

threads

untangling biblical themes



Image



In ANE culture,
who were the
image-bearers?



Image



Rulership

Genesis

1:26-28



What were they
to rule over?

They were to
rule over
creation.

Creatures

Ezekiel 29:5, 38:20;
Zephaniah 1:3



Creatures

naming animals

Command

“fruitful,
multiply, fill”

Used in connection
with Adam, Noah,
Abraham, Isaac,
Ishmael, Jacob,
and Joseph

Creation

“land” used ~307x in
252 verses in Genesis.



Creatures

tending garden

Part of bearing
God's image has
to do with ruling
over the creation.



Relationship

Genesis

5:1-3

Part of bearing
God's image has to
do with relationship
to the Creator.



Image

Image-bearing
means ruling over
creation while in
relationship with
our Creator.