

PAIN

Genesis 3:16

Due to sin, a once beautifully blessed women becomes burdened by pain!

I. AGONY SURROUNDING CHILDBIRTH

A. THE PAIN

1. Distress: The Hebrew indicates hardship, toil and travail
2. Multiplied: To cause to make great

B. THE PARTICULARS

1. In Childbirth
 - a. Writhing in labor - See Micah 4:10
 - b. "Worse than having a finger amputated without anesthetic!"
 - Pain expert Dr. Ronald Melzack - Cited by Jonathan Sarfati, "Genesis," p. 368
2. In Bringing Forth Children
 - a. Conception: Some are burdened with barrenness (Consider I Sam. 1:3-11)
 - b. Pregnancy: An uncomfortable condition

II. AFFLICTION REGARDING SUBMISSION

A. LOVING A LOATHSOME MAN

1. Her Desire: Craving him!
 - A vehement longing (see Gen. 4:7 and SOS 7:11)
2. His Distinction: A passive coward!
 - a. Adam had refused to correct and protect Eve
 - b. He had likewise refused to confront or counter the Devil
3. Husband difficulties: The pain of following a faulty leader

B. YIELDING TO A POTENTIAL TYRANT

1. Eve's Sentence
 - Craving one who will control her > She will be conflicted!
2. Adam's Susceptibility
 - He could become despotic, harsh and mean
3. Their Situation
 - a. Adam already had authority over Eve - Gen. 2:18
 - b. Now his rule and her response would become much more difficult

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CONCLUSION:

Reality:

1. Eve submitted to Adam's rule - Consider 3:20
2. Eve experienced painful childbirth - Note 4:1

Reward:

1. Through the pain came the promised Redeemer - See 3:15
2. Through the pain came an honorable marriage! - Read 5:3-5