

THE CURSE UPON THE EARTH

Five curses occurred with the violation of the Edenic Law of Gen.2:17. This study will deal with:

- The Curse upon the Serpent and Satan (Gen.3:14-15)
- The Curse upon the Woman (Gen.3:16)
- The Curse upon the Man (Gen.3:17-19)
- **The Curse upon the Earth (Gen.3:17)**

Two of these curses are unique:

- **First, the curse upon Satan** was associated with the **curse upon the Serpent.**
- **Second, the curse upon the earth** was attached to the **curse upon Man**
(Gen.3:17) “Cursed is the ground because of **you**.”
(Gen.3:19) “Because from it **you** were taken; for **you** are dust, and to dust **you** shall return.”

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Curse upon the Earth.

1. Understanding that the earth was divinely designed for man’s habitation is important to understanding why God placed a curse upon the earth as a result of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:17).

(Ps.115:16) “The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth He has given to the sons of men.”

Four reasons God designed the earth for man’s habitation.

- Man’s body came from it (Gen.2:7; Ps.103:14)
- Man’s body will return to it (Gen.3:19; Ps.146:4; Eccl.12:7)
- Man lives on it (Gen.1:28; Ps.8:5-9; Heb.2:6-9)
- Man lives from it (Gen.1:29-30; 3:17-19; Ps.104:14-15)

2. There are three reasons given for God attaching a curse upon the earth to the curse upon man (Gen.3:17-19). Note the word because.

- (Gen.3:17a) “**Because you** have listen to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it.’”
- (Gen.3:17b-19a) “**Because of you** cursed is the ground; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field; by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground.”
- (Gen.3:19b) “**Because from it you** were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

3. Scientific observation of the curse upon the earth is referred to as the second law of thermodynamics (all things living or non-living eventually wear-out, run down, grow old, decay, and pass into dust; species extinction).

The present earth is running down and the amount of available energy is constantly decreasing (entropy).

(Heb.1:10-12) “They will perish, but Thou remainest; and they will become old as a garment, and as a mantle Thou wilt roll them up; as a garment they will also be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will not come to an end.” (Ps.102:25-27; Isa.51:6; 1 Pet.1:24)

(2 Cor.4:16-18) “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though **outwardly** we are wasting away, yet **inwardly** we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” [Aging is a visual aid]

4. The curse upon the earth will be removed at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Rom.8:18-25).

(Rom.8:21) “The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.”

During the Millennium, the second law of thermodynamics will be removed and entropy greatly modified (Isa.11:6-9; 55:13; 65:20-25).

Doctrinal principal: A change of environment (cold north or sunny south) will not solve curse upon the earth, upon Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) nor upon your spiritual problems! (Matt. 5:18; 24:35; Heb.13:8).

5. The universe is under the sovereign control of the Lord Jesus Christ until the end of human history (John 1:1-3; Col.1:15-17; Heb.1:2-3; 2:9-10; Eph.1:4).

(Col.1:17) “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (sunistemi / perf.a.ind).”

This is why the corrupt earth will not disintegrate itself.

The quality of available energy will never reach absolute zero because of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has the divine sovereign authority to overrule the fixed laws of God.

(Heb.1:3) “He upholds all things by the word of His power.” (Rev.4:11)

At the end of human history, a global fire will refine planet earth (2 Pet.3:5-13; Rev.21-22).