

**Series:** Beginnings: The Bible's Account of Creation — Part 4

**Title:** Land, Seas, and Plant life

**Text:** Genesis 1:9-13

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Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

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*In Genesis 1:9-13, we see four truths about God and life:*

**1. GOD CAN DO \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9).**

Job \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is unanimous that dry land appeared by the breath of God. This initial creation of land masses seems to have occurred through the shifting of the earth's plates and the levitation of the earth's surface. A turbulent rearranging of waters and an instantaneous, cataclysmic lifting of land is in view. Perhaps this action resulted in the formation of many of our mountains and canyons. In an instant, with the breath of God, land, continents, islands, mountains appeared. The seas, lakes, rivers, and ponds all found their place.

“Tremendous chemical reactions got under way, as dissolved elements precipitated and combined with others to form the vast complex of minerals and rocks making up the solid earth — its crust, its mantle, and its core. The materials so formed tended in general (though with many localized exceptions due to the complex and cataclysmic energies operating) to arrange themselves isostatically, with heavier materials sinking and lighter materials “floating,” and with many substances still in suspension or solution.” **Henry Morris**

**2. THE LORD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD (v. 10).**

In making land appear, most of the water on the earth was relegated to deep, cavernous areas which we now know as oceans. Other water was collected in channels, ravines, and chasms, forming bodies of water amongst land masses. These lakes, rivers, oceans, and tributaries weren't the same as what we know today. Eventually, the original land mass of earth and its initial bodies of water would be radically transformed during Noah's flood (Genesis 7:11).

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Jeremiah \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. NATURE SHOULD BE KEPT IN ITS \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE (v. 11).

“Vegetation...plants and fruit trees” =

It is worth noting that the original agricultural landscape did not include worthless, non-fruit-bearing trees. Nor did it have any form of weed, thorn, thistle, or useless grass. Such things would not be introduced until after the fall of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:17-18). All the vegetation which originally existed in the Garden of Eden was all suitable for supporting life. Luther supports this view, saying, “I...readily lean to the opinion that in the beginning all trees were fruit-bearing.” Each kind was likely lush, enjoyable, tasty, and nutritious.

### 4. EVOLUTION IS \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12).

“Kinds” =

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The usage of the word “kinds” in our passage unearths a profound reality. It demonstrates that the theory of evolution is impossible on a large scale fashion. Sure, variations may occur amongst kinds, but reproduction cannot cross the lines of species. Breeding and reproduction only occur amongst similar species.

*Henry Morris explains:*

**Henry Morris** Each type of organism has its own unique structure of the DNA and can only specify the reproduction of that same kind. There is a tremendous amount of variational potential within each kind, facilitating the generation of distinct individuals and even of many varieties within the kind, but nevertheless precluding the evolution of new kinds! A great deal of “horizontal” variation is easily possible, but no “vertical” changes....In any case, the evolutionary dogma that all living things are interrelated by common ancestry and descent is refuted by these Biblical statements, as well as by all established scientific observations made to date.