

In Genesis 3 What is the Relationship Between Curse and Physical Death?

In the curses of Genesis 3 death is alluded to twice:

God said to the serpent:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise his heel." (Gen 3:15)

The offspring of the woman will deal a mortal blow to Satan.

God said to Adam:

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, **till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**" (Gen 3:19)

Adam having forfeited the right to eat of the tree of life "and live forever" (Gen 3:22), will now "surely die" (Gen 2:15) and "return to the ground" (Gen 3:19).