

The Journey of the Damned (2nd Peter 2:4-17)

Text: *2 Pet 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;*

2 Pet 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

2 Pet 2:6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

2 Pet 2:7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men

2 Pet 2:8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)--

2 Pet 2:9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

2 Pet 2:10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings;

2 Pet 2:11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

2 Pet 2:12 But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of

instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.

2 Pet 2:13 They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.

2 Pet 2:14 With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed--an accursed brood!

2 Pet 2:15 They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness.

2 Pet 2:16 But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey--a beast without speech--who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

2 Pet 2:17 These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

Intro: Can we take a trip, a trip so many will take; but a trip none has to make. Let's take a trip that all the lost will take, a journey down the dark corridors of the doomed and the damned. As we fall over the edge we enter a chasm that is filled with total darkness. We are overcome by the stench of rotten flesh as we enter a place completely controlled by evil. A feeling of despair consumes us as we enter this hopeless world of no escape and eternal damnation. As we walk down the gloomy hall we come to a cell; there's a name over the cell door. As we peer into the total darkness of the cell, we sense movement inside. Our very being is pierced by

the scream of the tormented soul inside. Supernaturally our eyes are permitted to see inside this cell.

The Name on the Door

Rich man (Laz)

Rich young ruler (riches dragging me down)

Ahab (why did I listen to that woman)

Achan (bars of gold and Bab. Garments)

Haman (I can see the Gallows)

Herrod (blood of innocent children)

Hitler (gas chamber)

Abortion doctors

A/C Can we visit one more cell. LOOK your name is above the door!!! Do you dare look

inside ? This cell is different, there is no sounds coming from it. A total peace has filled the room , blocking out the screams of torment from the other cells. As we look inside this cell there is no evidence of a tormented soul; only a bloody Cross can be seen. All at once the voice of God speaks "I took your sins and covered them with my blood to deliver you from the place.