

Jerome was born in Prague and also studied at the University there; later he went to Oxford University and when he returned to Prague he brought the writings of John Wycliffe. Jerome became good friends with John Huss and worked with him after he returned to the Bethlehem chapel.

The war within the church had continued; now three Popes vied for the top spot and the Emperor called a council - demanding the popes come as well as John Huss. Jerome promised Huss that if he ran into trouble, he would come to help. Before travelling, John secured the promise of safe passage; but soon after his arrival he was thrown in jail. The three Popes were removed, one thrown in the same jail, and a new Pope chosen.

When Jerome heard of John's arrested he set out to help, but soon realised he could do nothing and had needlessly put himself in danger. He was arrested on the way home and also thrown in jail.

Many pleaded for the release of Huss, especially since the Pope had been found guilty of all that Huss had accused him and more. Instead John endured a series of trials, before being condemned to burn to death. As they took his clothes from him, he reminded them of how Jesus was mocked; as they placed a paper crown with pictures of demons on his head, He blessed Jesus who had worn a crown of thorns. He finally died singing to Jesus.

The council decided they must make Jerome confess his sins and so he was chained in a dungeon cell and fed nothing but bread and water for a year so that he nearly died. When he was finally brought before the council he was so weak that he agreed to obey them and to say they were correct in condemning Huss and Wycliffe.

But back in his dungeon cell, he remember Jesus who had suffered and died for him, he realised the council would not stop until he had also rejected Christ. When he next stood in front of the council he took back his former agreement and claimed the right of a dying man to speak his defence. He prayed for God to speak through him and that is what happened; many of those listening were greatly affected by what he said. Jerome also died, singing to Jesus.

Going to Heaven!

Sabbath

Death has been a part of this world, since Adam and Eve sinned.

Who was the first person to die? Genesis 4:8 _____(2d)

Who murdered him? _____(6a)

How were they related? _____(4a)

Everyone who has lived since then, has also died, with a couple of exceptions. One of the men who didn't die was a great-great-great-great-grandson of Adam.

Who was he? Genesis 5:23, 24 _____(5d)

How long did he live? _____

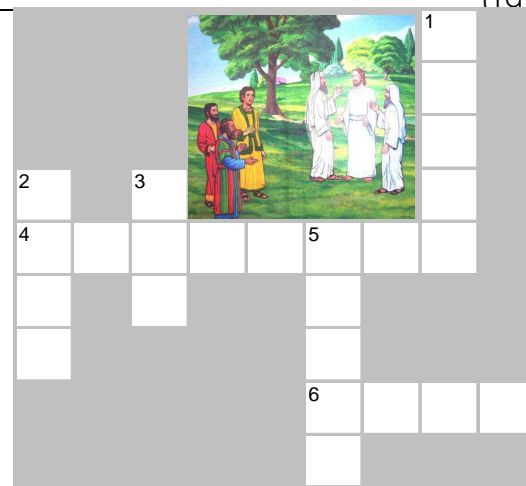
Why took him away? _____(3d)

Hebrews 11:5^{NLT} actually says, that he was "taken up to heaven without dying."

Something special also happened to someone else when their time came to die. Who was it?

Deuteronomy 34:1-6 _____(1d)

But it didn't end there; the Bible tells us that Jesus brought Moses back to life, and took him to heaven to live! We know this because when Jesus was on earth, Moses came down to meet Him on the Mount of Olives. You can read about it in Matthew 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36 and Jude 1:9.



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Refer: 1 Kings 19-2 Kings 2^{NLT}; Prophets and Kings p217-237; The Great Controversy ch6; The Bible Story vol5 p55-65

Sunday

One day Elisha was ploughing in his father's field, when the prophet Elijah walked past and threw his cloak over Elisha. Elisha ran after him and said, "let me say goodbye to my family and then I will come with you." So Elisha became the Prophet Elijah's assistant.

Now Ben-Hadad, King of Aram brought his very large army to Samaria, where King Ahab had his palace; first he demanded Ahab's gold, silver, wives and children, but he was not satisfied. A prophet came to Ahab and said that God would help the Israelite army; so the Israelites defeated the Arameans but Ben-Hadad fled on horseback and the prophet told Ahab to expect them back the following year.

Meanwhile the advisors to Ben-Hadad said, "Perhaps the Israelite god is a god of the hills - next spring we must attack him in the valley."

When spring came the prophet came again to Ahab and told him the Lord would again defeat the Arameans to show that He was the God of the whole world. 100,000 Aramean soldiers died that day and when the rest fled to a nearby city, God caused a wall to fall down killing another 27,000! King Ben-Hadad hid and sent a messenger to King Ahab begging for his life and Ahab agreed. But God was not pleased, He had had other plans of King Ben-Hadad and He sent a prophet to tell Ahab.

Some time later, Ahab wanted to buy the vineyard next to his palace, but Naboth did not want to sell it. Queen Jezebel saw that Ahab was upset and promised to take care of the matter. On her orders, a celebration was called in Naboth's home town and two liars accused Naboth in front of everyone of cursing God and the King. Then they stoned Naboth to death so Ahab could have his vineyard. But God sent the prophet Elijah with a message to Ahab, "Because you have done this evil thing, I will bring an end to your family."

At this time, there was peace between Israel and Judah, and Jehoshaphat, king of Judah visited Ahab. Jehoshaphat was the son of Asa and he loved God as his father had done.

Friday

Find the words in bold from

1 Thessalonians 4:16^{NIV}

"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the **trumpet call of God,** and the **dead in Christ will rise first.** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

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Revelation 20 gives us some clues as to what happens after we go to heaven. Who will be locked up and how long for? Verse 2-3

During this time we will be in heaven and we will have the chance to study what happened between God and Satan. Any questions we have about why someone is in heaven or why someone else isn't will be answered and the whole universe will be able to see that Satan's way leads to destruction and God's way is the best.

What happens next? Revelation 21:2-4

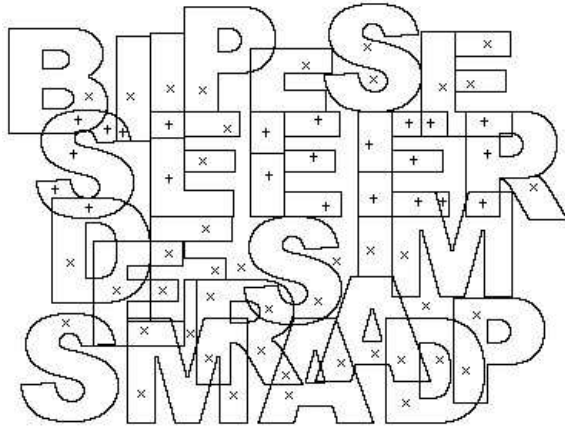
God is planning to live on this world! – But first He needs to do something to fix it. What happens to all the bad stuff that's here now, Satan and those who chose to follow him? Revelation 20:9. 10

Some people, even some Bible translators believe this fire will keep burning for ever, but a more realistic translation is that they will be gone forever. Malachi 4:1 says they will be burned up like straw or stubble which burns quickly and hotly and then is gone.

Thursday

The Bible says that when someone dies it is like a very deep what? Colour in the shapes which have a +.

People who die before Jesus comes again will be like Moses. They will be buried, and won't remember anything until Jesus wakes them up! People who love Jesus and are still alive when He comes will be like Elijah; they will not die. Instead, they will fly up to meet Jesus in the sky.

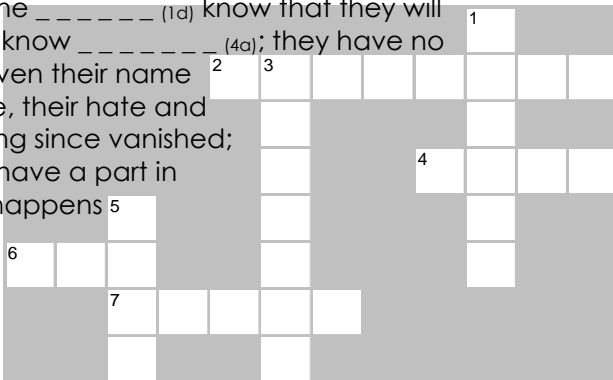


Many people today are confused about what happens when we die. Look up these verses and fill in the missing words; then solve the crossword.

The very first lie is about death. Read about it in Genesis 3:3-4. God said if they touched or ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, "you ____ (4a) die." Satan said, "You won't ____ (6a)!"

In Paul's letter to Timothy he wrote about God saying, "He _____ (7a) can never die." NLT – the NIV version uses the word immortal which means the same thing.

Ecclesiastes 9:5, "For the _____ (1a) know that they will die, but the _____ (5a) know _____ (4a); they have no further reward, and even their name _____ (2) is forgotten. Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished; never again will they have a part in _____ (2a) that happens _____ (5) under the sun." NIV



Monday

While Jehoshaphat was visiting, Ahab suggested they combine armies to recapture a city; he called 400 prophets who all said the plan was a good one. Jehoshaphat ask if there was not a prophet of the Lord. "There is," said Ahab, "But I hate him - he always has bad news."

At first the prophet Micaiah spoke in a sarcastic voice, saying they should go. Then he said Israel would be like sheep sent home without a shepherd because the king would be killed. He said, "I saw the Lord sitting on His throne saying, 'Who can entice Ahab to battle so he can be killed?' And a spirit said, 'I will - I will cause all his prophets to speak lies.' And the Lord said 'go.'"

During the battle a randomly shot arrow hit King Ahab, and by nightfall, he had bled to death, just as Micaiah had prophesied.

Ahab's son Ahaziah became the next king, but he worshiped idols and only ruled two years. When he was injured, falling from the upper room in his palace; he sent messengers to the temple of the idol Baal-zebub to ask if he would recover, but on the way they met Elijah who said, "Why are you asking an idol? The king will never leave his bed!"

Ahaziah was so angry he sent fifty men to arrest Elijah, but fire came down from heaven on to them! The king sent another fifty and the same thing happened. The king sent another fifty, but this captain went alone to Elijah and begged for their lives. Elijah went with the captain and told his message again to Ahaziah who died as God had said.

One day Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. The Lord has told me to go to the town of Bethel." But Elisha said "I will never leave you."

Then Elijah said, "Stay here. I will cross the river." But again, Elisha would not stay.

When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "Is there something I can do for you before I am taken away?"

Elisha replied, "Please let me have a double share of your wisdom and spirit, and let me be the Lord's next prophet."

Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, pulled by horses of fire! It drove between Elijah and Elisha, and like a whirlwind carried Elijah into heaven.

Tuesday

Solomon's son Rehoboam was the first king of Judah followed by his son Abijah, then his son Asa, followed by his son Jehoshaphat.

Jeroboam was the first king of the ten tribes of Israel followed by his son Nadab. He was defeated by Baasha who became king, followed by his son Elah. He was defeated by Zimri, who was defeated by Omri, who was followed by his son Ahab, then his son Ahaziah.

Fit the kings into the grid.

God gave Ahab many changes to follow him. Ahab witnessed the drought, followed by the rain. He was at Mount Carmel when God sent fire. God helped

him defeat the Arameans twice! – He should have learnt by then to follow God's leading, but like many kings before, he allowed his idol-worshipping wife to lead him and in the end, she led him to destruction.

After Elijah was caught up to heaven, Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak which had fallen, he hit the water with Elijah's cloak, the river parted and Elisha walked across. A group of prophets from Jericho were watching and they exclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord that was with Elijah is with Elisha!" And they bowed to the ground before him.



Wednesday

Elijah's trip to heaven must have been amazing to watch.

Even more amazing, is the fact that this was not the last time Elijah was seen on earth!

Matthew 17:3^{NLT} tells of Moses and Elijah coming from Heaven to visit Jesus when He was on earth.

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Moses represents, or shows us what it will be like for the people who die and are raised to life when Jesus returns. Elijah represents the people who love Jesus and are still alive when He returns.

One day the leaders of the town of Jericho came to Elisha and said "We have a problem; our town is set in pleasant surroundings, but the water is not good to drink." Elisha asked them to bring a new bowl of salt. Then he went to the spring and threw the salt into it. They tasted the water and found it was now pure and sweet!

Another day, as Elisha was walking along the road, a large group of boys began mocking and making fun of him. "Go away, baldy!" they chanted. Suddenly two bears came out of the woods and chased and mauled them. So Elisha continued to travel around, doing the work of the Lord.