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“Restorative Reversals”

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” (Romans 8:28 NLT)

Creation Clue

Genesis 1:1-3 – (1) “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (3) And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

Reversal Rhythm

Psalm 105:16-22 – (16) “When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, (17) he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. (18) His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; (19) until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. (20) The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free; (21) he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, (22) to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.”

Exodus 12:36 – “And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.”

Job 42:10 – “And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job...”

Esther 7:10 – “And the king said, ‘Hang him on that.’ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai...”

Esther 9:1 – “Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king’s command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.”

Resurrection Reversal

Revelation 1:17-18 – (17) “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, (18) and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.’”

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-18 – (13) “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. (16) For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

Reversal is imminent for God’s People; Delays are not Denials

“Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.”

(John 16:20)

Cooperate with the Reversal Pattern

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

(Philippians 4:6)

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, (1 Peter 5:6)

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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