

# Isaiah 40:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

## Analysis

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The withering grass metaphor is intensified by identifying the cause: 'the spirit (breath) of the LORD blows upon it.' This echoes Genesis 2:7 where God's breath gave life, now showing He can also remove it. Human existence is entirely contingent on God's sovereign will—a theme reinforcing the futility of trusting in human power or wisdom.

## Historical Context

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In the context of Babylonian exile, this reminded Israel that mighty Babylon would also wither under God's judgment, while His covenant people would endure through His faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse challenge your tendency to rely on human solutions rather than divine provision?

2. What does it mean to live with awareness that God sustains every breath you take?

## Interlinear Text

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withereth      The grass      fadeth      the flower      because the spirit      of the LORD  
H3001            H2682            H5034            H6731            H3588            H7307            H3068

בְּשַׁבַּת  
bloweth      <sup>הָ</sup>      upon it surely      The grass      the people  
H5380            H403            H2682            H5971

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