

OVERCOMING THE WORLD

RECEIVING THE BLESSINGS OF THE RESTORED EARTH NOW

INNOCENCE

ADAM RULES THE EARTH (Gen 1:26, 28)

PERFECT WORLD (Gen 1:31)

GARDEN OF EDEN

NO CURSE ON THE EARTH

CONSCIENCE

S A T A N R U L E S T H E E A R T H (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 6:12; 1 John 4:4; 5:19)

CURSE ON THE EARTH (Gen 3:14–19)

SEVERITY OF THE CURSE REDUCED BY THE FLOOD (Gen 5:29)

Fossil evidence suggests 80% of all plant life is now extinct, further suggesting that the curse may have been reduced by 80%.

HUMAN GOVERNMENT

GOD PROMISES TO NEVER CURSE THE EARTH AGAIN (Gen 8:21)

LIGHTER CURSE ON THE EARTH FROM THE DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT TO THE MILLENNIUM

PROMISE

MIRACLES OF THE EXODUS: TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT AND TEN TESTS OF ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

God shows his people he can overcome the curse on the earth at will. The wilderness is the worst place on the cursed earth—the place where the curse is strongest (Deut 8:15). Food shortages were overcome with manna (Ex 16:35); water shortages were overcome (Ex 15:22–25; 17:1–7; Num 20:1–13; Deut 8:15–16), and disease would be removed for obedience (Ex 15:26). Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell

LAW

SUPERNATURAL BLESSINGS OF THE SINAITIC COVENANT PROMISED FOR OBEDIENCE

MIRACLES OF ELIJAH AND ELISHA



EXALTATION SESSION (Psa 110:1)

ASCENSION

GRACE

SALVATION AND LIVING BY FAITH OVERCOMES THE CURSED WORLD (1 John 5:4–5)

SIGN GIFTS OVERCOME MANY CURSES IN THE CURSED WORLD

Tongues overcome language barriers; healing overcomes sickness and death; miracles overcome shortages and other curses generated by the curse on the earth.

TRIBULATION

JESUS OVERCOMES THE WORLD BY FORCE AT ARMAGEDDON (Rev 17:14; 19:11–21)

Curse on the earth plus seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments.

Pray and claim promises in times of shortage, sickness, and hardship; answers to prayer and fulfilled promises overcome, override, or remove many results of the curse on the earth. Tests of faith prior to God's provision give us opportunities to overcome the world.

KINGDOM

JESUS RULES THE EARTH (Matt 19:28; 25:31)

RESTORATION OF THE CURSED WORLD (Isa 11:6–9; 35:1–2; Acts 3:21)

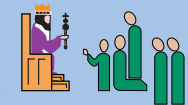
The curse on the earth is overcome and completely removed (Zech 14:11; Rom 8:18–25): deserts blossom (Isa 35:1–2, 6–7); no predatory animals (Isa 11:6–9; 35:9; 65:25; Ezek 34:25); no sickness (Isa 33:24; Jer 30:17); no deformities (Isa 35:5–6); economic prosperity (Jer 31:12; Zech 8:12); long life (Isa 65:20); protection (Isa 62:8–9; Jer 23:6); joy (Isa 14:7; Jer 31:13–14); and world peace (Isa 2:4; 60:18).

ETERNAL STATE

JESUS RULES THE NEW EARTH (Rev 22:1–5)

NEW EARTH WITHOUT A CURSE (Rev 22:3)

God overcomes the old world by force: it is completely destroyed and replaced (2 Peter 3:10–12).



PRINCIPLES

- (1) OVERCOMING THE WORLD is receiving the blessings of the restored earth now.
- (2) OVERCOMING THE WORLD is overcoming just one enemy—not overcoming all enemies that can tempt you to sin and break your fellowship with God.
- (3) PRAYING FOR A MIRACLE is asking God to overcome some part of the curse on the world now. If he answers, you have also overcome the world.
- (4) The PURPOSE OF MIRACLES is to show that God has the power to overcome the effects of the curse on the earth so we can experience firsthand the blessings of the restored earth now (before the millennial and eternal Kingdoms).
- (5) POWER OF MIRACLES: Miracles overcome the curse on the world by force. Faith and prayer overcome the world by eliciting miracles from God.
- (6) POWER OF FAITH, PRAYER, AND OBEDIENCE: Faith, prayer, obedience, and God's blessing can abrogate parts of the curse on the earth now.
- (7) VICTORY: Spiritual enemies may be overcome by persuasion (resisting temptation, giving the gospel, teaching truth), being overcome (endurance, suffering, death, apparent defeat), and by force (remove curse on the world, sword at the Second Advent).
- (8) In the end the world will not be overcome by persuasion but by force (Rev 19:11–21).

(Deut 8:4; Neh 9:20–21). The pillar of cloud by day overcame the heat and the pillar of fire by night overcame the darkness (Neh 9:19). But they failed to overcome ten tests, so their punishment was to stay in the worst part of the cursed earth instead of entering the promised land (Num 14:22–38) and its potential for being a land without a curse (if they are obedient to the Sinaitic Covenant).

God's son Israel was tested in the wilderness and failed; God's greater son Jesus was tested in the wilderness and overcame.

JESUS OVERCOMES SATAN IN THE WILDERNESS (Matt 4:1–11) AND JESUS' MIRACLES OVERCOME THE CURSED WORLD

JESUS OVERCAME THE WORLD (John 16:33)

CROSS AND RESURRECTION OVERCOME DEATH

God shows his people he can overcome the curse on the world for one nation—Israel. The blessings of the covenant are all miracles of divine intervention that overcome some aspect of the curse on the earth: rains in their season (Lev 26:4), peace and security (Lev 26:6), removal of predatory animals into the pride of the Jordan (Lev 26:6), victory in battle (Lev 26:7–8), surplus of food (Lev 26:10), first among the nations (Deut 28:1), success in everything (28:8, 12)—it will be obvious to all that many results of the curse on the earth are being overcome in Israel (28:10).

Like Israel, Jesus' temptation took place in the worst place on the cursed earth. He was, for instance, denied food for 40 days, overcame the temptation to turn a rock into bread, and after the test was over, angels brought food and water to him (Matt 4:11). Jesus earned the right to restore the earth by overcoming Satan with faith and God's Word. Satan tempted Adam, overcame Adam, and God cursed the earth; Satan tempted Jesus, was overcome by Jesus, and then Jesus demonstrated he could overcome many aspects of the curse on the earth by force—by doing miracles: making food, healing the sick, and raising the dead. And if he had been accepted by the Jews, he would have removed the curse and restored the earth at his first coming—ushering in the millennial Kingdom.

Jesus overcame all the temptations the cursed earth could generate without being overcome even once (John 16:33; Heb 4:15).

God will be our God, he will live with us, and we will be his people (Rev 21:3). This is the same promise made to Israel at Mount Sinai (Ex 19:5–6; cf Lev 26:12), the Church (2 Cor 6:16), and millennial Israel (Heb 8:10).