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# **DEATH BY THE NUMBERS**

**Psalm 90:10-12**

▶ <sup>10</sup> The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are eighty years*, Yet their boast *is only labor and sorrow*; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup> Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so *is Your wrath*. <sup>12</sup> So teach *us to number our days*, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

PSALM 90:10-12

- ▶ **Longest funeral – 40 years**
- ▶ **Began at Kadesh-Barnea – ended at River Jordan**
- ▶ **There would have been 80 – 90 funerals per day**
- ▶ **Our funeral march begins at birth; ends at death.**

**INTRODUCTION**

- ▶ **Death = end of life on this earth**
- ▶ **Death = heart stops; breathing stops**
- ▶ **Death = no brain activity**
- ▶ **Death = separation of flesh and spirit**  
**James 2:24 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

**1 DEFINITION / 4 VIEWS**

- ▶ 1. Cycle / Recycle – Buddhists / New Age – reincarnation
- ▶ 2. Continuation of life – Hindu – enter a plant (mushroom) or animal (cow) – transmigration of the soul

**1 DEFINITION / 4 VIEWS**

- ▶ 3. Cessation of life – Sadducees, no after life This life is all there is.
- ▶ 4. Transition to afterlife – Biblical view; move from physical to spiritual

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- ▶ **Bible is clear – there are 2 deaths**
  - ▶ **1. Physical death – separation of soul and body**
  - ▶ **2. Spiritual death – separation from God**

**2 DEATHS / 4 COMBINATIONS**

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## ▶ **3 Exceptions**

- ▶ **1. Enoch – Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5**
- ▶ **2. Elijah – 2 Kings 2:11**
- ▶ **3. Those who are alive at 2<sup>nd</sup> coming – 1 Thessalonians 4:17**

**3 EXCEPTIONS / NO EXEMPTIONS**

- ▶ **No Exemptions – from death**
- ▶ **Job 30:23 For I know *that* You will bring me *to* death, And *to* the house appointed for all living.**

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- ▶ **Ecclesiastes 8:8 No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. *There is* no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.**

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- ▶ **Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment**
- ▶ **Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned**

**3 EXCEPTIONS / NO EXEMPTIONS**

▶ **ARE YOU READY FOR DEATH?**

▶ **ARE YOU READY FOR ETERNITY?**

**IMPORTANT QUESTIONS**

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