

## Blossom as the Rose

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*“The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. <sup>2</sup>It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you... <sup>7</sup>And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water.” (Isaiah 35:1b-4 and 7a)*

According to the book Miracles Science Can't Explain\*, geological evidence shows that deserts were once fertile. This was before God brought judgment on the earth in the form of a world-wide flood.

One day the curse will be lifted, and the desert will be fertile once again. It will blossom like a rose, and the parched land and thirsty ground will be covered with springs of water. The beauty of the desert will compare to that of Lebanon, Carmel, and Sharon.

Even today Mt. Carmel is a place filled with stunning beauty. When the curse is lifted, the dry, barren desert will be filled with the same excellency. People will live in it, and it will rejoice with sounds of gladness and singing.

Because of all these beautiful promises, we can take heart, be strong, and fear not. God is coming back. All that is hard and weary will be made perfect. All that is marred will be made beautiful.

Even so, Lord Jesus, come!

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