

Geography:

Biblical Concepts/Background

1. God is responsible for the contour of the earth.
2. God controls His creation—i.e., what we commonly call Nature.
3. Natural resources belong to God.
4. We are stewards of the land and responsible to care for it.
5. Land is polluted as a result of man's sin.
6. God's desire for man was that he should populate the earth, not congregate in one place and make a name for himself.
7. God originated nations and languages to keep men scattered.
8. God distributed land to tribes and nations, and is concerned about boundaries.
9. God is concerned about all kinds of people, wherever they live and whatever their status.
10. All nations are related.

Note: Additional biblical teaching related specifically to plants and animals is found in Book 3, Science and Mathematics.

1. God is responsible for the contour of the earth.

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the LORD, You have made heaven... the earth and all things on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all....

Job 26:10

He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters, at the boundary of light and darkness.

Job 28:9–11

⁹He puts his hand on the flint; he overturns the mountains at the roots. ¹⁰He cuts out channels in the rocks, and his eye sees every precious thing. ¹¹He dams up the streams from trickling.... (See also Psalm 46:8.)

Isaiah 40:22

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. (See also 42:5.)

2. God controls His creation—i.e., what we commonly call Nature.

Leviticus 26:4–6

⁴Then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield... the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing... ⁶I will rid the land of evil beasts....

Leviticus 26:21–22

²¹Then, if you walk contrary ... I will bring on you seven times more plagues... ²²I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number....

Psalms 107:23–31

²⁵...For He commands and raises the stormy wind...He calms the storm,... (See also Psalm 33–38.)

"The world is God's epistle to mankind—his thoughts are flashing upon us from every direction."

—Plato, 427–347 B.C.

3. Natural resources belong to God.

Exodus 19:5

... All the earth is mine.

Leviticus 26:32–35

³²I will bring the land into desolation, ... ³³your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. ³⁴Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths ...then the land shall rest... ³⁵As long as it lies desolate it shall rest.