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n.

1.

a. Loss of the soul; eternal damnation.

b. Hell: "*Him the Almighty Power / Hurl'd headlong ... / To bottomless perdition, there to dwell*" (John Milton).

2. Utter ruin.

[Middle English *perdicion*, from Old French, from Late Latin *perditio*, *perditio*-, from Latin *perditus*, past participle of *perdere*, to lose : *per-*, *per-* + *dare*, to give; see **dō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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