

REINCARNATION

Is reincarnation possible? Many people believe so.
What does the Bible say about this?

Reincarnation is the idea that after a person dies, their soul takes on new physical forms. In some Eastern religions, reincarnation is defined as the process of various levels a soul must travel through before it can obtain a place in heaven. Some of these levels would involve a soul embodying animals. These levels become more and more complex as the soul journeys toward heaven.

- ❶ Man is appointed to die **ONCE**, and **AFTER THAT** comes the judgment (Heb. 9:27). Man dies once. If he dies, and is reincarnated and then dies again, he has died more than once.
- ❷ At death, the SPIRIT (Soul) of a person **RETURNS** to God (Ecc 12:7). The spirit does not embody another physical form.
- ❸ We will be judged for what we have done in our body (2 Cor. 5:10) - having several lives would make this impossible. Reincarnation involves salvation by works and a system of second chances – none of which are according to the Bible.
- ❹ At death, the souls of Lazarus, the rich man (Lk. 16:23), Jesus (Acts 2:31) and the thief on the cross (Lk 23:43) all went to **HADES**. These souls did not embody other physical forms after death.

There is no example of reincarnation in the Bible.

Reincarnation is not true – it will not happen.

Roger Shouse