

## No More Curse

*Scripture reading:* Revelation 22:3

What is the meaning of this "curse" as mentioned in Revelation 22:3? Let us look at 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."* The first curse was put upon the ground. No longer would the earth produce abundantly, mightily, as it had done before, but it was now going to produce less, and it would bring forth thorns and thistles and all manner of evil weeds. Today we are affected by a lot of these evil weeds. There is marijuana. Heroin is made from the poppy. Many other things (poisons) which destroy humanity come from the ground. Before this curse, there was no such thing.

In Genesis 4:11 and 12 we see another curse, the curse that God put upon Cain after he had killed his brother Abel. Actually, it was something that Cain himself had caused. *"And now art thou CURSED from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth."* God was only telling Cain what was going to happen because of his action. The earth would not obey him, would not give him its strength, because he had shed innocent blood. Think of how much innocent blood has been shed since Cain! No wonder we are going into a time of great drought.

The Scriptures speak of great famines that will be in the earth, because the earth will produce less and less. As man sheds more blood, the earth will revolt against humanity. We have seen things happen across Africa. Great famines came wherein thousands and tens of thousands of people have died because of famine and drought. Lands that used to bring forth beautiful crops have ceased to produce. The war in Ethiopia caused a drought. The war in Eritrea caused a drought and terrible consequences. People were being killed by hunger and thirst because of mankind's wickedness. The earth refused to produce.

Deuteronomy 11:28 speaks of the curse for not obeying the commandments of the Lord. Deuteronomy 27:15, *"Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen."* When it comes to disobedience, the nations of the world are not in obedience to God. All the nations of the world are under the judgment of God, because the nations have wholesale gone into rebellion against everything that is God or that is godly. What is holding the world together from total judgment are the Christians in the different nations who are holding on to God and praying. For their sake, God is holding back the judgment, but it will not be held back too long.

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*Thought for today:* Disobedience brings the curse in our lives. Let us be those Christians that will hold back total judgment for a season through prayer.