

Perdition

D&C 76:25-39, 44-49



The word **perdition** refers to a state of loss and destruction rather than a kingdom of glory. Those who experience this are called "**sons of perdition**" because they follow Satan, who is called Perdition (D&C 76:25-26, 31-32).

- Lucifer rebelled in the Council in Heaven, he was thrust down to earth (Revelation 12:7-9; D&C 29:36-37; 76:25-28; Moses 4:1-3).
- What did he begin to do when he was cast out? (See D&C 76:29; Moses 4:4.)
- What can we do to win the war against Satan in our lives? (1 Nephi 14:14; D&C 10:5; 27:15-18.)
- What did the Lord reveal about the suffering of the sons of perdition? (See D&C 76:32-34, 36-38, 44-49.)
- Why are sons of perdition condemned to experience such great suffering? (See D&C 76:30-31, 35.)
- Explanation of what it means to deny the Holy Ghost, see the following quotation.



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The Prophet Joseph Smith said: "What must a man do to commit the unpardonable sin? He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against Him. After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost, there is no repentance for him. He has got to say that the sun does not shine while he sees it; he has got to deny Jesus Christ when the heavens have been opened unto him, and to deny the plan of salvation with his eyes open to the truth of it; and from that time he begins to be an enemy"

(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [1976], 358).