

Glorification and the Intermediate State after Death

- Redemption is not complete until body is resurrected
 - Free from sin
 - Free from the result of sin: Death
- Romans 8:23-24 – “And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?”
- Romans 8:17 – “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”
- Romans 8:30 – “And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-26 – Read

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 – Spiritual Warfare Trash Talking...mixed with doctrine:

“When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

***“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
55 “O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”***

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Glorification:
 - Final step in application of redemption
 - Happens when Christ returns and raises from the dead the bodies of all believers
 - Bodies are reunited with the souls
 - Resurrection bodies will be like Jesus’ resurrected body
- Mystery: Those still living at Christ’s return...?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 – “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:14 – “For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”

Ancients Always Anticipated a Resurrection:

Genesis 22:2-14- Abraham to servant about Isaac: “we will be back” – to sacrifice Isaac – God provided
→ Hebrews 11:17-19 – “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”

Job received double everything he had lost, but not double children. The children still existed:

- Job 1:2-3 – “There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east”
- Job 1:18-20 – “While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”
- Job 42:12-13 – “And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.”

Intermediate State and Resurrection:

- Death is the moment the soul leaves the body:

Genesis 35:18 – Rachel's death - “And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.”

James 2:26 – “For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.”

- The State Between Death and Resurrection:

Genesis 25:7-9 – “These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. 8 Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. 9 Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah”

- Body to dust
- Place of peace
- Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:22) was a place of conscious peace
- “Gathered” means a get together of spiritis, It was not merely the gathering of bones being placed in family grave
- Genesis 49:33 - the same concerning Jacob:
“When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.”

Job 19:25-26 – Notice his flesh will see

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.”

Psalm 16:10-11 – David anticipates conscious joy before resurrection

“For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Ecc 12:1-8 – goes to eternal home, but body goes to dust

Matthew 17:3 – Moses and Elijah speaking though they are dead with no resurrection body

“And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”

Matthew 22:31-32 Abraham is living, but not resurrected –

“And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” 33 And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

Luke 16:22-24 – true story with names; not a parable

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side.[f] The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ “

Luke 23:43 – thief on the cross

“And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

John 19:30 – Jesus gave up his spirit

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1 Corinthians 5:5 – Flesh destroyed; spirit saved

“you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:1-3 – earthly home is the tent of this body; the dead are “unclothed” of a body

“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on[a] we may not be found naked.”

2 Corinthians 5:8 – spirit survives; spirit is conscious; spirit is naked waiting for a body

“Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

Philippians 1:21-23 – “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

Hebrews 12:22-23 – “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly[a] of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

Daniel 12:1-2 – “at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 – “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,[d] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

2 Timothy 2:17-18 – “

John 5:28-29 – “

John 6 39-40 –“

John 6:44 – “

John 6:54 – “

Romans 8:11 – “

Acts 24:15 – Paul before Felix in Caesarea:

“But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, 15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

John 11:24-27 – “ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.[d] Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Islam is cited as the fastest-growing religion in Iowa, a trend driven by both immigration and new converts. [CAIR](#)

Key points about the growth of Islam in Iowa include:

- **Growing Communities:** Increased immigration and refugee populations, particularly from Bosnia, have significantly boosted the Muslim population.
- **Infrastructure Growth:** The establishment of new mosques, such as the [Es-Selam Mosque in Granger](#) (opened in 2025), and the presence of the [Mother Mosque of America in Cedar Rapids](#), show the growing community.
- **Community Expansion:** In 2005, it was estimated that there were already 12,000 Muslims in the Des Moines metro area alone, supported by a large Bosnian population. [CAIR +3](#)

Other Noted Growth Trends:

- **Catholic Conversions:** As of April 2026, the Diocese of Des Moines reported a sharp increase in conversions, with 400 people joining the Catholic Church, a 50% increase from the previous year.
- **Buddhist Communities:** The Asian American Pacific Islander population in Iowa has grown 134% over the last two decades, leading to an increase in Buddhist temples and communities across the state.
- **Lutheran Church of Hope:** In 2022, the [Lutheran Church of Hope](#) in West Des Moines was named the fastest-growing church in America by *Outreach* magazine. [lutheranchurchofh... +2](#)

While Christian groups (62%) and the religiously unaffiliated (29%) make up the largest portions of Iowa's population, Islam is expanding rapidly in terms of percentage growth. [Pew Research Center +1](#)

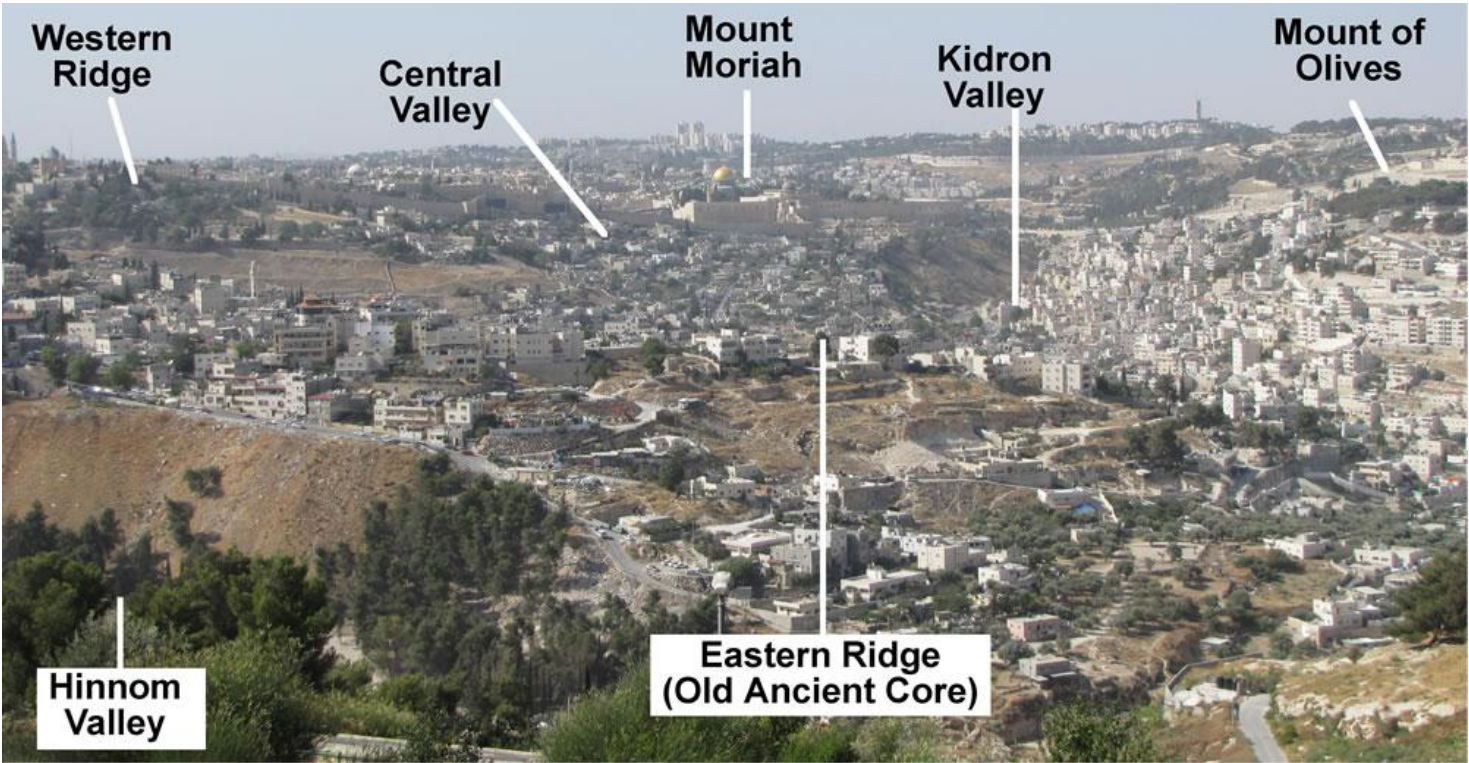
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Des Moines – Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the United States. Here in Iowa, it seems to be no different, and there are few reasons why so many Iowans are connecting with this faith. The Islamic Center of Des Moines is one of three Muslim mosques in the metro, so it may surprise you that an estimated twelve thousand Muslims live in the metro area. One of the most well-known of them is Ako Abdul-Samad. He says people moving into Iowa are helping the religion grow. "You have a large Bosnian population, about fifteen thousand in Des Moines. Ninety-nine percent of them are Muslim." In fact, the Bosnian community just purchased a former day care center to build a new mosque to accommodate all the growth, and the very

first Islamic grade school opened its doors in Des Moines this year. Some native Iowans are also converting to the faith.

After 9-11, Ako says people living in Des Moines seemed to become more educated about Islam. He believes they learned it is a religion of peace. "When people saw that, we started getting converts left and right. People were saying, 'I like what I hear.'" In the future, Ako expects more people will want to take a closer look at Islam, and he thinks Des Moines, a mostly Christian town, will accept that. A Muslim from Sioux City is running for Governor this year, and the Islamic Center of Des Moines plans to expand its grade school next year.





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