



BIBLICAL READINGS ON THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ETHIC

God, man, and the creation

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OLD TESTAMENT

- Genesis 1: 26-31 The creation, and behold it was very good.
2: 8-9,15-17, 19-20 The garden and man's role to cultivate and keep it.
3: 6-8, 17-19, 22-23 Sin and expulsion from the garden.
6: 5-6,11-12 The state of man and God's grief.
7:23-24 The flood.
8: 15-17 Directions for animals.
9: 1-3, 7, 11-13 New direction for mankind and a new covenant.
- Exodus 20: 1-17 The Law – God above nature, man and possessions.
22: 5-6 Responsibility and restitution.
23: 10-11 The sabbatical rest for the land.
- Leviticus 11: 2-47 Mans dietary, hygienic, and ecological limitations with animals.
19: 23-25 Limitations on the use of trees for food.
25: 2-7 Sabbath rest for the land.
25: 8-13, 23 The jubilee, the land is God's.
25: 32-34 Open space within cities.
26: 3-4, 6 If you obey the commandments.
14, 33-35 If you do not obey the land will have its rest
40-41 If you confess, I will remember the land.
- II Chronicles 36: 20-21 Carried into captivity to give the land its rest.
- Job See chapters 36, 37, 38, and 39

Gods greatness and Job's ignorance of the creation.
 Job 42: 1-6 Job's response.

Psalms 1 The tree analogy.
 19 The works and word of God.
 29 The voice of the Lord in the storm.

Psalms
 33 Praise to the Creator and the Preserver.
 50 The world is God's and all it contains.
 65 God's abundant favor to earth and man.
 90 God's eternity and man's fleeting moment.
 104 The Lord's care over all His works.
 146 The Lord an abundant helper.
 147 The whole creation to praise the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 2: 7-8, 11 Solomon's parks and forest and his
 disillusionment.
 12: 13-14 Solomon's conclusions.

Jeremiah 9: 12-13 Why is the land ruined?
 12: 4, 11 The effects of sin on God's creation.
 17: 7-8 The tree analogy.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 3: 1-6 John the Baptist in the wilderness.
 6: 24-34 God's provision, reject materialism.
 7: 24-27 Two foundations for life.
 14: 23 Jesus goes to the mountain to pray.

Luke 4: 1-13 The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.
 5: 16 Jesus would slip away to the wilderness.
 6: 12 Jesus would go to the mountain to pray.
 6: 43-45 The good and bad fruit illustration.
 8: 22-25 Jesus has power over nature.
 9: 28 Jesus goes to the mountain to pray.
 12: 22-34 Materialism rebuked.
 12: 41-48 The faithful steward.
 21: 37 Jesus spent the night on the mountain.
 24: 1-53 The dominance of Christ over death.

- John 1: 1-18 Jesus in the creation and with mankind.
 12: 44-50 Jesus sums up His claims.
 20: 1-31, 21: 1-25 The dominance of Christ over death.
- Romans 1:18-23 God seen through His creation.
 8: 19-23 The creation groans and suffers under mankind's sin and awaits Christ's return.
- Colossians 1: 16-18 Jesus holds the creation together.
 1: 19-23 We are reconciled to the creation through Him.
 2: 8 The danger of false philosophies.
- I Timothy 6: 6-10 The peril of materialism.
- Hebrews 13: 5-6 Being content with what you have.
- I John 2: 15-17 Dangers in lusting after the things of the world.
- Revelation 2: 7 The tree of life.
 7:3, 8:7, 9:4 The big fire.
 20: 11-15 The evaluation, the judgement.
 21: 1-8 A new heaven and a new earth.
 22: 1-5 The healing of the nations.
 22: 12 He is coming quickly, to render to every person according to what they have done.