

Curse of the Ground

Gen 3:17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' **cursed is the ground** because of you; **in pain** you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

Gen 3:18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

Gen 3:19 By the **sweat of your face** you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (ESV)

Gen 5:28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son

Gen 5:29 And he gave him the name of Noah, saying, Truly, he will give us rest from **our trouble and the hard work of our hands, because of the earth which was cursed by God.** (BBE)

Gen 8:21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "**I will never again curse the ground because of man**, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

Gen 8:22 While the earth remains, **seedtime and harvest**, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, **shall not cease.**" (ESV)

"About 11,400 years ago, things suddenly warmed up again, and the earliest agricultural villages were established in the Middle East."

(The Great Climate flip-Flop by W.H. Calvin)

The main effect of the "curse of the ground" was that it greatly increased the toil of the farming descendants of Adam as they grew their food and this ended when the LORD terminated the curse just after the flood allowing agriculture to flourish and W.H. Calvin confirms that this happened about 11,400 years ago !!