

# Isaiah 35:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

## Analysis

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The parched ground becoming a pool reverses the curse of drought and barrenness. Dragons' (jackals') habitation—previously representing desolation (34:13)—transforms into vegetation, showing complete restoration. Reeds and rushes require abundant water, indicating permanent fertility. This dramatic transformation from cursed wasteland to fertile paradise illustrates regeneration—what was dead in sin becomes alive in Christ. The imagery anticipates the new heavens and new earth where former things pass away.

## Historical Context

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Water scarcity was constant concern in the ancient Near East. Transformation from desert to wetland represented ultimate divine blessing and provision.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does spiritual regeneration transform our inner desert into flourishing life?
2. What areas of your life feel like parched ground needing God's transforming water?
3. How does this picture of complete restoration encourage perseverance through trials?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא גַּם

וְאַתָּה

H1961

And the parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land

H8273

H98

H6774

לִמְבָב וְעֵדִים

מְעֵדִים

בְּתִי הָבָב

תְּנִינִים

רְבָצֵחַ

חַצְצֵרָה

H4002

H4325

H5116

H8577

H7258

H2682

לְקַנְתָּן

וְאַגְמָנָה

with reeds

and rushes

H7070

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 26:18** (Parallel theme): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

**Isaiah 49:10** (Parallel theme): They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

**John 4:14** (Parallel theme): But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

**Isaiah 34:13** (Parallel theme): And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

**Revelation 18:2** (Parallel theme): And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

**Isaiah 13:22** (Parallel theme): And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

**John 7:38** (Parallel theme): He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.