

FEBRUARY 21

Read Deuteronomy 1–3

CHAPTER 1

THESE *be* the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 (*There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.*)

3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

4 After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei:

5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

9 ¶ And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone:

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye *are*, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is good for us* to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.

17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the

mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeshbarnea.

20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 ¶ And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the

commandment of the LORD your God:

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,

33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard the voice

of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40 *But as for* you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our

God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

CHAPTER 2

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this moun-

tain long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:

5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

8. And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither

contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;

11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

14 And the space in which we came from Kadeshbarnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD swore unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

16 ¶ So it came to pass, when all

the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:

19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims;

21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

23 And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

24 ¶ Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess *it*, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

26 ¶ And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

27 Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet;

29 (As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for

the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain:

35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us:

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river

Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.

CHAPTER 3

THEN we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the

men, women, and children, of every city.

7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

9 (*Which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12. And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of

Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashanhavothjair, unto this day.

15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast *thereof*, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, under Ashdothpisgah eastward.

18 ¶ And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until the LORD have given

rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

21. And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of

Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen

him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Bethpeor.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Today we begin our reading of the fifth book of the Bible, and the fifth book of Moses, called "Deuteronomy." This book does not contain a new law, replacing the law already given. Rather, it is a second stating of the law.

There are several reasons why Moses restated the law. One was that there was now a new generation. The old generation, except for Caleb and Joshua, had perished in the wilderness, and the new generation needed to hear the law again. It was important that they know God's Word afresh, because some of these people were twenty years of age and under when the nation fell under Kadesh-Barnea. Up to this time they had been unsettled; but now they were about to enter the Promised Land and become a settled nation. The best way for them to prepare for the future was by understanding the past. Those who could not remember the past may very likely be guilty of the same failures as their forefathers.

The nation was also on the threshold of having a new leader. Moses was going to die, and Joshua was to take over the leadership. Moses knew that the success of the nation depended upon its obedience to God, and if the people understood the Word of God and truly loved the Lord, they would follow Joshua and win the victory. Moses also warns them of new temptations and gives them the way of success.

In a spiritual sense, many Christians stand with Israel in Deuteronomy 1:1-3. They are redeemed from Egypt, but they have not yet entered into their spiritual inheritance. They stand "on this side Jordan," instead of in the Promised Land of blessing. They need to hear God's Word again, step out by faith, and claim the complete inheritance which is in Christ.

It was not until I read, "The Normal Christian Life," by Watchman Nee, that I fully realized what God had given me as a Christian. God used that book to help me realize we should reckon ourselves dead

to sin and alive through Christ. It is His Spirit living within us that gives us new life. With His Spirit completely controlling us, we have fullness of joy as Christians in this earthly walk.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease" (Proverbs 22:10).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 8: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 13.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

ALVIN RAGLAND
FRANCES LIVELY

HYMN FOR TODAY

WHEN LOVE SHINES IN
by Carrie E. Breck, 1855-1934

Our emotional soundness and even our physical health depend on the quality of our love for God. And as a result, we gain an attitude of love and concern for our fellowmen. Negative feelings of hate, anger, and selfishness can destroy the well-being of any individual. How important it is to allow God's love to shine into our lives, not only for the good it brings to others but also for the health it brings to our own lives.

True Christian love always seeks to lighten the burden of others and to bring happiness into their lives. We love others not only for what they are but also for what they can become once they too experience the warmth of divine love. Our lives can never remain the same once we learn to share God's love in word and deed each day. The closer we get to Christ, the closer we get to one another.

But believers are not known simply because they do good deeds. They do good works because they have experienced the supernatural love of Christ. The praise for this transformed life is then directed to the heavenly Father—never to themselves.

Carrie Breck, the author of “When Love Shines In,” was known as a deeply devoted Christian and life-long Presbyterian. She wrote more than 2,000 poems while a mother of five children.

*Jesus comes with pow’r to gladden, when love shines in;
ev’ry life that woe can sadden, when love shines in.
Love will teach us how to pray; love will drive the
gloom away,
turn our darkness into day—when love shines in.*

*How the world will grow with beauty, when love shines
in,
and the heart rejoice in duty, when love shines in.
Trials may be sanctified, and the soul in peace abide;
life will all be glorified—when love shines in.*

*Darkest sorrow will grow brighter, when love shines in,
and the heaviest burden lighter, when love shines in.
’Tis the glory that will throw light to show us where to
go;
O the heart shall blessing know—when love shines in.*

*We may have unfading splendor, when love shines in,
and a friendship true and tender, when love shines in.
When earth’s vict’ries shall be won, and our life in
heav’n begun,
there will be no need of sun—when love shines in.*

Chorus:

*When love shines in, how the heart is tuned to singing,
when love shines in; in joy and peace to others bring-
ing—
when love shines in!*

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1848

THE BIRTHDATE OF JAMES STALKER AT CRIEFF, SCOTLAND.

James Stalker was a minister and professor of the United Free Church of Scotland. He is the author of such volumes as “The Life of Jesus Christ,” “The Life of St. Paul,” “The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ,” etc. This last-mentioned book was a special blessing to me in the early days of my ministry. It is an excellent book on our Lord’s Passion. Let us thank God today for Calvary.

1918

ROBERT (BOB) EVANS WAS BORN IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

Someone has said that he has been Europe’s greatest missionary enthusiast of our generation and more responsible perhaps than any other man for the establishment of the GREATER EUROPE MISSION. While in Europe in 1948 and realizing that there was no Bible school in Europe with evangelistic, soul-winning emphasis, he founded the European Bible Institute of Paris, with the home office in Wheaton, Illinois.

Pray for Christians in Europe today. Much of our Christian heritage comes from Europe, and yet Europe stands in such dire need of the Gospel at this time. Pray for missionaries and pastors who labor there.

1831

ROBERT HALL DIED AT BRISTOL, ENGLAND.

Robert Hall was an outstanding example of a liberal preacher who got converted. He was a Baptist preacher who drew great crowds to his first pastorate in Bristol, England. He spent fifteen years at the Baptist Church in Glasgow, Scotland. Some felt that he was the foremost preacher of his time. About 1806 he was converted and finished his preaching career as a fundamental believer. He died at 67 with “great bodily distress, but at perfect peace in soul.” Let us pray for God to save liberal preachers. Being born again will do the job. I think, in my mind, of numbers of men now preaching the Gospel who once were liberals. Pray for God to save sinners whether religious or not.

1801

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN WAS BORN AT LONDON, ENGLAND.

The main thing about this man was that he wrote the hymn, “Lead, Kindly Light.” This has been a very famous hymn through the years. Why not sing it now.

LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT

*Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor pray’d that Thou
Should’st lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!*

*I loved the farlish day and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.
So long Thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.*

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1895

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE, dominated by black Republicans and white Populists, adjourned for the day to mark the death of Frederick Douglass.

1965

MALCOLM X (39) ASSASSINATED in Audubon Ballroom at a rally of his organization. Three blacks were later convicted of the crime and sentenced to life imprisonment.

A Christian Life:

LEWIS SPERRY CHAFER

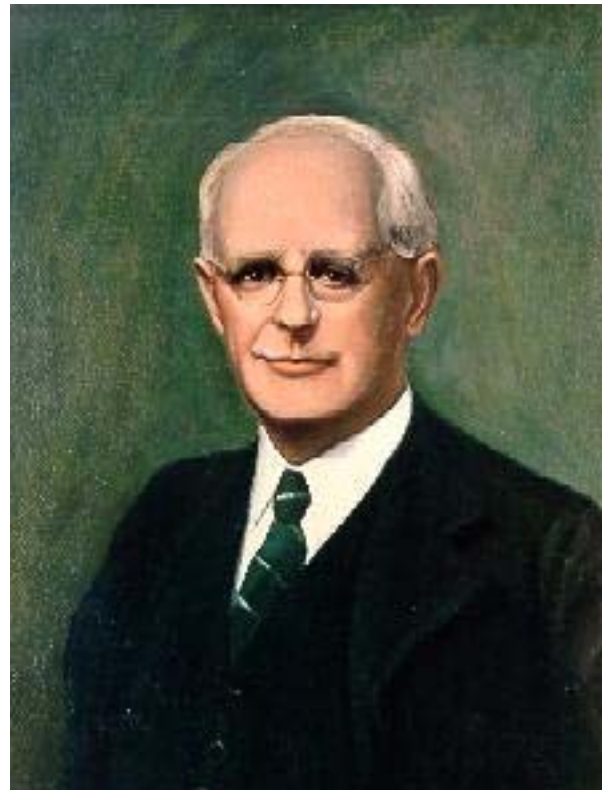
1871-1952

American Bible lecturer and theologian.

Lewis Sperry Chafer was born February 27, 1871, at Rock Creek, Ohio. Graduating from Oberlin College in 1892, he studied under Dr. Frank E. Finch and was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1900. Chafer launched into evangelism, demonstrating talent as a Gospel singer, as well as a preacher. He toured as a renown Bible lecturer from 1914 until 1924, when he founded Dallas Theological Seminary and became its first president.

Chafer was widely honored, receiving a D.D. from Wheaton (1926), Litt.D., Dallas (1924), and Th.D. from the Aix-en-Provence, France, Protestant Seminary (1946). He wrote prolifically, producing his widely-read *Grace, Salvation* and *True Evangelism* and his monumental *Systematic Theology*. Through all of the acclaim and accomplishments, his students remember best his deep reverence for the Word and a daily, humble dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Chafer died August 22, 1952, but his work continues through his books and his students.



The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR SEVEN DAYS: CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

(Assignment 8)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Both physical and spiritual death.

() Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

A place of eternal death.

() Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A place of no mercy.

() Luke 16:24

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

A place of torment.

() Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

A place of everlasting punishment.

() Matthew 25:46

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.