

## **CREATION'S SUFFERING AT THIS PRESENT TIME**

The primary passage of Scripture for this new series of lessons entitled, Romans Creation, is Rom.8:18-27.

Paul introduced the theme of this passage in our lesson text as "Creation's suffering of this present time."

Creation's suffering of this present time is described as "groaning of childbirth"

(Rom.8:22) "For we know that the whole creation (pas he ktisis) **groans** (sustenazo/ p.a.ind.3ps) **and suffers the pains of child-birth together until now.**"

<b>This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of Creation's Suffering at this Present Time.</b>
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### **1. Notice that Paul opens this subject with what he has personally learned and now is sharing with the Gentile Church – "For (gar) I consider."**

The conjunction (gar) [for] is used to introduce **the idea for reason** in (Rom.8:18) from a statement made in (Rom.8:17)

(Rom.8:17b) "If indeed we **suffer** with Him so that we may also be **glorified** with Him."

(Rom.8:18) "**For** (gar) [for this reason] **I consider** (logizomai/ p.m.ind.1ps) [calculated thinking] (**Phil.4:8-9**) [read] that the **sufferings** (ta pathema/ npln) of this present time (tou nun kairos/ gm), are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** that is to be revealed to us."

### **2. The cause of the suffering of creation through-out human history is due to the curse associate with Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:17).**

- Pay attention to the three reasons (because) for the curse of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) suffering upon the earth.

(Gen.3:17) "Then to Adam He said, 'Because (1<sup>st</sup> reason) you have listened 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.3:18-19) "**Cursed is the ground because (2<sup>nd</sup> reason) of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the **days of your life**. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the fields; by the sweat of your face you will eat bread, **till you return to the ground, because (3<sup>rd</sup> reason)** from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen.2:7)**

**Note:** This curse will be reversed in the Millennium period.

### **3. Paul is explaining that there is a PAST and FUTURE as well as a PRESENT time of creation's suffering because of the curse of Adam's Original Sin (AOS).**

- **The past time suffering of creation** was during the Antediluvian period of biblical human history (Adam to Noahic flood) (2 Pet.3:4-6).

- **The present suffering of creation** is the Postdiluvian period of biblical human history (Noahic flood to Second coming of Jesus Christ. (2 Pet.3:7).
  - The rainbow from the Antediluvian period is important to the Present and Future Times (Gen.9:12-17)
- **The future suffering of creation** will be during the Millennium period (Second Coming of Jesus Christ to the New Heaven and Earth. (2 Pet.3:9-13; Heb.12:25-29).
  - During the Millennium period, the curse of AOS upon creation will be reversed (Isa.35:1-10; 55:13; 65:25; Ps.72:16-19).

(Rom.8:21) “That **the creation itself** also **will be set free from its slavery to corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

**4. Scientist refers to this curse of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) upon the earth as the Second Law of Thermodynamics.**

**Simple definition:** “All things living and non-living eventually wear out, run down, grow old, decay, and pass into dust.” (Dr. H.M. Morris, Genesis Record, pg.127)

Creation does not move from simplicity to complexity (evolutionist) but just the opposite because of the Curse of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) (theologian) (Gen.1:1; Isa.45:18).

**5. The curse of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) is an aging process which can be seen with the human eye like the rainbow.**

(2 Cor.4:16) “Therefore **do not lose heart**, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our **inner man is being renewed day by day**.” (2 Cor.4:16-18; 1 Pet.1:22-25; Heb.12:25-29).

(Isa.51:6) “Lift up your **eyes to the sky**, then look to the **earth beneath**; for **the sky** will vanish like smoke, and **the earth will wear out like a garment** and its inhabitants will die in like manner; **but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not wane**.”