

A Creation Care Overview of the Bible by Steven Muir

In the beginning God created a good & wonderful world full of biodiversity¹ through which we appreciate God's character, love and majesty². God delegated the task of looking after it all to humans (made us in His image)³. Rather than doing this job responsibly we have greedily over-consumed the resources of the earth (eaten fruit that we were forbidden to eat)⁴ and the health of the planet is suffering. God so loved the whole cosmos that he sent Jesus⁵ to remind us of our responsibilities to be good stewards/tenants of planet⁶, and command us to share the good news of God's love to **all** of creation⁷. Through Jesus death & resurrection, all the distorted relationships will begin to be reconciled, including our relationship with God, and our relationship with the rest of the planet⁸. Ultimately the whole of God's creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay and be renewed⁹, and all God's creatures will rejoice together¹⁰ when God's presence comes to be with us on the renewed Earth¹¹. Those who destroy the earth will be destroyed¹².

1. Gen 1:31
2. Rom 1:20
3. Gen 1:28, Gen 2:15
4. Gen 2:16-17, Gen 3:17-19
5. John 3:16
6. Matthew 21:28-44 Matthew 25:1-3
7. Mark 16:15
8. Col 1:15-20
9. Rom 8:19-21
10. Revelation 5:11-13
11. Revelation 21:2-5
12. Revelation 11:18