

Death of Man

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- a. It is 40 years.
- b. It is 50 years.
- c. It is 120 years.
- d. It is 500 years.

2. How does God consider the concept of death?

- a. It was created as a punishment.
- b. It is a consequence of sin.
- c. It is considered an enemy.
- d. It will be destroyed.
- e. All of the above.
- f. Only b, c and d.

Death of Man Teacher Notes

Teacher note: Quizzes cover a lot of material. Take the time to help the student learn the biblical answer to each question and have fun along the way (i.e. you can be a game show host!). Use the online version of the quiz as well! To learn more about these questions, consider this reference:

1. Why Do People Die? (www.Helpmewithbiblestudy.org/7Humans/DeathWhyDoPeopleDie.aspx)

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a. It is 40 years.

Sorry, that is incorrect. Some have speculated that the average lifespan of a person during ancient times to be around age 40; however, the Bible does not indicate this lifespan.

b. It is 50 years.

Sorry, that is incorrect. This lifespan limit is too low.

c. It is 120 years.

Correct! The answer is "c"! God limited a human being's lifespan to 120 years (Gen 6:3). Given the antiquity of the Bible and the context of what is known about the short lifespans in underdeveloped countries, this is remarkable. Equally remarkable is the recognition that 120 years is about the extent possible today in the most developed economies and with the latest health care technology.

d. It is 500 years.

Sorry, that is incorrect. While the Bible records some lengthy lifespans for some individuals, this is not the limit set by God.

"Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'" (Gen 6:3)

2. How does God consider the concept of death?

a. It was created as a punishment.

Sorry, that is incorrect. God's judgment of death was not a punishment. It was a consequence of Adam's sinful behavior.

"By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19)

b. It is a consequence of sin.

Sorry, that is incorrect. This is true; however, there are additional correct answers! God's judgment of death results from the sin of disobeying the only prohibition God had for the Garden of Eden.

"Then to Adam He said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';.... '" (Gen 3:17)

c. It is considered an enemy.

Sorry, that is incorrect. This is true, the apostle Paul informs us that death is considered an enemy. However, there are additional correct answers!

"For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death." (1 Cor 15:25-26)

d. It will be destroyed.

Sorry, that is incorrect. This is true; but, there are additional correct answers! Death does get destroyed in the end; however, there is debate of what does the "lake of fire" means. Some understand it to be a place of eternal torment and others see it as annihilation. In either case, death is effectively destroyed.

"Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire." (Rev 20:14)

e. All of the above.

Sorry, that is incorrect. Option "a" is incorrect; thus, "f" is the correct answer.

f. Only b, c and d.

Correct! The answer is "f"! Death was not created nor a punishment by God; it was the consequence and judgment of Adam's sin. Death is considered an enemy (1 Cor 15:26) and will be destroyed (Rev 20:14, Rev 21:4); death will be no more.