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Genesis 1:31

“It was very good” - After each of God’s creative activity, He pronounce dit good (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31).

Everything God does is good. He only knows how to give good things

Ja. 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Mt. 7:11 - If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Ps. 84:11 - For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Before the fall of man:

Because there was no sin, there was no selfishness.
Because there was no sin, there was no lustfulness.
Because there was no sin, there was no fighting.

Before sin entered the world, there was never a lustful, self-centered thought.

Before the fall, there was a marvelous oneness, sharing, caring, giving (each living for the other) in a perfect utopia.

Creation had an original ability to reproduce perfectly.

--The apple trees never produced a bad apple
--The orange groves never bore dried-out oranges
--The fields of grain, corn, strawberries, etc., never needed insecticide.
--The animal realm never reproduced deformed offspring.
--Mosquitoes were not flying vampires
--Snakes, rats, and cockroaches were among man's best friends.
--Thorns did not invest the ground
--Viruses and diseases did not exist.

Earth was a utopia; a perfect paradise until sin came. Since then, the earth has long for liberation from the curse.

Because of Sin:
The SERPENT was cursed (v.14-15)

Because of Sin:
The WOMAN was cursed (v.16)

1. **The fall resulted in <u>PAIN IN CHILD-BEARING</u>**

2. **The fall resulted in <u>DOMESTIC CONFLICT</u>**

    a. **The woman's "desire" to control the husband**

    b. **The man's despotic "rule" over his wife**

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1. **Cursed to <u>TOIL</u> for his food (v.17-19a)**
2. **Cursed to <u>DIE</u> and turn back to dust (v.19b)**



v. 17

"Hearkened" - obeyed

"Cursed is the ground" - the ground from which grew the fruit of which Adam ate would not be under a curse.

"For thy sake" - Because of you

The curse is in a sense commensurate with the crime:

Eve <u>gave</u> (3:6, 12); now there will be pain associated with giving birth (v. 16).

Adam <u>ate (3:6, 12)</u>; now there will be pain associated with eating his bread.

"In sorrow" - <u>pain</u> (the same word used to describe the pain of childbirth -v. 16).

Work was established before the fall (Gen. 2:15), but now it would be painful, agonizing, and many times frustrating.

v. 18

"Thorns and thistles" - the sharp pointing and painful thorns are a reminder of the consequences of sin.

All of the troublesome weeds and tares are also a result of Adam's sin.

"Herb of the field" - No longer would Adam enjoy the luscious trouble-free fruit of Eden's garden of paradise. Instead, he would now have to work the dry and difficult fields for a harvest (cp. Gen. 3:23).

v. 19

"In the sweat of thy face" - Man would no longer merely pick (harvest) food, but would have to work the soil to produce it. Toil would enter in at every phase: from cultivation of the soil, to planting, to weeding and pest control, to harvest.

One day, the curse on the earth will be removed. All of creation (as it were) groans in pain, longing to be delivered from the present bondage (Rom. 8:18-22).

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--Wolves don't live with lambs – they eat them.

--Leopards don't lie down next to baby boats – they eat them.

--Lions do not co-mingle with baby cows – they eat them.

But one day carnivorous animals will be herbivores.

When was the last time you heard of a child walking his pet lion?

11:8
"The suckling (nursing) child" – There will be children born to the mortals who missed the Rapture and entered the Kingdom alive (Note: longevity of life will be one characteristic of the Millennium - Zech. 8:4)

"Asp" = cobra snake

"Cockatrice" = venomous viper

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"The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord" - All who enter the Millennium will know Jesus as Jehovah God.

11:10

Christ came from the line of David (Jesse was David's father).

"Ensign" - A rallying point; a banner or standard to which even the Gentiles who live in the Kingdom will gather.

11:11

"The second time to recover" – The first time was after the Babylonian captivity under Zerubbabel in 537 BC. The second time will be after the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord.

Compare Rev. 20:1-10.

Conclusion:

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(Isaiah 35:1-8; Compare Is.40:1-5; 9-11; Isaiah 55:10-13)

Isaiah 55:10-13
God's word will achieve what it promised! Therefore God can be trusted and His word believed. Man's "way" is a promise but seldom a fulfillment. God's "way" is a promise with definite fulfillment.

God closes the section (v.6-10) in the same way that He ended the previous one (v.1-4). He again points to the future Kingdom to demonstrate His faithfulness. Just a God exemplified the faithfulness of His lovingkindness by calling attention to the Kingdom (when nations would run to Israel's call; v.5), He now exemplifies the faithfulness of His word by again calling attention to the future Kingdom (when mountains will sing to Israel and trees will applaud God's redeemed; v.12).

In verses 12-13 God gives a last reason why His word can be believed, that is, believed to be productive. One day the redeemed Israel will go out in Joy (as opposed to sorrow), and will be led (passive) by the Messiah their leader (Is.52:12; Micah 2:12,13) in peace (as opposed to trouble)(cp.Is.54:10).

The mountains and hills will ecstatically burst (break or shatter) in front of their faces with a song (cp. Is.52:9,42:13; Lk.19:40) and all the trees will clap (applaud with joyfulness - cp. Ps.98:8) with their hand for God's redeemed. This is the exact opposite action from the present description found in Romans 8:22, which says: "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain."

In God's Kingdom the curse of the fall (Gen.3:17-19) will be reversed, as evident by a transformation even of the desert. A cypress ("fir tree") will grow instead of the thornbush and a myrtle instead of a brier. "Thus the noble trees take the place of useless and offensive plants, and (it is likely)...the verb "will come up" hints at rapid growth"[1] This transformation will serve as a name (cp. Is.63:12,14; Jer.33:9). "It will be a name...in that it will ever call to mind and exalt the Name of it's Author."[2]

This transformation will also serve as an everlasting sign or memorial (Cp.Is. 56:5) to the greatness of God. Emblems of the curse of sin will be replaced by symbols of the power and grace of God. This magnificent change (depicted by the trees) will stand as a memorial forever. "The language may have royal overtones. Human kings and conquerors erect memorials to testify of their mighty deeds. The king of kings also has a memorial, the redemption of creation. The inscriptions of human kings are often destroyed, or their letters become blurred like the inscription at the mouth of the Dog River in Syria. No later king, however, will ever undo the deeds of Israel's king, nor will any later conqueror ever erase His words."[3]

"This sign will serve as a perpetual commemoration of the Lord's glory in consummating His plan (His thoughts & ways; v.8-9) and in keeping His word (v.10-11)."[4] It (the transformation of the trees) will be a memorial that will never be cut down or rooted out!

Even the Dead Sea shall be rejuvenated (Ezek. 47:10)

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1 Young, p.385.

2 Young, p.386.

3 Young, p.386.

4 Unger, p.1306.

See Romans 8

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(Romans 8:19-22)

A. An <u>Expectant</u> Wait (v. 19)

"Creature" = that which has been created; creation (same word as in v. 22)

"Earnest expectation" = lit. to intently watch with an outstretched head (EX: People sticking their heads out of the window anticipating the parade to begin).

Creation is pictured as being anxious for what is about to take place.

"Waiteth" = to wait it out with expectancy.

Creation is wiser than most men. Natural man does not expect God to reconstruct the present world system. Creation, however, knows it is absolutely certain; it is inevitable!

"Manifestation" = revealing (unveiling) as in v. 18.

Creation, as it were, sympathizes with us. PHysical nature itself longs for the transformation of its inhabitants (Compare - the idea of the land of Canaan vomiting out its wicked inhabitants - Lev. 18:25 - "the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants"; cp. the idea of the stones crying out in praise - Lk. 19:40).

"The sons of God" - glorified saints of all ages. When the saints are all in glorified bodies, the resurrection will have taken place and the kingdom is here, when Satan will be bound and the curse removed from the earth.

"The revealing of the sons of God" -

I Jn. 3:1-2 - "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

Col. 3:4 - "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."

B. A Long Wait (v. 20)

"Vanity" = futility; an inability to reach a desired goal.

"Not willingly" = Creation (outside of man) did nothing to deserve the corruption that it was subjected to.

The earth received a curse from God as the direct result of man's sin (SEE Gen. 3:17-19).
Everything we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch has been tainted by human sin.

The present conditions on earth (like the destruction of the ozone layer, oil spills, earthquakes, etc.) all point to the fact that things are not what they once were, nor are they what they shall be.

C. A Worth-while Wait (v. 21)

"Delivered" = freed from the slavery of deterioration into the same freedom that the children of God will experience.

When such a deliverance occurs, creation will rejoice (SEE Ps. 96:11-13; 98:7-9; cp. Rev. 5:13).

The Bible speaks of the coming "times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:21).

One such prophet was Isaiah, who described the hard-to-imagine utopian conditions of the coming kingdom (Is. 11:6-9; 35:1, 5-7).

D. A Painful Wait (v. 22)

"Whole creation . . . together" = all aspects of creation and all things that have been created like an harmonious choir of lamenters let out, as it were, continual groans and agonizing sounds of suffering even up to the present day.

In Romans 8, God describes 3 groans: 1) Creation groans (v. 22); 2) Believers groan (v. 23); 3) The Spirit groans (v. 26).

"Travaileth" = the suffering of birth pains.

Like a pregnant woman in agony as she delivers her child, "Mother Nature" has longed for deliverance from the various forms of undesirable corruption that she bears.

Creation feels the burden (weight) of man's sin. (Pollution, natural disasters, the curse - weeds, thorns, poison ivy, dry deserts, disease, etc.).

What the earth needs is not merely the ecological improvements of man's efforts to clean up the air, waters, and natural habitats for wildlife, etc.

Nature needs the core of the problem to be solved. The problem is Man, and the answer is God's salvation and glorification before kingdom conditions can exist.