

Biblical Theology in a Time of Climate Emergency

Part I: Humanity in God's Image

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I. Genesis 2

1. בראשית ב׳:ז׳ וַיִּּצֶר ऀה׳ אֱלֹקִּים אֶת־הָאָדָּם עָפָר ֹמִן־הָאֲדָמָה וַיִּפַּח בְּאַפֶּיו נִשְׁמֵת חַיֵּים וַיְהָי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיֵּה:

NRSV: Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground

JPS: Genesis 2:7

The LORD God formed man from the dust of the earth."

CEB: Genesis 2:7

The LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land.





2. בראשית ב׳:ט״ו

וַיַּקָּח יְהֹוָה אֶלֹהָים אֶת־הָאָדֶם וַיַּנְּחֵהוּ בְגַן־עֵּٰדֶן לְעָבְדֶה וּלְשְׁמְּרָה:

NIV: Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

NRSV: Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

CEB: Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.





3. בראשית ב׳:ז׳

וַיִּּעֶר ゚ה׳ אֱלֹּלְים אֶת־הָאָדָָם עָפָר מִן־הָאֲדָמָה וַיַּפַּח בְּאַפָּיו נִשְׁמַת חַיֵּים וַיְהַי הָאָדֶם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיְּה:

JPS: Genesis 2:7

The LORD God formed man from the dust of the earth. He blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.

KJV: Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

CEB: Genesis 2:7

the Lord God formed the human[a] from the topsoil of the fertile land[b] and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life.





4. בראשית ב׳:י״ט

וַיִּצֶר ۠יְהוָּה אֱלֹהִׁים מִן־הָאֲדָמָה כָּל־חַיֻּת הַשָּׁדֶה וְאֵת ׁ כָּל־עֲוֹף הַשָּׁמַּיִם וַיָּבֵא אֶל־הָאָדֶׁם לְרְאָוֹת מַה־יִּקְרָא־לֵוֹ וְכֹל ֹּאֲשֵׁר יִקְרָא־לָוֹ הָאָדֶם גַפֶּשׁ חַיָּה הָוּא שְׁמְוֹ:

JPS: Genesis 2:19

And the LORD God formed out of the earth all the wild beasts and all the birds of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that would be its name.

KJV: Genesis 2:19

And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 2:8-9	5. בראשית ב׳:ח׳-ט׳
⁸ God יהוה planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the Human who had been fashioned. ⁹ And from the ground God יהוה caused to grow every tree that was pleasing to the sight and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and bad.	ינישטׁע יְהֹוֶה אֱלֹהְים גַּן־בְּעֻדֶן מִקֶּדֶם וַיִּשֶּׁם ⁸ וַיִּשַּׁם שֶׁת־הָאָדֶם אֲשֶׁר יֵצְר: ינִיצְמֵּח יְהֹוֶה אֱלֹהִים מִן־הָאֲדָמָּה כָּל־עֵץ נָחְמָד לְמַרְאֶה וְטָוֹב לְמַאֲכֵל וְעֵץ הַחַיִּים בְּתָוֹךְ הַגָּּן וְעֵّץ הַדָּעַת טָוֹב וֵרְע:

Genesis 2:5	6. בראשית ב׳:ה׳
When no shrub of the field was yet on earth and no grasses of the field had yet sprouted, because God יהוה had not sent rain upon the earth and there	וְכָל וּ שִׂיחַ הַשָּׂדֶּה טֶרֶם יְהְיֶה בָאָּרֶץ וְכָל־עַשֶּׁב הַשָּׁדֶה טֶרֶם יִצְמֶח כִּי ּלֹא הִמְטִׁיר יְהֹוֶה אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָׁרֶץ וְאָדֶם אִַּיִן לַעֲבָד



were no human beings to till the soil,	:ֶאֶת־הָאֲדָמָה
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II. Genesis 1

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¹ When God began to create heaven and earth—	בְּרֵאשִּׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם ਿ
² the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over	ָוְאֵת הָאָרֶץ:
the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping	ן וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ וְחֹשֶּׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי 2
over the water—	תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֶלֹקִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי
³ God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.	ַ הַמָּיִם:
⁴ God saw that the light was good, and God separated	:וִיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹקִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי־אוֹר
the light from the darkness.	וַיַּבְדֵּל βוַיַּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת־הָאוֹר כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל ^⁴
⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called	אֱלֹקִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ:
Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a	וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹקִים לָאוֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא 5 -
first day.	ָלָיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד:
⁶ God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the	ניֹאמֶר אֱלֹקִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ הַמָּיִם - 6 וַיֹּאמֶר
water, that it may separate water from water."	וִיהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם לָמָיִם:
⁷ God made the expanse, and it separated the water	ַויַעַשׂ אֶלקִים אֶת־הָרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין ^ז וַיַעַשׂ אֶלקִים אֶת־הָרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל בַּין
which was below the expanse from the water which was	הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לָרָקִיעַ וּבֵין הַמַּיִם
above the expanse. And it was so.	ָאֲשֶׁר מֵעַל לָרָקִיעַ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
⁸ God called the expanse Sky. And there was evening	צַיִּקְרָא אֶלקִּים לָרָקִיעַ שָּׁמָיִם וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב ⁸
and there was morning, a second day.	וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שֶׁנִי:
⁹ God said, "Let the water below the sky be gathered into	ניֹאמֶר אֱלֹקִים יִקָּװּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת º נַיֹּאמֶר
one area, that the dry land may appear." And it was so.	הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל־מָקוֹם אֶחָד וְתֵרָאֶה
¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering of	הַיַּבָּשָׁה וַיְהִי־כֵן:
waters He called Seas. And God saw that this was good.	וּיִקְרָא אֶלקִים לַיַּבָּשָׁה אֶרֶץ וּלְמִקְוֵה 🖊 110
¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation:	ָהַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים וַיַּרְא אֱלֹקִים כִּי־טוֹב:
seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth	ויֹאמֶר אֱלֹקִים תַּדְשֵׁא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׁא 11
that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.	עשֶׂב מַזְרִיעַ זֶרַע עֵץ פָּרִי עֹשֶׂה פְּרִי
¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing	ְלְמִינוֹ אֲשֶׁר זַרְעוֹ־בוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit	וַפּאָרֶץ דָּשֶּׁא עֵשֶׂב מַזְרִיעַ זָרַע 12
with the seed in it. And God saw that this was good.	לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ עֹשֶׂה־פְּרִי אֲשֶׁר זַרְעוֹ־בּוֹ
	ָלְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרָא אֱלֹקִים כִּי־טוֹב:
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- ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- ¹⁴God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from night; they shall serve as signs for the set times—the days and the years;
- ¹⁵ and they serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth." And it was so.
- ¹⁶God made the two great lights, the greater light to dominate the day and the lesser light to dominate the night, and the stars.
- ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth,
- ¹⁸ to dominate the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good.
- ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- ²⁰ God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."
- ²¹God created the great sea monsters, and all the living creatures of every kind that creep, which the waters brought forth in swarms, and all the winged birds of every kind. And God saw that this was good.
- ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile and increase, fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."
- ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
- ²⁴God said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: cattle, creeping things, and wild beasts of every kind." And it was so.
- ²⁵ God made wild beasts of every kind and cattle of every kind, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. And God saw that this was good.

- וְיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹּקֶר יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי: 1º וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹקִים יְהִי מְאֹרֹת בִּרְקִיעַ הַשְּׁמִיִם לְהַבִּדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין הַלַּיְלָה
- - ַעַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן: עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
- יוַיַּעשׁ אֶלֹקִים אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַמְּאֹרֹת הַגְּדֹלִים אֶת־הַמָּאוֹר הַגָּדֹל לְמֶמְשֶׁלֶת הַיּוֹם וְאֶת־הַמָּאוֹר הַקְּטֹן לְמֶמְשֶׁלֶת הַלַּיִלֵה וְאֵת הַכּוֹכָבִים:
 - ַניִּתֵן אֹתָם אֱלֹקִים בִּרְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמָיִם זּיַּתַן אֹתָם אֱלֹקִים בִּרְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמָיִם לַּהָאָרֵץ:
- וּלַמְשֹׁל בַּיּוֹם וּבַלַּיְלֶה וּלְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין ¹⁸ הָאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁך וַיַּרְא אֱלֹקִים כִּי־טוֹב:
 - יוֹם רְבִיעִי: ¹⁹ וַיְהִי־עֶּרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹּקֶר יוֹם רְבִיעִי:
 - יֹאמֶר אֱלֹקִים יִשְׁרְצוּ הַמַּיִם שֶׁרֶץ נֶּפֶשׁ חַיָּה וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל־הָאָרֶץ נָפֶשׁ חַיָּה וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל־הָאָרֶץ עַל־פָּנֵי רְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם:
- יַּבְרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת־הַתַּנִּינִם הַגְּדֹלִים אַת־הַתַּנִּינִם הַגְּדֹלִים אֲת כָּל־נָפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה הָרֹמֶשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר שָׁרְצוּ הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵהֶם וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף כָּנָף לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרָא אֱלֹקִים כִּי־טוֹב:
- יַּבְרֶךְ אֹתָם אֶלֹקִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ אֶת־הַמַּיִם בַּיַּמִּים וְהָעוֹף יִרֶב בַּאַרֵץ:
 - 23 וַיָּהִי־עֶרֶב וַיָּהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם חֲמִישִׁי:
- יּהֶלְקִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נָפֶשׁ חַיָּה ²⁴ וַיּאמֶר אֱלֹקִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נָפֶשׁ חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ לְמִינָהּ בְּהֵמָה וָרֶמֶשׂ וְחַיְתוֹ־אֶרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וַיִּהִי־כֵּן:
- ַניַעשׂ אֱלֹקִים אֶת־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ אֶת־הַבָּעשׁ אֱלֹקִים אֶת־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וְאֵת כָּל־רֶמֶשׁ וְאֶת־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְיֵּרָא אֱלֹקִים כִּי־טוֹב: הַאָדַמָּה לְמִינָהוּ וַיַּרָא אֱלֹקִים כִּי־טוֹב:



²⁶ And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth."

²⁷ And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; and rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and all the living things that creep on earth."

²⁹ God said, "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; they shall be yours for food.

³⁰ And to all the animals on land, to all the birds of the sky, and to everything that creeps on earth, in which there is the breath of life, [I give] all the green plants for food." And it was so.

³¹And God saw all that He had made, and found it very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

יּאמֶר אֱלֹקִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כַּדְמוּתֵנוּ וְיִרְדּוּ בִדְגַת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף כָּדְמוּתֵנוּ וְיִרְדּוּ בִדְגַת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמִים וּבְכָל־הָאֶרֶץ הַּשָּׁמִים וּבְכָל־הָאֶרֶץ: וּבְכָל־הָאֶרֶץ: בּבְּכָל הָעֶרֶץ: בּבְלְמוֹ בְּכָל אָלָקִים אֶת־הָאֶדֶם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלְמוֹ בְּכֶל אֹלִקִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בְּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בְּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה

²⁸ וַיְבָּרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹקִים וַיּאמֶר לָהֶם אֱלֹקִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ בְּלְּקִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ בְּבְּלֵים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמִלְאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וּבְּלֶּים הְּנָה נָתַתִּי לָכֶם יּבְּלֵּר אֱלִקִים הְנֵּה נָתַתִּי לָכֶם אֶת־כָּל־הָאֶלֶץ וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי כָּל־הָאֶלֶץ וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי פְּרִי־עֵץ זֹרַע זָרַע לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאָכְלָה: ³⁰ וּלְכָל־תוֹף הַשָּׁמִיִם וּלְכל רוֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאֶרֶץ וּלְכָל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמִיִם וּלְכל רוֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וּלְכָל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמִיִם וּלְכל רוֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְשֶשׁב לְאָכְלָה וַיְהִי־כֵּן: חַיָּה אֶת־כָּל־יִרֶק עֲשֶׂב לְאָכְלָה וַיְהִי־כֵּן: וּהַיִּרְץ אֵשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהַנֵּה־ טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקָר יוֹם הַשִּׁשִׁי:



2. Psalm 8	תהלים ח
¹ For the leader; on the gittith. A psalm of David.	ַלְמְנַצֵּחַ עַל־הַגָּתִּית מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד:
² O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name throughout	אָדֹנֵינוּ מָה־אַדִּיר שִּׁמְךְ ^{2 ה} ֹ אֲדֹנֵינוּ מָה־אַ
the earth, You who have covered the heavens with Your splendor!	בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר תְּנֶה הוֹדְךָ עַל־הַשָּׁמִיִם:
³ From the mouths of infants and sucklings You have	³ מִפִּי עוֹלְלִים וְיֹנְקִים יִסַּדְתָּ עֹז
founded strength on account of Your foes, to put an end to	לְמַעַן צוֹרְרֶיךָ לְהַשְׁבִּית אוֹיֵב
enemy and avenger.	וּמָתְנַקֵּם:
⁴ When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the	ּ כִּי־אָרְאָה שָׁמֶירָ מַעֲשֵׂי אֶצְבְּעֹתֶיךָ 4
moon and stars that You set in place,	ָיֵרַחַ וְכוֹכָבִים אֲשֶׁר כּוֹנָנְתָּה:
⁵ what is man that You have been mindful of him, mortal	⁵ מָה־אֱנוֹשׁ כִּי־תִזְכְּרֶנוּ וּבֶּן־אָדָם
man that You have taken note of him,	ָכָי תִפְקְדֶנוּ:
⁶ that You have made him little less than divine, and	וַתְּחַסְּרֵהוּ מְעַט מֵאֶלֹקִים וְכָבוֹד ⁶
adorned him with glory and majesty;	וְהָדָר תְּעַטְּרֵהוּ:
⁷ You have made him master over Your handiwork, laying	ַ תַּמְשִׁילֵהוּ בְּמַעֲשֵׂי יָדֶיךְ כֹּל שַׁתָּה ⁷
the world at his feet,	תַחַת־רַגְלָיו:
⁸ sheep and oxen, all of them, and wild beasts, too;	⁸ צֹנֶה וַאָלָפִים כֻּלָם וְגַם בַּהְמוֹת
⁹ the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea, whatever	שָׂדָי:
travels the paths of the seas.	צְפּוֹר שָׁמַיִם וּדְגֵי הַיָּם עֹבֵר ⁹
¹⁰ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name throughout	ָאָרְחוֹת יַמִּים:
the earth!	^{10 ה׳} אֲדֹנֵינוּ מָה־אַדִּיר שִׁמְךָ
	בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ:

4.Psalms 144:3-4	תהילים קמ"ד:ג'-ד'
³ O LORD, what is man that You should care about him,mortal man, that You should think of him? ⁴ Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.	3°ה׳ מֱה־אָדָם וַתֵּדָעֵהוּ בֶּן־אֱנוֹשׁ וַתְּחַשְּבֵהוּ: ⁴אָדָם לַהֶּבֶל דָּמֶה ∕ָּמָיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר:



3. Psalm 72	תהלים עב
² that he may judge Your people rightly, Your lowly ones, justly.	:יָדין עַמְּךָ בְצֶדֶק וַעֲנָיָּיךָ בְמִשְׁפָּטיַ
	יִשְׁפּׂט עֲנְיֵי־עָם ⁴ ַיִּשְׁפּׂט אָנְיֵי
^⁴ Let him champion the lowly among the people, deliver the needy folk, and crush those who wrong them.	:יוֹשָּׁיעַ לְבְנֵי אֶבְיוֹן וִידַכֵּא עוֹשֵׁק
	יִפְרַח־בְּיָמָיו צַדִּיק ⁷
⁷ that the righteous may flourish in his time,	ֹוְרֹב שָׁלוֹם עַד־בְּלִי יָרֵחַ:
and well-being abound, till the moon is no more.	
	יַצִּיל אֶבְיוֹן מְשַׁוּעַ ¹² כָּי־יַצִּיל אֶבְיוֹן מְשַׁוּעַ
¹² For he saves the needy who cry out,	ָוְעָנִי וְאֵין־עֹזֵר לוֹ:
the lowly who have no helper.	יָחֹס עַל־דַּל וְאֶבְיוֹן ¹³
¹³ He cares about the poor and the needy;	וְנַפְשׁוֹת אֶבְיוֹנִים יוֹשִׁיעַ:
He brings the needy deliverance.	
⁸ Let him rule from sea to sea,from the river to the ends of	אָוֵרְדְּ מִיָּם עַד־יֵיֶם וּמִנָּהָּׁרְ [®]
the earth.	:עַד־אַפְסֵי־אָרֶץ

4. Ezekiel 34	יחזקאל לד
¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² O mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy, and say to them: To the shepherds: Thus said the Lord GOD: Ah, you shepherds of Israel, who have been tending yourselves! Is it not the flock that the shepherds ought to tend?	וְיְהִי דְבַר־ה׳ אֵלַי לֵאמֹר: 2 בֶּן־אָדָם הָנָּבֵא עַל־רוֹעֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הָנָּבֵא וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם לָרֹעִים כֹּה אָמַר אדושם ה׳ הוֹי רֹעֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ רֹעִים אוֹתָם הֲלוֹא הַצֹּאן יִרְעוּ הָרֹעִים:



³You partake of the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, and you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not tend the flock.

⁴You have not sustained the weak, healed the sick, or bandaged the injured; you have not brought back the strayed, or looked for the lost; but you have driven them with harsh rigor,

⁵ and they have been scattered for want of anyone to tend them; scattered, they have become prey for every wild beast.

⁶ My sheep stray through all the mountains and over every lofty hill; My flock is scattered all over the face of the earth, with none to take thought of them and none to seek them.

\$אֶת־הַחֵלֶב תּאׁכֵלוּ וְאֶת־הַצֶּמֶר תִּלְבָּשׁוּ הַבְּרִיאָה תִּזְבָּחוּ הַצֹּאן לֹא תִרְעוּ:

⁴ אֶת־הַנַּחְלוֹת לֹא חִזַּקְתֶּם וְאֶת־הַחוֹלָה לֹא־רִפֵּאתֶם וְלַנִּשְׁבֶּרֶת לֹא חֲבַשְׁתֶּם וְאֶת־הַנִּדַּחַת לֹא הַשֵּבֹתֶם וְאֶת־הָאֹבֶדֶת לֹא בִקַּשְׁתֶּם וּבְחָזְקָה רְדִיתֶם אֹתָם וּבְפֶּרֶךְ:

\$וַתְּפוּצֶינָה מִבְּלִי רֹעֶה וַתִּהְיֶינָה לְאָכְלָה לְכָל־חַיַּת הַשָּׁדֶה וַתְּפוּצֶינָה: 'פִּאָגוּ צֹאנִי בְּכָל־הֶהָרִים וְעַל כָּל־גִּבְעָה רָמָה וְעַל כָּל־פְּנֵי הָאָרֶץ נַפֹצוּ צֹאנִי וִאֵין דּוֹרֵשׁ וְאֵין מִבַּקֵּשׁ:

5. Psalm 145	תהלים קמה
⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,	⁸ חַנּוּן וְרַחוּם ה׳
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.	אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם וּגְדָל־חָסֶד:
⁹ The LORD is good to all,	⁹ טוֹב־ה׳ לַכּּל
and His mercy is upon all His works.	וְרַחֲמָיו עַל־כָּל־מַעֲשָׂיו:

6. Psalm 115:16	תהלים קטו:טז
The heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth He gave over to man.	הַשָּׁמִיִם שָׁמַיִם לַה׳ וְהָאָרֶץ נָתַן לִבְנֵי־אָדָם:
Ibn Ezra ad loc.	אבן עזרא שם
The ignorant think that humanity's rule over the earth is the same as God's rule over the heavens. But they are mistaken, because God rules over everything. The meaning of 'but the earth God gave over to humanity' is: the human being is God's steward (pakid) over the	חסרי דעה חשבו כי ממשלת האדם בארץ כממשלת השם בשמים. ולא דברו נכונה, כי מלכות השם בכל משלה. רק פירוש 'נתן לבני האדם':



earth and everything that is on it, and she must act according to God's word.

שהאדם כמו פקיד אלקים בארץ, על כל מה שיש בה והכל בדבר השם.

7. Genesis 9	בראשית ט
³ Every creature that lives shall be yours to eat; as with the green grasses, I give you all these. ⁴ You must not, however, eat flesh with its life-blood in it.	³ כָּל־רֶמֶשׂ אֲשֶׁר הוּא־חַי לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאָכְלָה כְּיֶרֶק עֵשֶׂב נָתַתִּי לָכֶם אֶת־כֹּל: ⁴אַךְ־בָּשָׂר בְּנַפְשׁוֹ דָמוֹ לֹא תֹאכֵלוּ:

8. Genesis 2	בראשית ב
⁷ the LORD God formed man from the dust of the earth. He blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.	^ז וַיִּיצֶר ה׳ אֱלֹקִים אֶת־הָאָדָם עָפָּר מִן־הָאֶדָמָה וַיִּפַּח בְּאַפָּיו נִשְׁמַת חַיִּים וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה:
¹⁹ And the LORD God formed out of the earth all the wild beasts and all the birds of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that would be its name.	יַּצֶר ה׳ אֱלֹקִים מִן־הָאֲדָמָה כָּל־חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמֵיִם וַיָּבֵא אֶל־הָאָדָם לִרְאוֹת מַה־יִּקְרָא־לוֹ וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָא־לוֹ הָאָדָם נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה הוּא שְׁמוֹ:

9. Deuteronomy 17	דברים יז
¹⁴ If, after you have entered the land that the LORD your God has assigned to you, and taken possession of it and settled in it, you decide, "I will set a king over me, as do all the nations about me," ¹⁵ you shall be free to set a king over yourself, one chosen by the LORD your God. Be sure to set as king	יּכִּי־תָבֹּא אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר ה׳ אֱלֹקֶיךְ נֹתֵן לָךְ וִיִרִשְׁתָּהּ וְיָשַׁבְתָּה בָּהּ וְאָמַרְתָּ אָשִׂימָה עָלַי מֶלֶךְ כְּכָל־הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר סְבִיבֹתָי: ¹⁵ שׁוֹם תָּשִׂים עָלֶיךְ מֶלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר ה׳ אֱלֹקֶיךְ בּוֹ מִקֶּרֶב אַחֶיךְ תָּשִׂים עָלֶיךְ מֶלֶךְ



over yourself one of your own people; you must not set a foreigner over you, one who is not your kinsman.

¹⁶ Moreover, he shall not keep many horses or send people back to Egypt to add to his horses, since the LORD has warned you, "You must not go back that way again."

And he shall not have many wives, lest his heart go astray; nor shall he amass silver and gold to excess.
When he is seated on his royal throne, he shall have a copy of this Teaching written for him on a scroll by the levitical priests.

¹⁹ Let it remain with him and let him read in it all his life, so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God, to observe faithfully every word of this Teaching as well as these laws.

²⁰Thus he will not act haughtily toward his fellows or deviate from the Instruction to the right or to the left, to the end that he and his descendants may reign long in the midst of Israel.

לֹא תוּכַל לָתֵת עָלֶיךָ אִישׁ נָכְרִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא־אַחִיךָ הוּא:

רק לא־יַרְבֶּה־לּוֹ סוּסִים וְלֹא־יָשִׁיבּ אֶת־הָעָם מִצְרַיְמָה לְמַעַן הַרְבּוֹת סוּס וַה׳ אָמַר לָכֶם לֹא תֹסִפוּן לָשׁוּב בַּדֶּרֶךְ הַזֵּה עוֹד:

יֹןלא יַרְבֶּה־לּוֹ נָשִׁים וְלֹא יָסוּר לְבָבוֹ וְכֶסֵף וְזַהַב לֹא יַרְבָּה־לּוֹ מָאֹד:

¹⁸ וְהָיָה כְשִׁבְתּוֹ עַל כְּסֵּא מַמְלַכְתּוֹ וְכָתַב לוֹ אֶת־מִשְׁנֵה הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת עַל־סֵפֶר מִלְפָנֵי הַכֹּהַנִים הַלְוִיִם:

יִּן הָיְתָה עִמּוֹ וְקָרֶא בּוֹ כָּל־יְמֵי חַיָּיו לְמַעַן יִלְמַדּ לְיִרְאָה אֶת־ה׳ אֱלֹקֵיו לִשְׁמֹר אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת וָאֶת־הַחֵקִּים הָאֶלֵּה לַעֲשׂתַם:

²⁰ לְבִלְתִּי רוּם־לְבָבוֹ מֵאֶחָיו וּלְבִלְתִּי סוּר מָן־הַמִּצְוָה יָמִין וּשְׂמֹאול לְמַעַן יַאֲרִיךְ יָמִים עַל־מַמְלַכְתּוֹ הוּא וּבָנָיו בְּקֶרֶב יִשִׂרָאל: