

Will America be returning to the Wilderness of Genesis 1:1

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Creation is about God turning wilderness [TOHU] into fertile land to be inhabited and good for human beings. The "Cultural Mandate" is the Commission God gave to Humanity to continue God's creational work, developing the wilderness into Civilization for Humanity (Gen.1:26-28) But a corrupt Civilization will return to the Wilderness.

WILDERNESS IN THE BEGINNING

1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth [land] was [not became] without form [TOHU= chaos also wilderness or wasteland] and void [BOHU] "Without form and void" = thoroughly disorganized, unproductive and uninhabited] and darkness was over the face of the deep [the watery deep, the ocean with its dark depths, a chaotic abyss].

When first created, what was to become land in vs 9-10 was a thoroughly disorganized, unproductive and uninhabited mass covered by deep water and darkness.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty [BOHU], he formed it to be inhabited.)

Psalms 115:16 The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man.

WILDERNESS RETURNS

When the original 6 days of creation were finished, the earth was abundantly and naturally fertile and productive (Gen 2 and 3) and pronounced "good". But much later, When the Prophets warn of God's impending judgment against rebellious Humanity or Nations they use the image of the original earth (Gen 1:2) to describe what a particular City or Nation shall become: an uninhabited infertile wasteland

eg- ABOUT EDOM

Isaiah 34:8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. 9 And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulfur; her land shall become burning pitch. 10 Night and day it shall not be quenched; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever. 11 But the hawk and the porcupine shall possess it, the owl and the raven shall dwell in it. He shall stretch the line of confusion over it, and the

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. 13 Thorns shall grow over its strongholds, nettles and thistles in its fortresses. It shall be the haunt of jackals, an abode for ostriches. 14 And wild animals shall meet with hyenas; the wild goat shall cry to his fellow; indeed, there the night bird settles and finds for herself a resting place.

ABOUT JERUSALEM

Jeremiah 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash your heart from evil, that you may be saved. 18 Your ways and your deeds have brought this upon you. This is your doom ... 20 ...the whole land is laid waste. ...23 I

*looked on the earth, and behold, it was
without form [TOHU] and void [BOHU]*

; and to the heavens, and they had no light [Gen.1:2 DARKNESS] 26 I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert

, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

Isaiah 64:9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD ...10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

AGAINST BABYLON

Jeremiah 51:29 The land trembles and writhes in pain, for the LORD's purposes against Babylon stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant.

41 "... Babylon has become a horror among the nations! 43 Her cities have become a horror, a land of drought and a desert, a land in which no one dwells, and through which no son of man passes

Could this be America's future?