"Hell: Revelation's Lake of Fire" was posted on YouTube on 11/19/20 by Hope Through Prophecy. Dustin Pestlin is the speaker and demonstrates that he doesn't always know what his fake bible, the New King James Version (NKJV), says. The great majority of the bible passages were definitely from the NKJV. There were a few short quotations that are exactly the same in the NKJV, the King James Version (KJV) and even other versions. There was one allusion to Scripture where a word was used that would only be in the KJV; that instance will be discussed later.

Dustin speaks with a background of what I'd describe as spooky mood music. The main theme of his background is black. He has on a black t-shirt under a black casual shirt with his logo on it; a yellow winged lion over the words Hope Through Prophecy. He probably thinks a special shirt makes him more believable.

In my opinion, there is little to be gained by trying to prove Hell doesn't exist at this time. If people understand and accept what the real Bible says about the state of the dead, Hell will become a dead issue.

At 3:05 the question is asked, "Is hell a hot spot in the center of the earth?" I highly doubt any but a rare Christian thinks that. They don't know where heaven is (certainly not on this earth) and they don't know where Hell is. It's a dumb question.

At 3:31 the statement is made, "If it's in the Bible, we want it. If it's not in the Bible, it's not for us." That would be true if Dustin was talking about the real Bible.

Around 8:05 Dustin calls on the testimony of an Anglican priest, Dr. John Stott and Edward William Fudge who he says didn't believe in everlasting torment in Hell. That probably is true but people should be more interested in what the Bible says about Hell.

Around 8:46 Dustin discusses questions Christians have about Hell. Question number 1 is, "When does hell occur? Is it burning in the center of the earth now?" Is there any Christian that wonders if Hell is in the center of the earth?

Around 10:01 a good verse is quoted which is pretty much the same in the NKJV as in the KJV. Here it is from the real Bible; not because Dustin used it but because I like it.

> "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:7 (KJV).

Notice this verse is only describing what will happen to the heavens and the earth. It says the heavens and earth are reserved and doesn't say men are reserved. This will be important later when 2 Peter 2:9 is discussed.

The following passage is quoted from Dustin's fake bible around 13:02.

> "But the wicked shall perish; and the enemies of the LORD, like the splendor of the meadow, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away." Psalms 37:20 (NKJV).

A meadow is usually lush and green and not likely to catch on fire. Here is that verse from the real Bible.

> "But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke they shall consume away." Psalms 37:20 (KJV).

The fat of the sacrifices was burned on the altar of the temple. The fat of lambs burning is a much more likely metaphor than a meadow burning.

At 13:25 Dustin says, "The Bible does not contradict itself." Well Dustin, mine doesn't and yours does.

At 13:39 Dustin, either not understanding English or being unaware of a Seventh-day Adventist doctrinal issue, quotes a verse from his fake bible. That was shortly after Dustin said the Bible doesn't contradict itself.

> "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." Hebrews 9:12 (NKJV).

Hebrews 9:12 is not a prophecy; it describes what had already happened in Paul's day. According to the NKJV Jesus had already started his ministry in the "Most Holy Place." If that is true, the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine of Jesus entering the Most Holy Place to begin the Investigative Judgment in 1844 is false. The real Protestant Bible presents no problem in this verse because it says "holy place."

Around 14:48 Dustin starts to pave the way for a classic blunder as he tries to explain Jude 1:7. I've heard the esteemed Joe Crews and Mark Finley make the same blunder. Who knows which luminary started the myth but since Joe Crews died in 1994 I know it has been told for well over two decades. The reason it's still told is because Seventh-day Adventist ministers are having problems reading their "Bible" in English even though they like to tell you what the Greek and Hebrew say.

> "as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 1:7 (NKJV).

Dustin comments; "What kind of fire burned Sodom and Gomorrah? They suffered the vengeance of ETERNAL fire. Are Sodom and Gomorrah burning, today? No." Dustin may not understand this but you can. Have you ever seen one building in a city having sexual intercourse with another one? Have you seen any city streets committing fornication? The verse isn't discussing buildings and other combustible materials of the Sodom and Gomorrah infrastructure but its people. That verse in no way proves that the departed souls of the PEOPLE of those cities aren't still burning in Hell. Forget the Greek. All it takes is English.

Around 15:57 Dustin begins to discuss a bible passage.

> "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:45-46 (NKJV).

Dustin thinks because it says "everlasting punishment" instead of "everlasting punishing" it is saying they aren't being punished forever. If you are being punished or if someone like God is punishing you it amounts to exactly the same thing. Besides, there is a verse in Dustin's fake Bible that clears this up nicely.

> "then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment," 2 Peter 2:9.

"Under punishment" means the ungodly dead are being punished while waiting for the judgment and God is doing the punishing. Remember Dustin said, "If it's in the Bible we want it." OK Dustin; do you still want it?

The real Bible words it a bit differently.

> "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished:" 2 Peter 2:9 (KJV).

The KJV says the punishing won't start until the ungodly are judged.

At 16:59 Dustin claims that "The Greek word for destruction is one of the strongest words in the entire Bible. It means to be utterly consumed or totally destroyed." To refer to the Greek is a common ministerial ploy to make you believe since they know Greek and you're such an ignoramus that you don't, you have to believe everything they say. I don't know Greek, Dustin doesn't know Greek and it's not likely that many in his audience have a working knowledge of Greek. All it takes to demonstrate your erudition is to get a Strong's Concordance and pretend you have mastered the Greek language. That will work until you need to call for a taxi in Greece.

There are four Greek words that can mean destruction and not just one as Dustin implies. They're *apoleia*, *kathairesis*, *olethros*, and *suntrimma*. They can mean various things like die, pulling down, death, punishment, destruction and complete ruin. None of the definitions in my concordance were "utterly consumed." I could have a totaled car, but it wouldn't mean it was "utterly consumed." This far into the presentation, people are probably so numb from the spooky mood music that they don't care.

Around 19:09 Dustin claims a verse shows "Satan will be totally destroyed." That is future tense.

> Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!" Isaiah 47:14(NKJV).

That verse doesn't prove the wicked won't start burning at death or that they will be burned up. Also, do you see ANYTHING about Satan in that verse? Besides, Ezekiel disagrees with Isaiah.

> "'You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of the fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. 'You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you." Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 (NKJV).

This passage is about Satan and it clearly says Satan has been "turned" (past tense) to ashes. According to Dustin's fake bible, Satan is dead. Remember what Dustin said, "If it's in the Bible, we want it." Let's see what the real Bible says.

> "Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee." Ezekiel 28:18 (KJV).

I like what the real Bible says.

Around 20:09 Dustin quotes part of Mark 9:44 where it says, "'Their worm does not die." Dustin claims said worms are "parasitic worms" feasting on dead bodies in the Valley of Hinnom in Bible times. I'm afraid not. Dustin should forget the Greek and concentrate a bit more on English.

> "Remorse; that which incessantly gnaws the conscience; that which torments. Where their worm dieth not. Mark ix." From Noah Webster's 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

Around 21:03 Dustin quotes a verse to prove an unquenchable fire is not one that will never go out but one that can't be put out. Dustin is correct but he takes his conclusions too far.

> "'But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.'" Jeremiah 17:27 (NKJV).

Dustin asks, "Is Jerusalem burning today?" No, Jerusalem isn't burning today but that doesn't prove the fires of Hell will go out.

At 24:02 Dustin asks, "what does forever mean in the Bible?" His answer is, "'Forever' in the Bible can be translated 'until the end of the age.' It sometimes refers to a limited time." What Dustin says about "forever" at times meaning limited time is true but the thing about "the end of the age" is interesting. If you look in your NKJV you will not find the phrase "end of the world"

in anything but a geographical sense. All verses that in the KJV said "end of the world" as in the world will come to an end have been changed to "end of the age." This agrees with New Age doctrine in which it's believed the world won't end in fire but will gradually come to an end over millions of years and numerous ages such as the Age of Aquarius we are entering or are already in.

At 24:13 Dustin uses Exodus 21:6 which speaks of a slave being a slave "forever" to prove "forever" doesn't always mean without end. He then says, "This slavery, by the way, was much different than the horrible period of slavery that took place in America." Joseph might disagree that slavery back then was "much different" than what happened in America. Slavery has ALWAYS meant serving INVOLUNTARILY and without any remuneration other than shelter, clothing and food however poor those might be. In addition, if you read Exodus 21:6 from the real Bible you will find it was a "servant" that was being discussed and not a "slave" as in the fake bible. If you're trying to research this in the real Bible look up the words, "bondman," "bondmaid," etc. as the word "slave" doesn't appear anywhere.

Around 25:50 Justin says, "the wicked are in the flames until the end of the age–until they are totally consumed." Considering that New Age astrologers say an "age" lasts about 2,160 years, that could be a long time.

At 26:06 Dustin says, "the wicked; the unbelievers; are reserved to judgment." Go back up and review the discussion on 2 Peter 2:9 because that's the verse Dustin is loosely quoting. His fake bible says the wicked are reserved "under judgment" while the real Bible says they're reserved "unto the day judgment." It's possible Dustin knows his fake bible lies in this verse. If Dustin knowingly uses a fake bible and doesn't tell you, does that make him a liar?

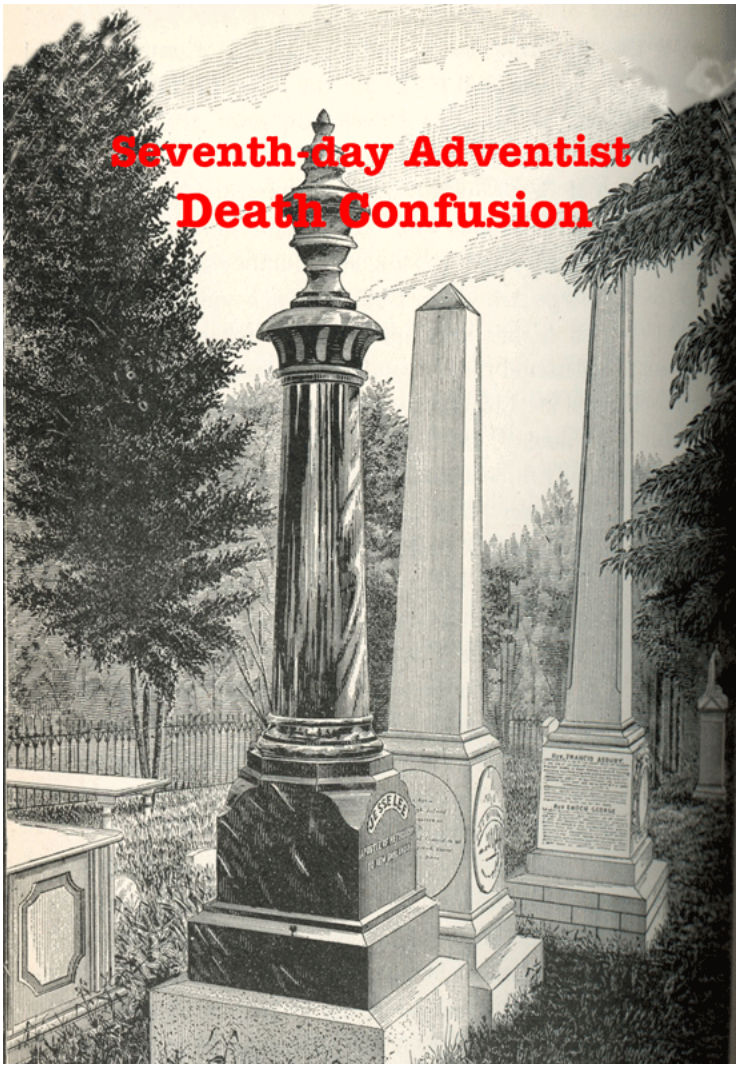
Around 26:11 Dustin speaks of "Jesuses own words." Why do ministers use "Jesuses" as the possessive form of Jesus when their prayer ending will be "in Jesus' name?" Maybe it's too much Greek.

At 26:59 Dustin discussed the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. He then makes several statements to prove this was a parable and not an actual description of Hell. One is, "Abraham's bosom must be very large." No; not unless Lazarus was very large. Another statement is that you have to believe "People in heaven can see and have conversations with those in hell." Some people definitely believe that. Another statement is if it's not a parable you have to believe "Souls have fingers, eyes and tongues." People also believe that. None of these arguments are as good as demonstrating that the dead know nothing.

Dustin tried and made some good points. I'll give him a D+.

There is a new tract authored by myself that's available on eBay. If you've listened to sermons by Seventh-day Adventist ministers on the state of the dead, you have probably been taught that a "soul" is the combination of breath and body and just means a person. What isn't understood is that words like soul, spirit, etc. have more than one meaning and that claiming that a soul or person is the combination of breath and body is wrong. The tract explains death in a rational fashion fully supported by Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy and makes supposedly hard

passages easy to understand. AdventistDeathConfusion.com covers the same material and has further discussion about the parable of the rich man and Lazarus which should be helpful to those who are trying to show it's really a parable and not to be taken literally.



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