***Groaneth****

**Romans 8:18-22** (18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
(19) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
(20) For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
(21) Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
(22) For we know that the **whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain** together until now.
*Cancer affects many humans and their loved ones, and a new report has found that certain animals are also suffering from higher cancer rates. Sadly, this is to be expected in a dying and decaying world. Genesis indicates that human sin resulted in a universal curse, whereby man, animals, and the entire creation "groaneth and travaileth together." This accurately reflects today's world, in which cancer is an increasing calamity. Some endangered animals are even facing extinction due to cancer. Writer Mark Henderson reports that deadly viruses are mutating to infect humans at a rate never seen before. Scientific observation upholds the Bible's depiction of a world that was created to be very good, but that is now suffering from the increasing effects of decay and corruption. Not only is cancer and other diseases inflicting pain upon mankind, but there are tragedies and murders. And because of that devilish deception,* "thou shalt not surely die"*, the world was changed forever! Turn with me to;*
**Genesis 3:14-19** (14) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt

thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
(15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
(16) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
(17) And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
(18) Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
(19) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

*Let's revisit verses 15,16, and 17 From;*

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**Genesis 3:15** And I will put {**enmity between thee**} and the woman, and between thy seed and {**her seed**}; it shall {**bruise thy head**}, and thou shalt {**bruise his heel**}.

**Enmity between thee**. This verse is famous as the Protevangel ("first gospel"). The Curse was directed immediately towards the Serpent, but its real thrust was against the evil spirit possessing its body, "that old serpent, called the Devil" (Revelation 12:9).

Satan may have assumed he had now won the allegiance of the woman and all her descendants, but God told him there would be enmity between him and the woman.

**Her seed**. The "seed of the woman" can only be an allusion to a future descendant of Eve who would have no human father. Biologically, a woman produces no seed, and except in this case Biblical usage always speaks only of the seed of men. This

promised Seed would, therefore, have to be miraculously implanted in the womb. In this way, He would not inherit the sin nature which would disqualify every son of Adam from becoming a Savior from sin. This prophecy thus clearly anticipates the future virgin birth of Christ.

**Bruise thy head**. Satan will inflict a painful wound on the woman's Seed, but Christ in turn will inflict a mortal wound on the Serpent, crushing his head. This prophecy was fulfilled in the first instance at the cross, but will culminate when the triumphant Christ casts Satan into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).

**Bruise his heel**. This primeval prophecy made such a profound impression on Adam's descendants that it was incorporated, with varying degrees of distortion and embellishment, in all the legends, mythologies and astrologies of the ancients, filled as they are with tales of mighty heroes engaged in life-and-death struggles with dragons and other monsters. Mankind, from the earliest ages, has recorded its hope that someday a Savior would come who would destroy the devil and reconcile man to God.

**Genesis 3:16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall {**rule over thee**}.

**Rule over thee**. She who had acted independently of her husband in her desire for the forbidden fruit must henceforth exercise her desires through her husband, and he would be ruler in the family. This prophecy has been fulfilled throughout history, in every time and nation. To the woman who knows God, however, especially in the full light of Christianity, her role of submission to God and to her husband becomes her means of greatest fulfillment and happiness. The "rule" of a true Christian husband is not one of harshness and subjugation, but one of loving companionship and caring responsibility, (Col 3:19).

**Genesis 3:17** And {**unto Adam**} he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: {**cursed is the ground**} {**for thy sake**}; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

**Unto Adam**. The full force of the Curse fell on Adam, as the responsible head of the human race, and on all his dominion. Instead of believing God's Word, Adam had "hearkened to the voice of his wife," and she had been beguiled by the voice of the serpent. It is always a fatal mistake to allow the words of any creature to take precedence over the Word of God.

**Cursed is the ground**. The "ground" is the same word as "earth." The very elements of matter, out of which all things had been made, were included in the Curse, so that the "whole creation" was brought under bondage to a universal principle of "corruption" (literally "decay"–Romans 8:21-22). That is, all things had been built up by God from the basic elements of matter ("the dust of the earth"), but now they would all begin to decay back to the dust again. The curse evidently applies to the entire physical cosmos, as well as to the planet Earth.

**For thy sake**. The curse was not only a punishment for man's disobedience but also a provision for man's good, forcing him to recognize the seriousness of his sin, to realize the folly of trusting anyone but his Creator, and his inability to save himself from destruction. This would encourage him to a state of true repentance toward God and to trust in God to save him. The Second Law of Thermodynamics, which is the modern scientific statement of this decay principle, though pointing toward an ultimate death of the universe, at the same time points back to a primeval creation and therefore compels men to look toward the Creator as its only possible Savior.**}**

*Satan and his despicable band of outlaws (*"children of the wicked one"—Matthew 13:38*) have worked their ruthless quackery on mankind from the very moment the serpent met mother Eve in the Garden of Eden. When he and his cohorts*

*rebelled and "kept not their proper habitation," they were cast from the heavenly portals to be "kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" as written by Jude under divine intervention.* And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day (Jude :6). *The conditions of Satan's surrender were harsh. Although he had been completely vanquished, although his armies had been thoroughly routed, and although the Victor had imposed the worst kind of permanent exile, Satan was determined not to go gently into the night. While he admittedly had lost the war, he nevertheless was planning future skirmishes. Vindictive by nature, in possession of cunning devices (2 Corinthians 2:11), and thoroughly determined to be "the deceiver of the world", he set his face against all that is righteous and holy—and never once looked back. His anger at having been defeated fueled his determination to strike back in revenge. Let's turn to;*
**Revelation 12:9-12** (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
(10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
(11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
(12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.
*But strike back at whom? God's power was too great, and His omnipotence was too all-consuming (Job 42:2; 1 John 4:4).*

*Another target was needed; another repository of satanic revenge would have to be found. And who better to serve as the recipient of hell's unrighteous indignation than mankind—the only creature in the Universe made "in the image and likeness of God" (Genesis 1:26-27)? What sweet revenge—despoiling the "apple of God's eye" and the zenith of His creative genius! Thus, with the creation of man, the battle was on. Little wonder that in his first epistle the apostle Peter described Satan as an adversary, Let's turn our attention to;*

**Romans 8:22** For we know that the {**whole creation**} {**groaneth and travaileth**} in pain together until now.

*From;* Defender's Bible Notes

**Whole creation**. The reference to "the whole creation" indicates that the divine curse extends through the entire created cosmos, not just to the earth. Scientific observation has apparently confirmed this. That is, the law of entropy operates throughout the cosmos. Since it was man's sin that brought God's curse on the ground—that is, the very elements of the created earth, the "dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7) out of which all things were made by God—it may be that his sin had universal repercussions. *Not all is lost,turn with me to;*

**Revelation 21:4-7** (4) **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away**.

(5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

(6) And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

(7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

*God does know that our hearts groaneth with pain and grief,*

*and that sorrow prevaileth. But God is going to wipe away all tears. There will be no more sorrow or crying or pain. But having said that, there is something we should do while we are still living on this earth. From Job we can view the season of grief and how one should deal with it. Please turn to;*

**Job 1:18-22** (18) While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
(19) And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
(20) Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,
(21) And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
(22) **In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly**.

*By faith, one should overcome like Job and sin not, nor charge God foolishly. God announced the penalty of death for disobedience, but the devil activated that penalty by deception. Satan is not concerned with our grief! He does not care! Satan did not care then and he does not care now, turn with me to;*

**1Peter 5:8-9** (8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
(9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

*The devil is the most crafty adversary we will ever encounter. But if one does not meet satan on the road of life, one may be going the same direction as he. He will bait us unto sin or charging God foolishly if possible. But if we resist in the faith, our soul will inherit eternal life. Living forever is not*

*an option at judgment, it is an eternal decision made today! Scientific observation upholds the Bible's depiction of a world that was created to be very good, but that is now suffering from the increasing effects of decay and corruption. That is not the end of the story however. For those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, death will not have the final say. Spiritual blessings are in Christ, the question must be asked, how can I get into Christ? Or the age old question, what must I do? Turn with me to;*

**Acts 2:36-41** (36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
(37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
(38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
(39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
(40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
(41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

*In a sense this brings us back to the beginning, back to the reason for enmity between satan's seed and her seed. Turn to;*

**Romans 5:17-19** (17) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.
(18) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one

the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.
(19) For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.
*We do need help defeating satan. But we need to realize that as flesh and blood beings, we sorrow at the death of a righteous one, we tend to forget*; A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth (Ecclesiastes 7:1). *Why? Turn with me to;*
**1Corinthians 15:50-58** (50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
(51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
(52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
(53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
(54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
(55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
(56) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
(57) But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
*No one enjoys contemplating the prospect of losing a loved one to the pangs of death. It is a horrible experience. Yet, if the deceased is a child of God, the pain is lessened considerably. This is why the apostle Paul could say in his letter to the saints at Thessalonica;* sorrow not, even as the

rest, who have no hope (1 Thess 4:13).*This is why Jesus could say;* Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:14). *When a dear one in Christ leaves this life, we sorrow—not for the one who has gone to be with the Lord, it is our own temporal loss that we sorrow. And it is temporal, because eventually there will be many happy reunions for Jesus once said;* And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 8:11). *Death is not the end, rather it is a beginning. It is the beginning of life more abundantly in eternity for those who die in the Lord. May we so bind our families together in service to God that when our parting comes, it will be a "sweet sorrow." Without baptism one cannot be risen with Christ through the faith of the operation of God. His sinless perfect life teaches us that we must be doers of the gospel and not hearers only. One must have faith in Christ that is the effect of belief, who first believe the testimony of God, then by faith repent of their sins, confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and are baptized into Him for remission of sins, receiving the full and explicit testimony of pardon. This is the gospel. Why not obey the gospel plea? Need prayer for other reasons? Come and make your desire known while we gently persuade with song.*

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# Rising Animal Cancers Point to a Dying World

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Cancer affects many humans and their loved ones, and a new report has found that certain animals are also suffering from higher cancer rates. Sadly, this is what is to be expected in a dying and decaying world.

The technical results of the study are slated to appear in the July edition of *Nature Reviews Cancer*. Lead author Denise McAloose, Chief Pathologist for the Wildlife Conservation Society's Global Health program, said in a WCS press release that "we now understand that cancer can kill wild animals at similar rates [to humans]."[1]

The WCS study identified California sea lions, dolphins, porpoises, and green sea turtles as creatures with cancer rates that were higher than expected. Most of the described cancers likely have a viral source, but it is possible that human-caused pollution—including loose, carcinogenic chemical waste—could exacerbate the maladies. Cancers are caused when an error occurs in the genetic machinery that regulates a cell's growth. Since mutations relentlessly add up during an individual's lifetime, it is only a matter of time before one of those mutations disrupts a cell's growth regulation. This could lead to a tumor, which could lead to cancer.

Genesis indicates that human sin resulted in a universal curse, whereby man, animals, and the entire creation "groaneth and travaileth together."[2] This accurately reflects today's world, in which cancer is an increasing calamity. Some endangered animals are even facing extinction due to cancer.[3]

In the bigger picture, fossils show clearly that nature has "deselected" the vast majority of life forms in the past through widespread catastrophes. And now nature continues to "deselect" more through disease. There is therefore no scientific basis for the Darwinian philosophy that living forms find a way to adapt and improve, ever-increasing their repertoires of functional biological mechanisms.

Rather, extinctions are the rule. In almost every animal and plant phylum, there has been a decline in variety, with most varieties having been catastrophically buried and fossilized. The grim reality is that over the long haul, if a created kind can avoid natural disasters, it will eventually succumb to cancer from mutations.

Scientific observation upholds the Bible's depiction of a world that was created to be very good, but that is now suffering from the increasing effects of decay and corruption. That is not the end of the story, however. For those who have been redeemed through Christ, death will not have the final word.[4]

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