

File under: Θνήσκω or thneeskō
English: "to-die"

This verb occurs 13 times in the KJ but only 9 times in the Nestle text. In the KJ it occurs 12 times in the perfect tense and once in the pluperfect. The perfect tense expresses an

Θνήσκω KJ

- Mat. 2:20. for they are dead which sought
Mar 15:44. if he were already dead;
Lu. 7:12. there was a dead man carried out,
8:49. Thy daughter is dead;
Joh. 11:21. my brother had not died. ●
39. the sister of him that was dead, ●
41. where the dead was laid. ●
44. And he that was dead came forth,
12: 1. Lazarus was which had been dead, ●
19:33. that he was dead already,
Acts 14:19. supposing he had been dead.
25:19. of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul
affirmed to be alive.
1Ti. 5: 6. is dead while she liveth.

action as having reached its termination and existing in its finished state.
It is not always easy to convey the idea in English, but by hyphenating the English words together, that translate this verb, I have made such an attempt. The first use in Matt. 2:20 is an example. "Having-died" shows what had happened; "-and-are-dead" shows the present state, almost like saying, and-are-buried.

- Not in Nestle text.

MATTHEW 2 CT

20 Saying, Having-been-raised you-take-along-to yourself the pre-teen-child and his mother, and you-be-proceeding into land of Israel; for the ones seeking the soul-of-the pre-teen-child have-died-and-are-dead.

MARK 15 CT

43 Joseph having-come, the one from Arimathea, a decent councillor, who also was himself welcoming the kingdom of-the God, having-dared, he-went-in to the Pilate and he-requested-for-himself the body-of-the Jesus.
44 But the Pilate marvelled if he-had-died-and-was-dead already, and having-called-to-himself the centurion, he-questioned him if he-died-off long-ago;
45 And having-come-to-know from the centurion he-presented the corpse to-the Joseph.

LUKE 8 CT

49 As he was yet speaking some-one of-the ruler-of-the-synagogue is-coming, saying to-him, That your daughter has-died-and-is-dead; you-be not bothering the teacher.
50 But the Jesus having-heard answered him, saying, You-be not yourself-fearing; only you-be-trusting, and she-will-be-saved.
51 But having-gone-in into the house he-let-be not any-one to-go-in unless Peter and James and John, and the father-of-the child infant-youth and the mother.
52 But they-were all weeping and bewailing her. But the one said, YOU-be not weeping; she has not died-off, BUT she-is-sleeping.
53 And they-were-ridiculing of-him, knowing-absolutely that she-died-off.
54 But he having-cast-out all without, and having-retained of-her hand, he-hollered, saying, The child infant-youth, you-be-rising-yourself.
55 And her spirit turned-around, and she-stood-up instantly; and he-ordered for-her to-be-given-to-eat.

Mark 15:44. The same general idea is present. Pilate marvelled if Jesus "had-died", that is, death had taken place; "-and-was-dead"; that is, the body could be removed from the cross and buried. Note vs.45 "he-presented the corpse to-the Joseph."
← Luke 8:49. This little girl, "approximately 12" (vs. 42), was a Jewish girl in covenant relationship. "Has-died-and-is-dead"; that is, ready for burial; expresses the end. The Jews knew "she-died-off." (vs. 53); but Jesus said, "she (has) not died-off, BUT she-is-sleeping." Verse 55, "her spirit turned-around." Note the emphatic "BUT." (vs. 52) (see "control word" καθεύδω katheudō)

LUKE 7 CT

11 And it-came-to-pass in the next *day* he-was-proceeding into a city being-called Nain, and a considerable-number of-his disciples were proceeding-together with-him, also much crowd.

12 But as he-drew-near to-the gate of-the city behold also, one-having-died was-being-transported, an only-begotten son to his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd of-the city together-with her.

13 And the Lord having-seen her, he-was-moved-with-compassion over her and he-said to-her, You-be not weeping.

14 And having-come-near he-handled of-the bier, but the-ones bearing it stood, And he-said, Youth, I-am-saying to-you, you-be-raised.

15 And the dead-one sat-up and he-began to-be-speaking, and he-gave him to his mother.

HEBREWS 11 CT

35 Women took their dead out-of a standing-again;

Luke 7:12 is Old Testament - before the cross - and Jesus did this sign as proof that there is to be a resurrection. Jesus himself referred to a similar widow in the days of Elijah, to which

1 Kings 17 ASV

8 And the word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, ⁶I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee.

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said unto Elijah, ⁷What have I to do with thee, O thou ⁸man of God? ¹thou art come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son! 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried unto Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 ²And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And Jehovah hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; ³and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, ⁴Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of Jehovah in thy mouth is truth.

← This use is a perfect participle, and while it has the same finality, it is relative to the main verb. The body was-being-transported, for burial. Note: vs. 12 "(an) only-begotten son to his mother." (see the "control word" μονογενής - (monogenees). Note vs. 15 also, Jesus "gave him to his mother". Note the faith chapter, Heb. 11:35, "Women took."

Heb. 11:35 refers, as well as to this miracle in Luke. (see also 2 Kings 4:17)

↓ Luke 4 ASV

25 But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in Israel ¹in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; 26 and unto none of them was Elijah sent, but only to ²Zarephath, in the land of ³Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

In Acts 14:19 we have a perfect infinitive, but the results are just as final; "they-were-dragging (the body) without the city, having-supposed him to-have-died."

ACTS 14 CT

19 But Jews came-on from Antioch and Iconium, and having-persuaded the crowds and having-stoned the Paul they-were-dragging without the city, having-supposed him to-have-died.

20 But *after* the disciples were having-encircled him, having-stood-up he-went-in into the city. And on-the-next-day he-went-out together-with the Barnabas into Derbe.

ACTS 25 CT

19 But they-were-having certain controversies concerning their own dread-of-demons toward him-and concerning some Jesus having-died-and-still-dead, whom the Paul was-alleging to-be-living.

↷ The argument was that Jesus was still dead while Paul said Jesus was living. The only figurative use.

I TIMOTHY 5 CT

6 But the widow living-luxuriously has-died-and-is-still-dead while living.

- 21 The Martha said therefore to the Jesus, Lord, if you were here, my brother likely had-not-died.
- 22 BUT even now I-am-knowing-absolutely that as-many-things-as you-might-yourself-request-of the God, the God will-give to-you.
- 23 The Jesus is-saying to-her, Your brother will-himself-stand-again.
- 24 Martha is-saying to-him, I-am-knowing-absolutely that he-will-himself-stand-again in the standing-again in the last day.
- 25 The Jesus said to-her, I myself-am the standing-again and the life: the *one* trusting with-reference-to me, even-if he-might-die-off he-will-himself-live;
- 26 And everyone the *one* living and trusting with-reference-to me, by-no-means might-he-die-off with-reference-to the age. Are-you-trusting this?
- 27 She-is-saying to-him, Yea, Lord; I myself-have-trusted-and-am-still-trusting that you yourself-are the Messiah, the son-of-the God, *namely*-the *one* coming into the world.
- 32 The Mary therefore as she-came where-in-which the Jesus was, having-seen him, she-fell to his feet, saying to-him, Lord, if you-were here my brother had not likely died-off.
- 37 But some out-of them said, Was not this *one*, the-*one* having-opened the eyes-of-the-*one* blind, being-able-to-do in-order-that also this-*one* might not die-off?
- 38 Jesus therefore again being-perturbed in himself is-coming into the tomb. But it-was a cave, and a stone was-lying-on upon it.
- 39 The Jesus is-saying, YOU-remove the stone. Martha the sister-of-the-*one* having-died is-saying to-him, Lord already he-is-smelling, for it-is on-the-fourth day.
- 40 The Jesus is-saying to-her, Said-I not to-you, that if you-might-trust, you-will-see the glory-of-the God?
- 41 Therefore they-removed the stone from the-place-where the *one* having-died was lying. But the Jesus lifted-up the eyes above, and he-said, Father, I-am-giving-thanks to-you that you-heard me;
- 42 But I myself have-known-absolutely that you-are always hearing me; BUT because-of the crowd *namely*-the *one* having-stood-around-and-still-around I-said *it*, in-order-that they-might-trust that you yourself-dispatched me.
- 43 And having-said these-things, he-screamed with-great voice, Lazarus, come-hither without.
- 44 And the-*one*-having-died came-out, the feet and the hands having-been-bound-and-still-bound with-grave-clothes, and his countenance having-been-bound-around with-a-handkerchief. The Jesus is-saying to-them, YOU-loose-him and YOU-let *him* go to-be-withdrawing.

JOHN 12 CT

- 1 The Jesus therefore six days before the passover came into Bethany, where-in-which was Lazarus, the-*one* having-died, whom he-raised out-of dead-ones.

JOHN 19 CT

- 33 On-the-other-hand having-come-upon the Jesus, as they-saw he already had-died-and-was-dead, they-crushed not his legs,
- 34 BUT one-of-the soldiers with-a-spear stabbed his side, and directly came-out blood and water.

There are a number of differences with this verb between the KJ Greek (Receptus) and the Nestle Greek text. This translation follows Nestle. The differences are of no great importance, but the table below will help some students. See the following "control words".

⋮.11	KJ (Receptus)	Nestle (ASV)
vs.21	θνήσκω	ἀποθνήσκω
vs.25	ἀποθνήσκω	ἀποθνήσκω
vs.26	ἀποθνήσκω	ἀποθνήσκω
vs.32	ἀποθνήσκω	ἀποθνήσκω
vs.37	ἀποθνήσκω	ἀποθνήσκω
vs.39	θνήσκω	τελευτάω
vs.41	θνήσκω	_____
vs.44	θνήσκω	θνήσκω

⋮.12

vs.1 θνήσκω _____

⋮.19

vs.33 θνήσκω θνήσκω

(John 11:21 is pluperfect; action of dying completed in past time)
(John 11:39 follows KJ Receptus.)

John 11:44 should read, "having-died-and-still-dead."



Lazarus was still bound.

If Lazarus was bound, as this Egyptian mummy, he could not yet breathe, but was "floated" out of the tomb.

We have no Biblical record that any "raised" person ever described his experiences in "heaven" or "hell."