

# PENTECOST 2020

## DIG DEEP INTO THE BIBLE

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#### INTRODUCTION

In Job 14:10, Job said, But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

Let's read what the Bible says about what happens to a person who dies.

#### 1. The Bible gives important details about how mankind was created.

- [Gen 2:7] 7 And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- [Mat 16:25-26] 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- [Jos 10:28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 39] 28 And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that [were] therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho. ... 30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that [were] therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho. ... 32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that [were] therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah. ... 35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that [were] therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. ... 37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities

- thereof, and all the souls that [were] therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that [were] therein. ... 39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that [were] therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.
- [Jos 11:11] 11 And they smote all the souls that [were] therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying [them]: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.
  - [1Pe 3:20] 20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
  - [Psa 100:3] 3 Know ye that the LORD he [is] God: [it is] he [that] hath made us, and not we ourselves; [we are] his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
  - [Psa 139:14] 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully [and] wonderfully made: marvellous [are] thy works; and [that] my soul knoweth right well.
  - [Isa 64:8] 8 But now, O LORD, thou [art] our father; we [are] the clay, and thou our potter; and we all [are] the work of thy hand.
  - [Gen 3:19, 23] 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return. ... 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
  - [Job 33:6] 6 Behold, I [am] according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.
  - [Psa 103:14] 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we [are] dust.
  - [1Co 15:45] 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.
  - [1Co 15:47] 47 The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.
  - [Rom 9:20] 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed [it], Why hast thou made me thus?
  - [2Co 4:7] 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

- [Ecc 3:20] 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

## 2. The Bible says that God breathed the “breath of life”—not a soul—into Adam at creation. Here’s what it says about a soul dying.

- [Eze 18:4] 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.
- [Eze 18:20] 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.
- [Rom 6:23] 23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- [Mat 10:28] 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

## 3. The Bible records that only Where’s what the Bible says about the only one who has immortality.

- [1Ti 6:15-16] 15 Which in his times he shall shew, [who is] the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom [be] honour and power everlasting. Amen.
- [1Ti 1:17] 17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, [be] honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## 4. The Bible sheds light on the term “immortality” and tells when it will be given.

- [Rom 2:7] 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
- [2Ti 1:10] 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
- [1Jo 3:15] 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

- [Job 4:17] 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

## 5. The Bible describes man's current condition.

- [Rom 6:12] 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
- [Rom 8:11] 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- [2Co 4:11] 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

## 6. The Bible tells about a glorious, final event that will crown the saved with immortality.

- [1Co 15:51-54] 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- [Rom 6:23] 23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- [2Ti 4:8] 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- [1Jo 2:25] 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.
- [1Th 4:16] 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

## 7. The Old Testament Bible writers describe what happens at death.

- [Ecc 12:7] 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
- [Psa 104:30] 30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

- [Psa 104:29] 29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
- [Job 33:4] 4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
- [Job 34:14-15] 14 If he set his heart upon man, [if] he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; 15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.
- [Job 27:3] 3 All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils;
- [Gen 2:7] 7 And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- [Ecc 12:7] 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
- [Luk 23:46] 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.
- [Jhn 20:17] 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and [to] my God, and your God.

## 8. The Bible explains what happens to our mental capacity after death.

- [Ecc 9:5-6] 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any [thing] that is done under the sun.
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- [Job 14:21] 21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth [it] not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth [it] not of them.
- [Psa 146:4] 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

## 9. The Bible reveals what the spirit is that returns to God.

- [Jas 2:26] 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
- [Gen 7:22] 22 All in whose nostrils [was] the breath of life, of all that [was] in the dry [land], died.
- [Job 27:3] 3 All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils;
- [Jhn 20:22] 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
- [Act 17:25] 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
- [Zec 12:1] 1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.
- [Psa 146:4] 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
- [Job 27:3] 3 All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils;

## 10. The Bible gives clear answers to what happens to believer right after they die.

- [Psa 115:17] 17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.
- [Psa 6:5] 5 For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?
- [Psa 30:9] 9 What profit [is there] in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
- [Psa 146:2] 2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
- [Isa 38:18-19] 18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can [not] celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I [do] this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.
- [Psa 88:10-12] 10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise [and] praise thee? Selah. 11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? [or] thy faithfulness in destruction? 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

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## 11. The Bible gives comfort about the nature of death.

- [Jhn 11:11-14] 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
- [Psa 13:3] 3 Consider [and] hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the [sleep of] death;
- [Job 7:21] 21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I [shall] not [be].
- [Deu 31:16] 16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go [to be] among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.
- [1Ki 2:1, 10] 1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, ... 10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.
- [1Ki 11:43] 43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.
- [Dan 12:2] 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt.
- [Mat 9:24] 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.
- [Act 7:60] 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.
- [1Co 15:13, 18] 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: ... 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

- [1Co 15:51] 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- [Eph 5:14] 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
- [1Th 4:14-15] 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- [1Th 5:10] 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- [Jhn 11:17, 39] 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had [lain] in the grave four days already. ... 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been [dead] four days.
- [Rev 22:12] 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- [Mat 16:27] 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
- [Act 2:29, 34] 29 Men [and] brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. ... 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

## 12. The Bible uses words, like “sleep” and others to describe death.

- [Rev 14:13] 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
- [Rev 6:11] 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.
- [Job 3:11, 13, 17-19] 11 Why died I not from the womb? [why] did I [not] give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? ... 13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, ... 17 There the wicked cease [from] troubling; and there the weary be at rest. 18 [There] the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. 19 The small and great are there; and the servant [is] free from his master.
- [Isa 57:1-2] 1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth [it] to heart: and merciful men [are] taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken

away from the evil [to come]. 2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, [each one] walking [in] his uprightness.

### 13. Jesus in the Bible takes away the fear of death.

- [Rev 1:18] 18 I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- [Rev 3:7] 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
- [Psa 68:20] 20 [He that is] our God [is] the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord [belong] the issues from death.
- [Heb 7:25] 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

### 14. The Bible lists events that will happen when Jesus comes.

- [1Th 4:16-17] 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- [1Th 4:15] 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- [1Co 15:22-23] 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
- [1Co 15:51-54] 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- [Rev 20:6] 6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- [Psa 49:15] 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

- [Psa 73:24] 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me [to] glory.
- [Jhn 14:3] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.
- [Jhn 17:24] 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
- [Rev 7:9, 14-17] 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ... 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

## 15. The Bible tells how to receive the gift of immortality from Jesus when He comes.

- [1Jo 5:11-12] 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; [and] he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- [1Jo 2:23-25] 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also]. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.
- [1Jo 5:13] 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- [Jhn 17:3] 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- [Jhn 3:15-16] 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- [Jhn 3:36] 36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
- [Jhn 6:40, 47] 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. ... 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- [Jhn 10:27-28] 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand.