

# THE ENVIRONMENT 2



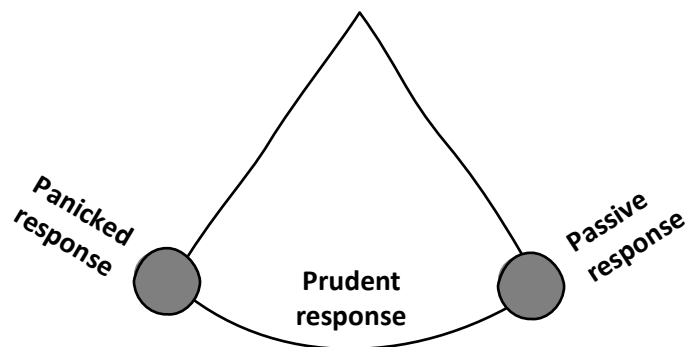
CLIMATE CHANGE, THE BIBLE AND WHAT ON EARTH WE'RE HERE FOR

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## (2/4) KINGS AND QUEENS OF NARNIA

'Narnia was never right except when a Son of Adam was king . . . It's not men's country, but it's a country for a man to be king of.' Trufflehunter the Badger was describing the stewardship of C.S. Lewis's magical world, but he couldn't have put our responsibility over Planet Earth any better. Created by God, the world has been entrusted to human beings to steward wisely and responsibly. But how?

The story so far... A Brief History of Green | The Climate Pendulum | The Climate Opportunity | God's Blue Planet



→ This is God's world ... **entrusted to us** ... damaged by sin ... renewed by Christ ←

*We are at unique stage in our history. Never before have we had such an awareness of what we are doing to the planet and never before have we had the power to do something about that. Surely, we have a responsibility to care for our blue planet. The future of humanity, and indeed all life on Earth, now depends on us.*

David Attenborough, Planet Earth II.

### Discuss

How would you respond to David Attenborough's statement?

## ENTRUSTED TO US | HUMANITY



What a piece of work is man!

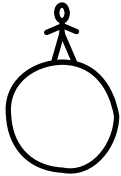
*This is the true King of Narnia. And we beasts remember, even if Dwarfs forget, that Narnia was never right except when a Son of Adam was King." "Whistles and whirligigs, Trufflehunter!" said Trumpkin. "You don't mean you want to give the country to Humans?" "I said nothing about that," answered the Badger. "It's not Men's country (who should know that better than me?) but it's a country for a man to be King of. We Badgers have long enough memories to know that. Why, bless us all, wasn't the High King Peter a Man?"*

C. S. Lewis, *Prince Caspian*

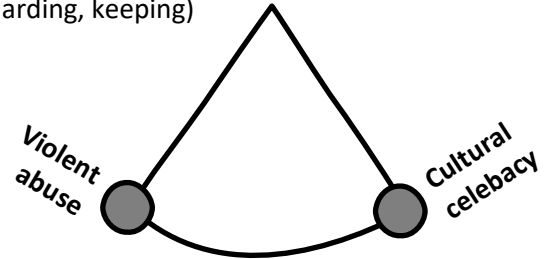
- Humans are a *part* of creation (Gen 1:26, also on Day 6)
- Humans are *set apart* within creation, created in God's image (Gen 1:27; James 3:9)
- Humans were made to *rule over creation under God's rule* (Ps 8; Ps 115:16; Gen 1:28, 2:15)



- filling
- working (harnessing)
- subduing
- taking care (guarding, keeping)



adam // adamah  
ish // ishshah



The 'first great commission': A calling to fruitfulness ('husbandry').

- The Call to Stewardship



## Snapshots in Israel

- The birthplace of technology (Gen 4:19-22)
- Good tech / bad tech (Gen 6-8; Gen 11:1-9) cf. *From the Garden to the City*, John Dyer
- Sustainability (Deut 22:6-7, 20:19), Sabbath & Jubilee (Lev 25:2-7, 8-17)

### 🗣️ Discuss

→ 'It's not Men's country (who should know that better than me?) but it's a country for a man to be King of.' What difference should it make if we remember we're stewards, not owners of creation a) as individuals and b) as churches?



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