

What are Islamic beliefs about life after death?

AKHIRAH

Akhirah= 'life after death'. This life is a preparation for the life to come in Islam. A key belief for all Muslims.

BARSARKH

A period of waiting. It is believed that the dead will exist in a state of waiting before they are judged.

YAWM AL QIYAMA

This is the 'Day of Judgment'. No one knows when it will occur, but when God's judgment begins, the waiting dead will be resurrected, those alive will die, and God will assess each individual life.

Time as we know it will break down completely and God's time will begin, also known as the 'end times'.

JANNAH (PARADISE)/ JAHANNAM (HELL)

The result of judgment. Individuals who fail to live up to expectations will spend eternity in Hell, or **Jahannam**, the 'place of fire'; a place of physical and spiritual torment.

The successful will enter **al-Jannah**, or 'the garden', a place of sensual nourishment and spiritual bliss.

- 1) Using the information above, create a diagram to explain what happens after death in Islamic belief (do not draw God or prophets)
- 2) Annotate your diagram with one or all of the three passages from the Qur'an below

- 1: 'There is no deity except Him. Everything will be destroyed except His Face. His is the judgement, and to Him you will be returned' (Qur'an 28:88, Sahih International)
- 2: '...behind them is a barrier until the Day they are resurrected' (Qur'an 23:100, Sahih International)
- 3: 'And those whose scales are heavy [with good deeds] - it is they who are the successful. But those whose scales are light - those are the ones who have lost their souls, [being] in Hell, abiding eternally.' (Qur'an 21:102-3, Sahih International)