

GOD WILL DESTROY THE WICKED: -

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There is a teaching that has been circulating amongst Seventh-day Sabbath-keepers for a number of years, that God is so loving that he does not destroy anyone; but rather that the wicked destroy themselves. The following Scriptures plainly expose this teaching as a false and delusive heresy, and need little if any comment.

Genesis 18:23 - 25: - “And Abraham drew near, and said, **Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?** Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: **wilt thou also destroy** and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that [are] therein? **That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**”

Psalm 11:5 & 6: - “**The LORD** trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. **Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: [this shall be] the portion of their cup.**”

Psalm 21:7 - 9: - “For the king trusteth in **the LORD**, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved. **Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.**”

Psalm 145:20: - “**The LORD** preserveth all them that love him: **but all the wicked will he destroy.**”

Isaiah 13:6: - “Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD** [is] at hand; **it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.**”

Isaiah 13:9: - “Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: **and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.**”

Isaiah 26:20 & 21: - “Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. **For, behold, the LORD** cometh out of his place **to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.**”

Malachi 4:1 - 3: - “**For, behold, the day** cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. **And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts.**”

Matthew 10:28: - “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**”

1 Corinthians 3:16 & 17: - "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy;** for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are."

2 Thessalonians 1:7 - 9: - "And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord,** and from the glory of his power."

James 4:12: - "**There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy:** who art thou that judgest another?"

Revelation 6:14 - 17: - "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, **Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"**

SOME PLAIN BIBLICAL PRECEDENTS THAT GOD DOES INDEED DESTROY THE WICKED: -

The Lord destroyed Nadab and Abihu by fire.

Leviticus 10:1 & 2: - "And **Nadab and Abihu**, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. **And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.**"

The Lord consumed the 250 princes of the congregation of Israel by fire at the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

Numbers 16:35: - "And **there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men** that offered incense."

God will destroy Satan by fire.

Ezekiel 28:11 - 19: - "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, **Thus saith the Lord GOD;** Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth;** and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: **and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub,** from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; **therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.** All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more."

God brought the flood upon the wicked world that destroyed them all at the time of Noah.

Luke 17:26 & 27: - “And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, **and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**”

Genesis 6:7, 13 & 17: -“**And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;** both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. ... And **God said** unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, **I will destroy them with the earth.** ... **And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein [is] the breath of life, from under heaven; [and] every thing that [is] in the earth shall die.**”

Genesis 7:4: - “For yet seven days, **and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights;** and every living substance that I have made **will I destroy from off the face of the earth.**”

God destroyed the wicked cities of the plain by raining upon them fire and brimstone out of heaven.

Luke 17:28 & 29: - “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that **Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all.**”

Genesis 19:24, 25 & 29: - “**Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.** ... And it came to pass, **when God destroyed the cities of the plain,** that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, **when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.**”

God destroyed the rebellious children of Israel in the wilderness.

Jude 5: - “I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that **the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.**”

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