

Jehovah's Witnesses may argue that hell is just the grave. They claim the lost will be awake at the final day of Judgment and will be annihilated forever in the lake of fire, not burning forever (Rev. 20:15). But the Bible, including their New World Translation, shows that there is an eternal place of torment in the end. People lost in their sins are not simply annihilated at the lake of fire. They will be literally tormented for eternity. If the Jehovah's Witnesses really read their New World Translation, like they were supposed to, they would have seen several verses in their bible that supports the doctrine of hellfire and eternal damnation.

1) Revelation 14:10-11 (NWT) reveals that people will not be annihilated, but rather being tormented forever in the lake of fire.

·**J.W. Argument:** But that verse really means that a person will be annihilated forever.

·**Christian Answer:** But the verse says, “they have no rest day nor night.” It does not make sense that annihilation would be having no rest day nor night. It sounds more like being alive while burning.

2) Revelation 20:10 (NWT) reveals that the lake of fire is a place where one will be tormented forever. Revelation 21:8 (NWT) reveals that sinners will go to the lake of fire.

3) Matthew 25:41, 46 (NWT) reveals that people will suffer the eternal punishment by burning in everlasting fire where the devil and his angels are at. (You can also use Jude 7).

·**J.W. Argument:**□ But that verse really means that the punishment of fire will be everlasting, but not the person burning in it since he or she will be annihilated in the everlasting fire.

·**Christian Answer:** But notice the everlasting fire is where the devil will burn. Remember Revelation 20:10 (NWT) reveals that the devil will be tormented in the fire forever. Also, how can it honestly be called an “everlasting punishment” when a person disappears from the punishment due to annihilation? After God casts every human in the lake of fire, then thousands of years later, there is no one burning in there. Should that honestly be called “everlasting punishment”?

4) Mark 9:45-47 reveals that hell is not the grave, because it has unquenchable fire. Also, a person will never die in hell.

·**J.W. Argument #1:**□ But in the Greek, the word “hell” is actually “Gehenna.” Gehenna is a place where the trash is thrown outside the streets of Israel, in which the worms crawl all over and the fire is burning.

·**Christian Answer #1:**

(A) But the Greek word “Gehenna” is translated into “hell” for English. The KJV translators were scholars from Oxford, Cambridge, and Westminster, so they should know more Greek than you. If J.W.s are insistent in leaving the literal translation as “Gehenna,” then the word “God” in the Bible should be left as “Theos” for literal translation too.

(B) Jesus meant “hell,” not “Gehenna.” If you turn to Matthew 23:33 (NWT), it shows Jesus was telling the Pharisees that they will face the “judgment of Gehenna.” What? So, did Jesus use His mighty, terrible judgment upon the Pharisees by throwing them into some fiery dump?

(C) If Gehenna is really the trash heap outside Israel, then shouldn’t those fires be everlasting? (Mark 9:43-44 NWT)

·**J.W. Argument #2:** Mark 9:43-45 is figuratively saying that sin is like an unquenchable fire that will burn much guilt into the conscience.

·**Christian Answer #2:** There is not a single verse that you can prove that interpretation. What about the context of verse 47? Are we going to try to say that entering the kingdom of God or heaven is figurative too? To make hell fire figurative, you must make heaven figurative too.

·**J.W. Argument #3:** But notice that the “worm” will never die, not humans. So, no one burns in hell forever.

·**Christian Answer #3:** But notice that the worms live forever (Mark 9:44); obviously, worms cannot live forever. Job 25:6, Psalms 22:6, and Isaiah 41:14 explain that God will use the word “worm” to refer to humans in deprived conditions.

5) Revelation 20:14 proves that hell will have fire either way, because it is cast into the lake of fire.

·**J.W. Argument #1:** But in the Greek, “hell” actually reads “Hades,” not “hell.”

·**Christian Answer #1:** OK. I’ll say “Hades” then. But it does not deny the fact that you will burn in Hades, not just get a burial.

·**J.W. Argument #2:** But in that verse, it also says death is cast into the lake of fire. It does not make sense that death is literally cast into the lake of fire. So, the verse is using death and hell as metaphorical expressions.

·**Christian Answer #2:** There is not a single verse to prove that interpretation. Revelation 20:14 and 21:8 explains that the lake of fire will literally become the second death when death and hell are both cast into this place .