

1. Genesis 3:16-19 tells us of the entrance of sin and suffering into the human condition:

GEN 3:16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

GEN 3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

GEN 3:18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you shall eat the plants of the field;

GEN 3:19 By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return. "

We also learn from Romans 5:12-19 that sin and suffering spread to all mankind. Human mortality, deterioration, susceptibility to sickness, weakness, and death all originated at this time; and as we read the unfolding history of fallen humanity, we clearly see these results in the lives of Adam's descendants.

2. With regard to the end of human suffering, the Bible gives a mixed answer, depending on the spiritual condition of the persons concerned at the moment of death.
 - a. Revelation 14:9-11 and 20:11-15 tell us of the destiny of those who have died in their sins: they are to suffer endlessly.

REV 14:9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand,

REV 14:10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

REV 14:11 "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

REV 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.