

Biblical text for "What happens when people die?"

Introduction

Psalm 88:6 You have thrown me into the lowest pit, into the darkest depths.

Psalm 88:12 Can the darkness speak of your wonderful deeds? Can anyone in the land of forgetfulness talk about your righteousness?

Psalm 143:3 My enemy has chased me. He has knocked me to the ground and forces me to live in darkness like those in the grave.

Job 10:21 before I leave—never to return—for the land of darkness and utter gloom.

Job 17:13-16 **13** What if I go to the grave and make my bed in darkness? **14** What if I call the grave my father and the maggot my mother or my sister? **15** Where then is my hope? Can anyone find it?
16 No, my hope will go down with me to the grave. We will rest together in the dust!"

Isaiah 38:18 For the dead cannot praise you; they cannot raise their voices in praise. Those who go down to the grave can no longer hope in your faithfulness.

Luke 16 - The rich man and Lazarus

Ephesians 4:9 Notice that it says "he ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world.

1 Peter 3:18-22 **18** Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

19 So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— **20** those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. **21** And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

22 Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

Revelation 20:11-15 **11** And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. **12** I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. **14** Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. **15** And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 1:18 I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

Matthew 16:18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

II Peter 2:4 For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment.

II Corinthians 12:2-4 I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. **3** Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know

4 that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

Section 1

I Samuel 28

Luke 16 - The rich man and Lazarus

Matthew 17 - Mount of Transfiguration

II Corinthians 5:8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

Section 2

I Thessalonians 4

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I Corinthians 15: 12-58

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I Corinthians 3

Luke 14:12-14 **12** Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. **13** Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. **14** Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."

Section 5

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. **8** She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear. For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. **9** And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God."

Section 6

Revelation 20

Revelation 19:14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.

Section 7

Revelation 20:3 The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

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Section 9

Revelation 20

Section 10

II Peter 3

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.

Section 11

Revelation 21