

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:"

J O B 19:26



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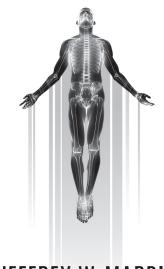
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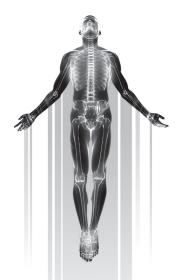
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"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Psa. 119:18



## THE MAKING OF A 1 GRAVEYARD PLANET

"There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." Ecc. 8:8

WHEN SATAN FELL and sinned against his Maker, he brought with him horror – a horror known as "death," a monster that has plagued mankind since Eden. But this horror story is destined for a remarkable conclusion. One that most people don't believe (Jn. 3:36). The cruel reign of death over this present world is not how it's always been, nor how it will always be. Death will have an end (Rev. 20:14).

However, as we stare at the world outside our window, this isn't easy to grasp. Such a concept sounds more like a thing of fantasy than reality. Especially when one is accustomed to living in a world of death, seeing friends and family suffer death, and knowing that history, by and large, is simply a record of death.

According to some experts, the estimated souls that have died since mankind's beginning number a little over a hundred and one billion.1 That's fourteen times the current world population or fourteen corpses for every single person alive today. To better comprehend this, if the average person stood five-and-a-half feet tall, then a hundred and one billion bodies, laid head-to-toe, would reach over a hundred and five million miles (105,208,333 mi.). That's more than enough dead to encircle the Earth at its equator over 4,383 times. That's more than enough remains to build a human bridge, two-persons-wide, from the Earth to Mars (when the two planets are at their closest). And with each passing year, over fifty million dead are added to this number. This mass of human cadavers means that Earth is little more than a vast GRAVEYARD PLANET. And this number doesn't include dead animals, which greatly outnumber us.

With thousands of years of evidence giving testimony to the tremendous POWER OF DEATH, to think of some sort of triumph over it seems unrealistic and even laughable, largely

<sup>[1]</sup> This number is based on a secular worldview and doesn't include the world population before Noah's Flood. For this estimation to exclude the deaths from Adam's generation to Noah's (Gen. 1-6) means that the actual number of men in history who have died is much greater. To say that the total number of the dead could be twice as large or more (200-plus billion) would not be an understatement, in my opinion.

due to the fact that the ravages of this thing torment us throughout our lives. The Bible says "there is no discharge" in this war.

Man's battle with death begins at his conception and continues throughout his life. No one can escape it:

"Behold, I WAS SHAPEN IN INIQUITY; and IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME." Psa. 51:5

To be "shapen in iniquity" and conceived "in sin" means that we begin to die from the very moment of our conception. Ironically, "life," as it currently stands, IS A SLOW PROCESS OF DYING (slow for some, quick for others). Because of this, much of our life is simply an ongoing cycle of physical maintenance and upkeep. Note how the four points below demonstrate this:

- 1.) THE BODY NEEDS FOOD If you don't eat, death takes you by starvation. Persons who have willingly gone on "hunger strikes" generally enter extreme, life-threatening health situations after about 20 to 40 days. Some die in as little as two weeks. The discrepancy in time depends on a person's health. When one considers that the Lord Jesus Christ went for 40 days without food while contending with the Devil, it boggles the mind (Mt. 4:1-11, etc.).
- 2.) THE BODY NEEDS WATER If you don't get enough water, the angel of death comes knocking. Dehydration can bring an onslaught of problems, including headaches, high blood pressure, dizziness,

fainting, fatigue, muscle cramping, and kidney failure. All of these and more can precede your demise.

- 3.) THE BODY NEEDS EXERCISE If you don't move, your muscles will deteriorate. Many people who've injured an arm or leg and cannot use it for some time experience this. The lack of physical activity causes the muscle to waste away. Without exercise, limbs become useless.
- 4.) THE BODY NEEDS SLEEP Doctors tell us that the average healthy person needs about eight hours of sleep every night. The world record for staying awake for consecutive days without sleep is a little over 11 days (266 hours). Prolonged sleep deprivation can garner many adverse side effects, including paranoia, hallucinations, hypertension, and more.

In the fight against death, the four subjects named above represent plenty to keep us busy during our lifetimes. King Solomon spotlighted one of these when he wrote:

"All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled." Ecc. 6:7

But the need for food, water, exercise, and sleep are not the only things we do in our daily struggle against death: If you don't brush your teeth, they rot. If you don't wash, comb, and cut your hair, it becomes a matted, tangled mess. If you don't take a bath, you'll stink. Because of this onslaught, life becomes an uphill battle. This downward trend causes life to

be brief, even more so if one sits around and does nothing. Scripture speaks to this brevity. Life is short. Life is fleeting:

"...For WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? It is even a vapour, that APPEARETH FOR A LITTLE TIME, and then VANISHETH AWAY." Jam. 4:14

"For ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY:" 1Ptr. 1:24



In the condition and state of our current reality death is king.

"...WE ALL DO FADE AS A LEAF; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isa 64:6

Note what the Bible says about life, as it currently is on Earth, that it "appeareth for a little time." Now, compare that description to the phrase "eternal life" (wording used twenty-five times in scripture), and you'll get a better idea of what we're talking about. We're talking about SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH LIFE AS WE

NOW KNOW IT. One kind of life lasts "a little time." the other "eternal." We're talking about a discrepancy between two things, so vast that treating the two as equals is a joke.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>[2]</sup> AUTHOR'S NOTE: Scripture testifies that the Lord Jesus Christ came to give man life and to give it "more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10). Eternal life is certainly more abundant than the kind of "life" we currently endure.

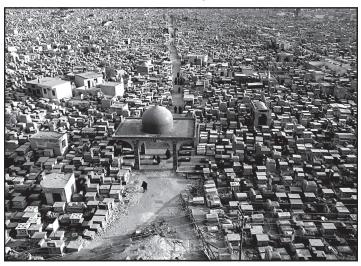
The truth is, LIFE ON EARTH IS CURSED – it's withering, fading, falling away, vanishing. It's *dying*. The wisest man who ever lived wrote:

"By much slothfulness THE BUILDING DECAYETH; and through idleness of the hands THE HOUSE DROPPETH THROUGH." Ecc. 10:18

In the above verse, King Solomon speaks of the decay of a "building" and the dropping-through of a "house," implying that these things need regular service. According to the Bible, houses and buildings can typify the PHYSICAL BODY (see 2 Cor. 5:1-2, etc.). Before Satan brought sin, a lifespan could not be measured. It was an infinite thing. But when wickedness entered, the lives of those affected by sin became truncated. Adam and his early descendants lived for several hundred years. After Noah's Flood, the lifespans then fell to a few hundred years, then a little over a hundred years (Abraham, etc.), and today the average life expectancy is around 80 years. Clearly, like the building and house, which eventually "droppeth through," the human body also falls apart. And the less labor that's invested (food, drink, exercise, sleep, etc.), the more quickly it happens. The longevity of a newborn baby left to itself can be measured in mere days, if not hours.

The book of Job says some things about this relentless enemy. In fact, with over seven thousand deaths among his cattle, servants, and children – all happening at the same time – Job was well aware of it. During this tragedy, Job's wife tempted him to "curse God and die," but he didn't (Job 2:9-10). Instead, Job worshiped God (Job 1:20-22), cursed

#### DEAD MAN'S LAND



The photo above is not of a city, but a graveyard. "Wadi al-Salam" (Valley of Peace) in Najaf, Iraq, is the world's largest cemetery. Covering over 1,485.5 acres (over 2.3 square miles), millions are buried there with thousands interred every year. Astonishingly, this monstrous necropolis, located between the ancient cities of Babylon and Ur, is the very land from which God called out Abraham:

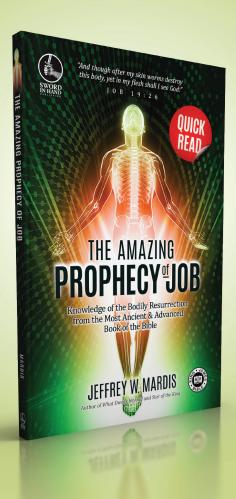
"I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Mat 22:32

Now, isn't that something? Oh, the irony!

himself (Job 3), and went on to TELL OF A FANTASTIC EVENT scheduled to occur after his demise. Thus, in spite of Job's overwhelming experiences with death and his expectations of it, he also HAD KNOWLEDGE OF SOMETHING FAR GREATER IN POWER. Job knew that death would one day become A CONQUERED FOE - an appointment that would rid the Earth, once and for all, of its terrible graveyard existence.

The sections that follow will address death's curse in more detail and look at one of the Bible's earliest clues to its eventual destruction. A revelation that comes to us by way of *THE AMAZING PROPHESY OF JOB*. Along the way, some of the exciting things you will encounter include:

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