

Fire as Emotion in the Old Testament

Fire Connected to God

God as a devouring fire – Deut. 4:24

God's glory as fire – Isa. 10:16-18; Ex. 24:17

God makes winds His messengers and fire and flame His ministers – Ps. 104:4

God's presence as a consuming fire – Ex. 3:2; 2 Sa. 22:13; Ps. 50:3; but not in 1 Kings 19:12; Isa. 66:15

God's voice as fire – Ps. 29:7

Fire comes from God's mouth – 2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:9

Fire associated with God's movable throne, fixed throne or heaven – Ezek. 1:13, 27; 8:2; 10:2, 6; 28:14, 18; Dan. 10:6; Ezek. 1:4, 13; Deut. 4:12, 15, 33, 36; 5:4, 19, 21; 9:10; 10:4

God's presence in a pillar of fire (by night) – Ex. 13:22; 14:24; 40:38; Num. 9:15, 16; 14:14; Deut. 1:33; Neh. 9:12, 19; Ps. 78:14; 105:39

Fire comes from God's presence to consume sacrifice/Nadab and Abihu – Lev. 9:24; 10:2; cf. Num. 16:35; 26:10

Offered strange fire – Lev. 10:1; cf. Lev. 16:12-13; Num. 3:4; 16:6-7, 18, 41 [Heb=17:11]; 26:61

God's jealousy kindles fire – Deut. 4:21-22;

Fire associated with destruction – Jdg 9:15-20; 15:5; Isa. 1:7; 29:6; 64:11; Jer. 49:27; 51:58; Ezek. 5:4; 19:14; 20:47 [=21:3]

Fire in God's bringing destruction – Isa. 30:30-33; cf. Isa. 65:5; 66:15-16; Jer. 11:16; Jer. 17:27

Fire Connected to Wicked

Tongue of fire devouring stubble = root of evil people becoming rotten

Wickedness burns like a fire – Isa. 9:18

Human sacrifice = passing through fire – 2 Kgs. 17:17; 21:6; 23:10; 2 Chr. 28:3; 32:6; Ezek. 20:31

Breath of the destroyer is a fire that will consume him – Isa. 33:10-11

Who can live amid the devouring fire? – Isa. 33:14

Worm does not die nor fire quenched – Isa. 66:24

Punished according to the fruit of your doings as fire – Jer. 21:14

Fire coming out from within to destroy – Ezek. 19:14 (cf. v. 12); Ezek. 28:18

Fire comes from Leviathan's mouth – Job 41:11/19

Wickedness burns like fire – Isa. 9:18/17

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God's anger as fire (cf. above God bringing destruction; Deut. 4:24) – Jer. 15:14; 17:4; Ezek. 22:20; Ps. 21:9/10; 79:5; 89:46/47; 78:21; Lam. 4:11; Ezek. 24:12; 36:5; 38:19; Zeph. 3:8

Fire as human emotion – Ps. 39:2/3-3/4; Prov. 6:27-29; 16:7[Heb]; 26:20-21; 30:15-16; Job 31:9-12?; SS 8:6

Revelation 19-21: The Final End of Sin and Sinners

1. Read Revelation 19-21.
2. Where is God's wrath mentioned?
3. What is the "lake of fire"?
4. Look at other handout pertaining to fire.
5. Note how Jesus describes the end of sinners:
 - Matthew 8:10-12
 - Matthew 13:36-42, 47-50
 - Matthew 18:8, 9
 - Matthew 22:12, 13
 - Matthew 24:50-51
 - Matthew 25:30ff.
 - Mark 9:42-50
 - Mark 12:9
 - Luke 12:5
 - Luke 16:19-31
 - Luke 19:27
6. Other texts
 - Mark 10:35-40; cf. Luke 3:16-17; 12:49-53
 - Luke 14:24