be a disciplinarian to punish the wicked who strayed from His laws.

Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a thorn bush. And he looked. And behold! The thorn bush burned with fire! And the thorn bush *was* not burned up.

Exo 3:3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the thorn bush is not burned up.

Exo 3:4 And Jehovah saw that he had turned aside to see. God called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush, and said, Moses! Moses! And he said, Here I *am*.

Exo 3:5 And He said, Do not come near here. Pull off your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

God showed that there are different types of fire & heat. He also refines people to cleanse them of sin by using afflictions and hard times to test them. One instance of this happening was when He told Israel that, while He loved them and would not destroy them, He would allow them to be put through difficult times as a means of driving them from sin. Many times Israel strayed from God and each time they came under Satan's attacks when God removed His hedge of protection. One such occurrence resulted from their rejection of Jesus. The resulting hatred by the world has lasted 2000 years, but they will be restored and greatly blessed in the end. Similar, testing occurs for all those loved by God. Difficulties force reflection and a turning to God for help. God does not protect those opposing His will. Individuals and nations are all in need of correct Godly actions to be blessed by God.

Isa 48:9 For My name's sake I will put off My anger, and for My praise I will hold back for you, that I do not cut you off.

Isa 48:10 Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

Eze 22:19 Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem.

Eze 22:20 *As they* gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it to melt *it*, so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you there* and melt you.

Eze 22:21 And I will gather you and blow on you in the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in the middle of it.

Eze 22:22 As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so you shall be melted in the middle of it; and you shall know that I Jehovah have poured out My fury on you.

God proved that He can protect against the fiery trials of the world when He saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He even showed that He, in the form of Christ, was with them in the midst of the testing. This was a real fire, capable of killing those opposing God. But, it had no ability to harm those protected by God or their property.

Dan 3:21 Then these men were tied up in their slippers, their tunics, and their mantles, and their *other* clothes, and were thrown into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:22 Then because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Dan 3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was amazed. And he rose up in haste and spoke and said to his advisers, Did we not throw three men bound into the middle of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Behold! I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and there is no harm among them. And the form of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods.

Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near the door of the burning fiery furnace. He answered and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come forth and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth from the middle of the fire.

Dan 3:27 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's advisers gathered and saw these men *on whose* bodies the fire had no power (and the hair of their head was not scorched, nor were their slippers changed, nor had the smell of fire clung on them).

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sometimes described as a tongue of flame. Here, the fire was on each believer and its power did not harm, but rather blessed each person. The resulting power of God spread through the Christians to all people as a wind-driven fire spreads in a field of dry grass. Israel was dry in its religious fervor and God's power ignited them into a renewed devotion and to seeking the living God in their midst.

Act 2:1 And in the fulfilling of the day of Pentecost, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven as borne along by the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed; and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled of the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other

languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The following accounts describe a Holy lake of fire, created by God to hold all those not desiring His rewards and presence. The fire is eternally extremely hot, but cannot cleanse the spirits of those thrown in. Without Christ no sin can be removed. Therefore, their suffering is also eternal. Note, that even death and Hell, both created by Satan, are also included in Rev. 20:14. Not only Satan and all his followers are included, but all his works are included. Conversely, all God's people, their good works and God's works all survive in a renewed form and never come near the fire. But, that is another study.*

**Why do I believe that the fiery lake is Holy & created by God? The "created by God" is easily explained because Christ created all things in Col.1:16 and Rev.4:11. The Holy spiritual fires described in Exodus and Acts were unusual since they were not described as hot but were in Holy circumstances and give the impression of lasting forever without a physical fuel source. It would also seem appropriate that all things of sin continue to be tormented by God's awesome Holyness in a spiritual form. Spirit (worm) tormented by Holy Spirit Fire. The pureness of The Father's Holyness would also prevent anything unholy in the presence of the Father God, in Heaven, without the protection of the Blood of Christ. See below Exodus 33 passages.*

Exo 33:20 And He said, You cannot see My face. For there no man can see Me and live.

Exo 33:21 And Jehovah said, Behold! *There* is a place by Me, and you shall stand upon a rock.

Exo 33:22 And it will be, while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Mat 13:39 The enemy who sowed them is the Devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

Mat 13:40 Therefore as the darnel are gathered and burned in the fire, so it shall be in the end of this world.

Mat 13:41 The Son of Man shall send out His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who do iniquity,

Mat 13:42 and shall cast them into a furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Mat 13:49 So it shall be at the end of the world. The angels shall come out and separate the wicked from among the just,

Mat 13:50 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Mar 9:43 And if your hand offends you, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than to have two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched

Mar 9:44 where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mar 9:45 And if your foot offends you, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than to have two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be

quenched

Mar 9:46 where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mar 9:47 And if your eye offends you, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes to be cast into hell fire

Mar 9:48 where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet doing signs before it, (by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast), and those who had worshiped his image. The two were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 20:10 And the Devil who deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *were* . And he will be tormented day and night forever 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 if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire.