**The Weeping and the Gnashing of the Teeth**

**Mat.8:11-12** “And I say unto you that many will come from east and west and recline with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens, but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the darkness the outer – in that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**.” **NOTE: the place of gnashing is a place of disinheritance, outside the kingdom. Some “sons” (heirs) will be disinherited.**

**Mat.13:40-42** “As, therefore, the tares are gathered and burned up with fire, so it will be in the end-time of the age. The Son of man will send His angels and they will gather out of His kingdom all the stumbling-blocks and those who perform the lawlessness, and they will throw them into the furnace of the fire – in that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**.” **NOTE: the place of gnashing appears to be a place of destruction for the habitually lawless.**

**Mat.13:47-50** “Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet thrown into the sea and having gathered of every kind, which, when it was filled, having drawn back upon the shore and having sat down, they gathered the good ones into containers, but the worthless they threw out. So it will be in the end-time of the age. The angels will go forth and separate the wicked from the midst of the righteous, and will throw them into the furnace of the fire – in that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**.” **NOTE: the place of gnashing appears to be a place of destruction for the habitually worthless and wicked.**

**Mat.22:12-13** “And he says to him, ‘Friend, how did you enter here not having wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Having bound his feet and hands, throw him out into the darkness the outer - in that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**.” **NOTE: the place of gnashing is the outer darkness, a description of the condition outside the kingdom (at first) for those not prepared for it.**

**Mat.24:50-51** “The lord of that servant will come in a day that he does not look for, and in an hour that he does not know. And he will cut him off and will appoint his portion with the hypocrites - in that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**.” **NOTE: the place of gnashing is where the hypocrites will inherit their portion – cut off from their house (Israel) in which they served.**

**Mat.25:28-30** “Remove, therefore, from him the talent and give to the one having the ten talents. For to everyone having will be given, and he will overflow; but to the one not having even what he has will be removed from him. And the worthless servant throw out into the darkness the outer - in that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**.” **NOTE: the place of gnashing is the outer darkness, a description of the condition outside the kingdom (at first) for worthless servants.**

**Luk.13:27-28** “And he will say, ‘I say to you I have not known you from where you are. Go away from me all workers of unrighteousness. In that place will be **the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth**, whenyou should see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you being thrown out outside.’” **NOTE: the place of gnashing is “outside” the kingdom, a place for workers of unrighteousness.**

**NOTE: 7 occs. of “in that place will be the wailing and the gnashing of the teeth” – nowhere else**

**NOTE: 3 occs. of “the darkness the outer” – Mat.8:12; 22:13; 25:30 above – nowhere else.**

*Biblical Examples for Gnashing the Teeth:*

**Acts 7:54** “But hearing these things, they were enraged in their hearts, and they **gnashed the teeth against** (lit. upon**) him**.” **This was the official reaction to Stephen’s speech that resulted in his being stoned.**

**Job 16:9** “His anger has torn, and he hates me. He has **gnashed against** (lit.upon) **me with his teeth**. My enemy sharpens his eyes toward me.” **The KJV makes this assailant out to be God, but it could be spoken of Job’s “comforters”.**

**Psa.35:16** “Among profane ones of buffoons, to **gnash against me their teeth**.” **David describes those who rewarded his good toward them with evil.**

**Psa.37:10-12** “But yet a little and the wicked will not be. And you will consider his place, and it will not be. But the meek will inherit the earth (land), and they will delight upon the abundance of peace. The wicked *is* devising against the righteous, and **gnashing against him his teeth**.” **David devotes this whole psalm against evildoers.**

**Psa.112:10** “The wicked sees and is angry. **His teeth he gnashes** and he melts. The desire of the wicked will perish.” **Verse 4 says, “Light has arisen in the darkness for the upright.”**

**Lam.2:16** “All your enemies have opened their mouth against you. They have hissed, even **gnashed the teeth**. They have said, ‘We have swallowed up. Surely, this *is* the day that we have waited for – we have found – we have seen.” **Rather like Caesar’s ‘veni, vidi, vici’ boast, is this boast upon the destruction of Jerusalem.**