



## PREVIEW OF HEAVEN & HELL

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*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God ...and the dead were judged ... according to their works (Rev 20:12).*

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**T**he state of California in America has experienced some terrible fires in recent years. On November 8, 2018, the Sierra Nevada foothill town of Paradise was nearly wiped off the map by a raging wildfire that consumed 240 square miles of timberland, killed at least 85 people, and destroyed 14,000 homes. People living in absolute luxury must never have imagined that their houses would be reduced to ashes in a hellish firestorm.

**Luxury to Lamentation & Penury to Paradise:** The story of the rich man and Lazarus contrasts, the lifestyle of two men, one rich and luxurious and the other poor and wretched. The moral of the story is about the destiny and fate that awaits each of them based on their life on earth.

The rich man is dressed in grandeur, his table is overflowing, and he is arrogant and insensitive towards the poor beggar. The poor man on the other hand was destitute and dying with his sores, longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. However, in death, God demonstrates equity in how Lazarus is comforted in paradise and the rich man is tormented in hell.

**Watch out for Warnings:** The rich man was not mindful of the gospel in his lifetime but pleads for the salvation of his five brothers. Father Abraham is clear about the warnings available to them through the prophets.

While earthly possessions are clearly God's blessings, God's irrepressible glory is all around us, including the destruction that He causes to bring us to our senses before we land ourselves in greater hell.



**Lord God, help us to live with our eternal destiny in mind,  
Amen.**



Bible in a year : Isaiah 31, 32 | Psalm 105