

# Eternity's Two Ports of Call

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 30:15, 19b  
Revelation 21:1  
Luke 16:23

## Introduction

The scripture records only two destination ports for humanity. Each port is the capitol of its respective realm. One is the home port of the redeemed: the other is the capitol of the unregenerate, the damned.

Eternity beckons each of us. With each moment we each draw closer to our departure. Some will embark on the old Ship of Zion whose final port of call is New Jerusalem, while others regrettably will choose to board the great liner, Damnation, to spend eternity in hell.

### I. The port of New Jerusalem

**Revelation 21:1 NIV** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

#### A. Heaven is provided for a family

**1 John 3:2 NIV** Dear friends, now we are the children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

#### B. Heaven is open only to its citizens

**Revelation 21:27 NIV** Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

#### C. Heaven is a place with superb living conditions

1. No Nugget buffet, but the banquet tables for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
2. No MGM Grand or Harrah's but a mansion custom designed for its owner

#### D. Heaven's occupants are the cream of earth's society

### II. The port of Hell

**Luke 16:23 NIV** In hell, where he was in torments, he looked up, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus by his side.

#### A. Hell is provided for its family

**John 8:44 NIV** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

#### B. Hell's citizens are those who are not citizens of heaven

**Revelation 20:15 NIV** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### C. Hell is a place of indescribable horror

1. Example: Gare Perry and the Aztec Well Service fire
2. The conditions in hell
  - a. Burning sulfurous flames
  - b. Infinite agony
  - c. Comfortless sorrow
  - d. Haunting memories

#### D. Hell's occupants are the dregs of humanity

### III. The God of eternity

**John 3:16 NIV** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### A. God created a plan so that all could go to heaven

#### B. Hell was not prepared for humanity

**Matthew 25:41 NIV** Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into eternal fire **prepared for the devil and his angels.**

#### C. Those who go to hell go there **by choice**