

The Second Death

When sin first occurred in the world, so came death by sin. (**Romans 5:12**) Death is the cessation of life. God told the first man Adam in **Genesis 2:17**, the day that he would eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, he would die.

It was through an act of disobedience that sin came into the world and with it a sinful nature. This sinful nature was passed onto every human being. With sin came also the judgment of God. (**Ezekiel 18:4, Hebrews 9:27**)

No where in the Bible is there found any Scripture that speaks of the soul of mankind being immortal. When sin came, so did the destruction of the soul. (**Matthew 10:28**) Only the One True God has immortality. (**1 Timothy 6:16**) He made it known by the manifestation and appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ that through the Gospel message death would be abolished and that life and immortality would be brought to light to whosoever would believe and obey the message. (**2 Timothy 1:10**)

The death that Adam died that day was not physical death. Adam lived to be 930 years old. (**Genesis 5:5**) The death that Adam died that day was spiritual death.

He lost the presence of God in his life and became subject to evil through his human nature. (**Romans 7:23,25**) Physical death passed onto all humanity. (**Ecclesiastes 7:2, 9:5, 1 Corinthians 15:22**) The Judgment of God since the end of the Old Covenant in the year AD 70 now awaits each and every individual at their physical death. (**Hebrews 9:27**)

The Scriptures tell us in **John 3:16** that God so loved the world that He got involved with what the world needed most, a savior. (**Luke 2:11**) Throughout the Old Covenant system of animal sacrifices, nothing could cleanse the sinful nature of humanity. (**Hebrews 9:12-14**)

It was blood, a very special kind of blood that could cleanse, pardon, and forgive sin. (**Leviticus 17:11**) This special blood had to be blood that was sinless and not tainted by Adam's sinful blood.

In AD 30 when Jesus began His earthly ministry, John the Baptist proclaimed in **John 1:29**, “***Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.***” It was through the blood that Jesus shed and the life that Jesus gave at the Cross of Calvary that the way was made possible to remove that which separated man from God which was sin. (**Acts 20:28, 1 John 3:16**)

The first response to the question regarding salvation was given on the Day of Pentecost in **Acts 2:37-39,41**. Regarding the new birth, Jesus said this in **John 3:3,5,7**.

At the end of physical life, death awaits all, but whosoever believes and obeys the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is born again will not die spiritually. (**John 8:51, 11:25-26**) Jesus came to restore what Adam lost in the Garden of Eden.

It was not physical life that Adam lost that day, but it was Spiritual life that was lost. Notice what the Scripture says in **1 Corinthians 15:50**. Our fleshly body cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. It is at our physical death that we who have been born again receive a new glorified body eternal in Heaven. (**2 Corinthians 5:1**)

In **1 Corinthians 15:50**, the Scripture says this. Our fleshly body cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. It is not a new physical body that we, who have been born again, receive; it is a new glorified body, eternal in the heavens that we will receive at death. **1 John 2:25** says, “***And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life.***”

There are two kinds of death, two kinds of life, and two resurrections. The two deaths are physical death and spiritual death. The two kinds of life are physical life and spiritual life. The two resurrections are the resurrection of the just and of the unjust and the resurrection that is ongoing when one believes and obeys the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is born again. (**Acts 24:15**)

One resurrection happened in AD 70 at the White Throne Judgment, and the other resurrection has been ongoing since the Gospel first began to be preached on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem in the year AD 33. This resurrection will be ongoing throughout all Eternity.

We receive “**resurrection life**” when we die out to our old life through repentance and are buried in a watery grave through Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ and are filled with the Holy Ghost. (**Romans 6:3-5, Acts 2:38**)

If you are born once, you will die twice, physically and spiritually. If you are born again, then your death will only be physical. The second death or spiritual death is the destruction of the soul. (**Matthew 10:28**)

The death of the soul is eternal and everlasting, not in its duration, but in its results. The word “**perish**” in **John 3:16** comes from the Greek word “**apollumi**” (**Strong's G#622**) which means to destroy fully and completely. (**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9**)

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ἀπόλλυμι

apollumi

ap-ol'-loo-mee

From **G575** and the base of **G3639**; to **destroy** fully (reflexively to *perish*, or *lose*), literally or figuratively: - destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.

The second death is first mentioned in **Revelation 2:11**.

It is the overcomer that is given to eat of the Tree of Life. (**Revelation 2:7**) It is the overcomer who will not face the second death. It was at the White Throne Judgment at the end of the Old Covenant in the year AD 70 that death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. (**Revelation 20:14-15**)

The second death of **Revelation 20:14**, is the consuming fire of God's everlasting destruction of the soul. The consuming fire represents the judgment of God. This is the second death and has been in place since AD 70 and will be in place throughout eternity. Therefore, the second death is actually the destruction of the soul because the soul that sinneth shall die. (**Ezekiel 18:4**)

Conclusion

Throughout the Old Testament, beginning with Adam, sin brought death. All who died went to the holding place of the dead, which was Sheol, Hades, Hell, or pit.

All of the dead were there until Resurrection Day which was the last day of the Old Covenant that God had with the Nation of Israel. (**John 5:28-29, 6:44, 11:24-25, Acts 24:15**)

It was on the Last Day of the Last Days that Judgment came. (**Hebrews 9:27**) All that die now do **NOT** go to a place and await judgment. Now, at physical death, those who are not born again by the Gospel of Jesus Christ will go right to God's White Throne Judgment.

The White Throne Judgment of God is ongoing and will be throughout Eternity. The second death is the eternal destruction of the soul. (**Matthew 10:28**)

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