

Matt 22: 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 **Jesus answered** and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

Burning Other Methods Mentioned in Scripture(Eaten or Unburied) and lastly Burial

Burning

Burning is covered as God prophesies through the 'nameless man of God' in 1 and 2 Kings (his name is never given)

1Kings 13 : 1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel:
and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD;
Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name;
and **upon thee shall he offer** the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee,
and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken;
Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God,
which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him.
And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar,
according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God,

Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again.
And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king,

If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying,

Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel;

and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel:
the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he?

For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him,

Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee:

neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD,

Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; **and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD**, saying,
Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table,

that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

- 21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD,
 Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD,
 and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,
- 22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee,
 Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.
- 23 ¶ And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk,
 that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.
- 24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him:
 and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.
- 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase:
 and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.
- 26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said,
 It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD:
 therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him,
 according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.
- 27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.
- 28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase:
the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.
- 29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back:
and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.
- 30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!
- 31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying,
When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:
- 32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel,
 and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

God sends a prophet to cry against the alter of the heathen
 to tell them the bones of the false priests shall be cremated on their alter

God told that prophet to not drink water or eat anything and to go out a different way

The old prophet that lives there says an angel told me to bring you to my house to eat and drink
 Then God tells the old prophet to tell the other prophet you will die for disobeying God's Word to you

A donkey is saddled the prophet leaves but is attacked by a lion

The lion does not eat the prophet or the donkey but stands by the body

The old prophet comes and takes the prophet and buries him in his own grave
 and tells his sons to bury him beside that prophets body in the same grave (when his time comes)

God then fulfills His prophesy through Josiah in.....

2Kings 23: 14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, **and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD** which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel.

18 And he said, **Let him alone; let no man move his bones.** So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger, Josiah took away, **and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel.**

20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and **burned men's bones upon them,** and returned to Jerusalem.

The wicked ungodly priests' bones were burned upon the alters We would say they were Cremated!
The 2 servants of the Lord, their bones were left undisturbed.

This is also recorded in

2Chr 34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

5 **And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars,** and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

God speaks on the subject in Amos.....

Amos 2:1 "Thus saith the LORD; For three **transgressions of Moab,** and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; **because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:**"

Other Methods Mentioned (Eaten or Unburied)

While the debate for us is normally Burial vs Cremation

More so in Scripture we see it spelled out as **Burial vs Non Burial**

Whether the non- burial be cremation or by being eaten by animals or just not buried

1Ki 16:1 "Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,"

1Kings 16: 4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city **shall the dogs eat;**

and him that dieth of his in the fields **shall the fowls of the air eat.**

We find here, and in other passages in the OT that God uses the curse of the dead body being eaten instead of being buried

One of the best known instances is in 2Kings 9 God sends His message through Jehu.....

2Ki 9:10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and **there shall be none to bury her.**

And he opened the door, and fled.

God then fulfills His prophecy.....

2Ki 9:30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it;

and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who?

And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down:

and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said,

Go, see now **this cursed woman, and bury her:** for she is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said,

This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel;

so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

Jer 8:1-2 "At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **out of their graves:**

And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped:

they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth."

"And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and **they shall have none to bury them,** them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters:

for I will pour their wickedness upon them." (Jer 14:16 AV)

Eze 29:5 "And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers:

thou shalt fall upon the open fields; **thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered:**

I have given thee **for meat to the beasts** of the field and to the fowls of the heaven."

Summary

There are many other texts that bear this out But there is 1 text that speaks it very clearly 1Kings 14

We looked at a portion of this passage earlier, but there is more to be seen in the context....

Jeroboam's son is sick, he tells his wife to disguise herself and go ask Ahijah the Prophet if the son will live

The Prophet is blind, but God tells the Prophet who the woman is, and sends this message to Jeroboam

1Kings 14: 7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,

Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee:

and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments,

and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;

9 **But hast done evil above all that were before thee:** for thou hast gone and made thee other gods,

and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, **behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam,**

and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city **shall the dogs eat;**

and him that dieth in the field **shall the fowls of the air eat:** for the LORD hath spoken it.

So all the house of Jeroboam will be destroyed and not buried but what about the son?
12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.
13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, **and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.**

Burial

Buried 102 in the King James Version

The Hebrew word Qabar is used 132 times Greek word Thapto 11 Sunthapto buried with 2
Grave 65 (at least 3 are unrelated, they speak of 'grave attitude' 1Ti 3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave,
Gr mnēmeion = Tomb 38 Hebrew gādîysh 4

The Cost (People say they chose cremation because of the high cost of burial)

Here is a Biblical example that includes the subject of cost

Gen 23:1 And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan:

and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

3 And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

4 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you,
that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

10 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham

in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee;

in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee,
hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

So Abraham buys a piece of land to bury his wife he will not accept it free of charge he insists on paying for it

I think the point has more emphasis in light of Stephen's sermon in Acts 7

He says, God told Abraham to get thee out of thy country

Ac 7:5 AV "And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on:

yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child."

So the only piece of property that Abraham owned was the cave to bury in

Not only does this speak of the importance of burial **the Fact that God recorded it in Scripture tells us it is important**

How much Easier it will be on my Family

There is an example in Scripture that bears light on this subject.....

Ex 13, as God leads the Children of Israel out of Egypt.....

Ex 13: 17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go,

that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near;

for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea:

and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

19 "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying,
God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you."

Jos 24:32 "And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem,
in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver:
and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph."

For 40 years the Children of Israel carried the bones of Joseph around with them. Wouldn't an urn of ashes been easier?

Does the NT speak to the subject?

Jn 11: 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, **bound hand and foot with graveclothes:**

and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

We all know the details of the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior, but let's make sure we don't miss this detail....
"Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, **as the manner of the Jews is to bury.**"
(Joh 19:40 AV)

After Stephen is stoned to death while preaching, God records
Acts 8:2 And devout men carried Stephen **to his burial**, and made great lamentation over him.

There is at least 1 more Record of Burial in the NT, a double Burial
Acts 5: 1 But a certain man named **Ananias, with Sapphira** his wife, sold a possession,
2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part,
and laid it at the apostles' feet.
3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost,
and to keep back part of the price of the land?
4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?
why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost:
and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
6 And the young men arose, **wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.**
7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.
9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?
behold, the feet of them **which have buried thy husband** are at the door, and shall carry thee out.
10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost:
and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, **carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.**
11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

God speaks of Burial in a Promise

Gen 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs,
and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.
15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; **thou shalt be buried in a good old age.**

God is directly involved in Burial

Deu 34: 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.
6 **And he buried him** in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor:
but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. Who buried Moses? God

"But doesn't the Bible say Ashes to Ashes dust to dust?" NO! ashes to ashes is not Biblical Dust to Dust is!

Ge 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken:
for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Fire what do we know about God using Fire from Scripture?

God uses fire to Destroy and Punish
Sodham and Gomorrah

Ge 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

In the Prophetic book of Amos, God foretells of His wrath. One word he uses over and over again is FIRE 9 times

Am 1:4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

Am 1:7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

Am 1:10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

Am 1:12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

Am 1:14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

Am 2:2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

Am 2:5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Am 5:6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

Am 7:4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend

For all of Eternity, The Wrath of God will torment and punish His enemies. What will God use as His instrument FIRE!