

JUDGMENT OF GOD AT THE FALL OF MAN

WRATH OF GOD

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse (**Ro.1:18-20**).

CURSE OF GOD

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body (**Ro.8:20-23**).

CONTEXT

- At and since Creation the attributes and power of God are clearly seen (**v.20**).
- The judgment of God is that, man left to himself, there is no way out of the consequences of our sin.

CONTEXT

- At the Fall, God placed the Creation under bondage of corruption. The physical body is disordered and in need or redemption. We are physically “off”. Thus, there must be a higher norm than fallen nature.
- Paul pictures the futilities of creation as childbirth before the resurrection. But there is hope even today (**v.20, 28**).

WHEN

At the Fall of man. This is continually being revealed on a day-by-day basis (**v.18**).

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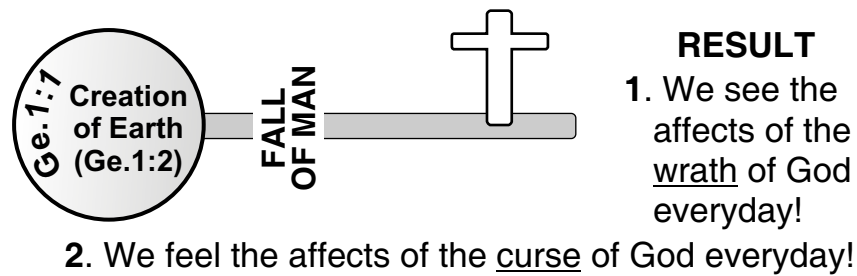
At the Fall of man. This happened in a moment of time. But the affects are felt today.

WHAT

The wrath of God is seen in the expression of man’s sinfulness (**v.18**).

WHAT

The whole Creation, including man, groans till the day of restoration (**v.22**). Man & Creation are dysfunctional compared to the original Creation.



GRACE OF GOD

- Does God lift the dysfunction from His children who repent and believe the gospel? Answer **Ro.8:23**. No!
 - God does not yet deliver His people all at once from the futility of this fallen creation.
 - God turns the effects of judgment into the means of grace for his people (**Ro.8:28**).