

Welcome! Let's study the Bible together.

In Acts 3:22-23 (NKJV), Moses prophesied about the coming Messiah:

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'"

This prophecy points directly to Jesus Christ. The question we face is: *When will people who reject Jesus be destroyed and separated from His people?*

Today, many ignore or disobey Jesus, but we don't yet see them destroyed or socially isolated in a final sense.

The passage reveals two things that will happen simultaneously to those who reject Christ:

1. Destruction (Judgment and eternal punishment)
2. Separation (from God, His people, and His creation)

When will this take place? The New Testament clarifies this moment:

In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 (ESV), Paul describes the return of Christ and the judgment of the disobedient:

“When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.”

This passage teaches us that rejection of the gospel results in eternal separation from God’s presence and His glorious power. Theologically, this is the “second death” or eternal condemnation (Revelation 20:14-15), where God’s justice is executed on those who refuse salvation through Christ.

Moreover, this separation is both relational and cosmic. They will be separated from fellow believers (illustrated in Jesus’ parable of

the Sheep and the Goats in Matthew 25:31-46) and from God's created order, as the wicked are removed from the land:

Proverbs 2:21-22 (NIV) says:

"For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it."

This confirms that the destiny of the wicked is to be cut off, which speaks to both spiritual and physical removal from God's blessing.

This separation from God is the most severe consequence because God is the source of life and blessing. To be cut off from God is to face eternal destruction a sobering reality.

Many today reject Jesus and His Gospel, falsely thinking there is another way to heaven. But Jesus clearly said in John 14:6 (NIV):

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

This exclusive claim highlights the central Christian doctrine of salvation through Christ alone.

Practical implications:

The end of the age is approaching, and Jesus calls us to repent and follow Him. The Gospel commands holiness living in truth and love. This includes avoiding sin like theft, adultery, and disrespecting God's design (e.g., dressing modestly, honoring one's body), reflecting God's holiness.

- Rejecting Christ leads to eternal destruction and separation from God's presence and glory.
- This will be fully realized at Christ's return and final judgment.
- Jesus is the only way to salvation.
- We must respond now by accepting Him and living according to His teachings.

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