

# Luke 13:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

## Analysis

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Jesus describes the anguish of the excluded: 'There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.' This phrase appears frequently in Jesus' teaching about final judgment (Matthew 8:12, 13:42, 13:50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30), indicating extreme anguish, regret, and rage. The excluded will see the patriarchs and prophets in God's kingdom while they themselves are 'thrust out,' forcibly expelled. The horror lies not merely in suffering but in the realization of irreversible loss—seeing the salvation they could have had but rejected.

## Historical Context

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Jewish theology assumed the patriarchs and prophets would be resurrected and honored in the messianic kingdom. Jesus affirms this but shocks His audience by suggesting many Jews will be excluded while Gentiles are included (v. 29). This reversal of expectations challenges ethnic privilege and religious presumption. The image of judgment as exclusion from a feast appears throughout Scripture (Matthew 22:1-14, 25:1-13, Revelation 19:9). The wedding banquet represents intimate fellowship with God, while exclusion represents eternal separation—the essence of hell.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the image of seeing others in God's kingdom while being excluded yourself intensify the horror of judgment?
2. What does this verse teach about hell as not merely punishment but loss—missing the joy and fellowship for which we were created?
3. How should the reality of final judgment shape Christian urgency in evangelism and personal holiness?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων  
**There shall be** G3588 **weeping** G2805 **and** G2532 **gnashing** G1030 **of teeth** G3599

ὅταν ὀψησθε Ἀβραὰμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ καὶ  
**when ye shall see** G3700 **Abraham** G11 **and** G2532 **Isaac** G2464 **and** G2532 **Jacob** G2384 **and** G2532

πάντας τοὺς προφῆτας ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ ὑμᾶς  
**all** G3956 G3588 **the prophets** G4396 **in** G1722 G3588 **the kingdom** G932 G3588 **of God** G2316 **you** G5209

δὲ ἐκβαλλομένους ἔξω  
**and** G1161 **yourselves thrust** G1544 **out** G1854

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 25:30** (Parallel theme): And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Matthew 22:13** (Kingdom): Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Revelation 21:8** (Parallel theme): 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.

**2 Thessalonians 1:5** (Kingdom): Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

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