

# A Vision of Flourishing

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## **Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)**

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

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## **Genesis 1:28 (ESV)**

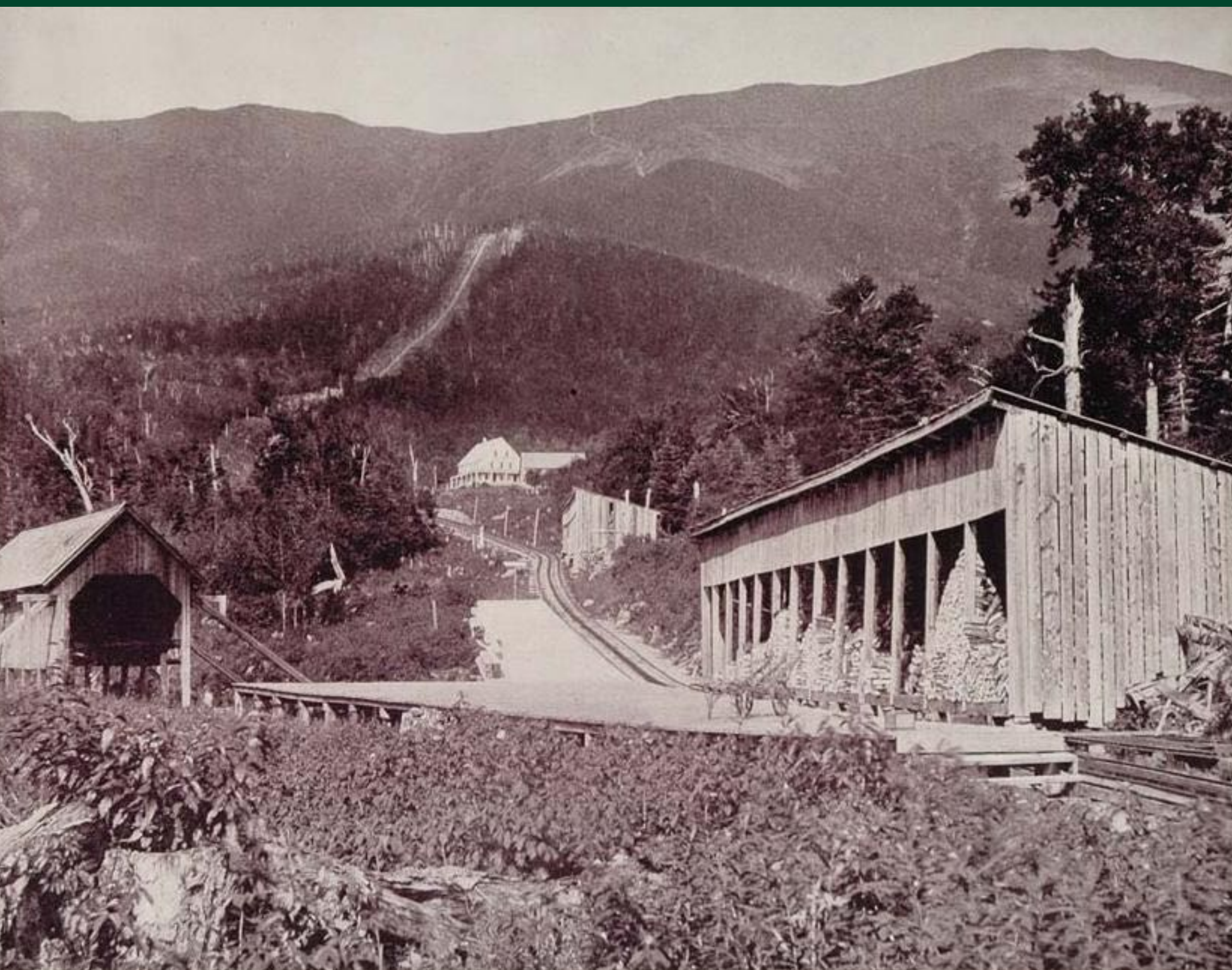
28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”





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**Genesis 3:7 (ESV)**

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.



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**Genesis 3:16** (ESV)

To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you.”



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## **Genesis 3:17b-19 (ESV)**

17 ...cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
19 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.”





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**Genesis 3:15** (ESV)

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.”





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