

## Bible readings on Creation and the Environment

### From the Old Testament

A cosmic hymn of praise	Genesis 1.1–2.3
The garden of creation	Genesis 2.4b–19
Creation restored after the deluge	Genesis 8.12–22
God’s promise to sustain creation	Genesis 9.8–17
God’s provision	Exodus 16.11–15
A feast of fruitfulness	Leviticus 23.33–43
The promise of a fertile land	Leviticus 26.1–13
God’s gifts to the redeemed	Deuteronomy 6.9–14
The gift of the land	Deuteronomy 8.7–18
Offering of the first-fruits	Deuteronomy 26.1–11
The promise of restoration	Amos 9.13
The covenant of peace with all creation	Hosea 2.18–23
Repentance and restoration	Hosea 14.2–10
The harmony of animal kingdom in the messianic age	Isaiah 11.1–9a
Feasting in God’s presence	Isaiah 25.6–9; 55.6–11
The blossoming of the wilderness at God’s appearing	Isaiah 35.1–7
The whole cosmic scope of praise for God’s redemption	Isaiah 55.12–end
A sign of a fruitful future	Jeremiah 32.6–15
God promises his people a peaceable land	Ezekiel 34.25–31
The hope of humankind restored	Ezekiel 37.1–14
A vision of waters restoring the land	Ezekiel 47.[1–6a] 6b–12
The wonder of creation	Ecclesiasticus 42.15–43.12
A garden as symbol of divine love	Song of Songs 4.12–13
Kinship and the land	Ruth 2.1–13

Defiant nature and the hope of immortality	Job 14.7–10
The rich minerals of the earth	Job 28.1–6
God’s majesty and creation’s marvel	Job 38.1–11, 16–18
God’s wisdom and creation	Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31

### **From the New Testament**

The natural world longing for liberation	Romans 8.18–22
The risen Christ appears in the garden, prefiguring a new creation	John 20.15
Christ as the new creation	Colossians 1.1–15
Creation renewed for the healing of the nations	Revelation 22.1–5
God’s generosity and human gratitude	2 Corinthians 9.9–11a
Sufficiency of resources and simplicity of lifestyle	1 Timothy 6.7–10, 17–19; <i>or</i> Matthew 6.25–34
The risen Christ and the abundance of life	John 21.1–14
The promise of paradise restored	Revelation 2.1–7

### **Gospel Readings**

The book of nature	Matthew 6.25–34
The Lord of nature brings peace to violent discord	Mark 4.35–41
Nurturing the fig tree	Luke 13.6–9
From the seed to a tree of life: an image of God’s reign	Mark 4.30–32 ( <i>or</i> Luke 13.18–19; Matthew 13.31–32)
Hungry people fed on Christ’s abundance	John 6.1–13
God’s people as a fruitful vine	John 15.1–17