

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

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

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

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

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

וְהָיָה הַ	הַשָּׂרָב	לְאֵג מַיִם	וְצִמָּא וְ		
H1961	And the parched ground	shall become a pool	and the thirsty land		
	H8273	H98	H6774		
לְמַבְּ וְעֵי	מֵי יָם	בְּנֵי הַ	תַּנִּינִים	רִבְצָה הַ	חֵצַיִר
springs	of water	in the habitation	of dragons	where each lay	shall be grass
H4002	H4325	H5116	H8577	H7258	H2682
לְקֶנֶה הַ	וְגִמְאָה:				
with reeds	and rushes				
H7070	H1573				

Additional Cross-References

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.

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