

God's Purpose Today Depends on Man's Use of Metals

In today's world, metals have become very important. God's purpose is helped very much by man's use of metals. Today it is so easy for saints from all over the world to see each other because of the systems of transportation. We have planes, which are made mostly from metals, that can carry us long distances in a short time. We are able to go



Cars

across the whole country in a few hours. Just a couple hundred years ago, traveling across the country would take several weeks. This allows God's people to be together so that the church can be built up.

Consider how much we use our cars. Our cars take us to the meetings for the building up of the church. This is according to God's purpose. How difficult it would be if we had to walk to every meeting. We would probably not go to so many meetings and God's church would be built up in a slower way.

Computers

The metal particles on this computer hard drive disk are very small, but they are very important. They allow incredible amounts of information to be stored in such a small space. Computers are also being used in many ways for God's purpose. God placed all these things in the earth for man, so that man could serve Him.



God's Creation

- Lesson Fifteen -

The Heavens and the Earth Are for Man (4)

Our recent lessons have helped us to consider how God made the earth in just the right way for man to live on. God's intention is that man would have everything that he needs to fulfill God's purpose. God's purpose is that man would always be with God and express God. In this lesson we will see that God put all different kinds of minerals in the earth in order for man to be able to use.

The Earth Provides Metals

God created the earth very rich in all different kinds of minerals. Among them are several different kinds of metals. In the beginning, man did not know about metals, except for the things found naturally like gold. Over time, man has discovered that he can produce metals from substances in the earth.



Steel is Made From Iron

In the picture above is molten hot steel. When it is being made it is an extremely hot liquid. It gets poured into molds in order to give it a shape. Steel is made from iron and coal and limestone. These are all minerals that are found in the earth.

Memory Verse

*A land where ...
you can dig copper
out of the hills.*

(Deut 8:9b)

Steel is Used For Many Things

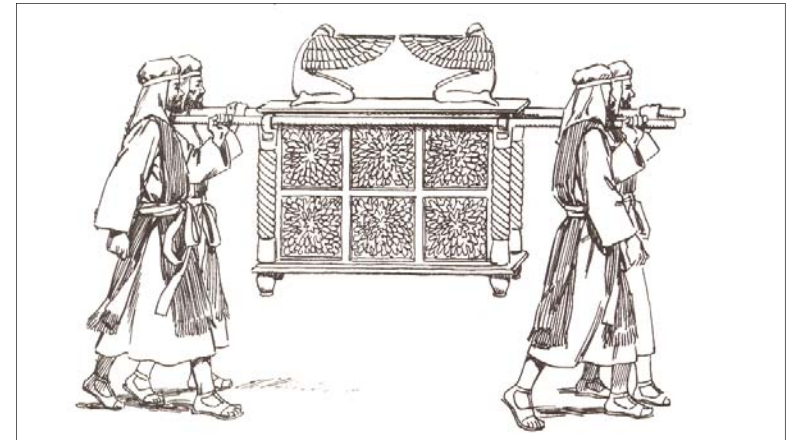
Steel is one of the most plentiful, important and useful metals. So many things are made from steel. Many buildings



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have strong steel frames which hold them up. Steel is also used very much in making things for transportation such as cars, buses, trucks, railroad cars ships and planes. In fact there are so many uses for steel that we cannot list them all. These things are all used by God for His purpose. This

is the reason that God put the rich minerals in the earth. He intended that they would be



Color this picture with your colored pencils.

The Ark of the Covenant

In the picture above some of the Levites are carrying the ark of the covenant. God commanded the children of Israel to construct an ark for the tabernacle. The ark was to be made of a special kind of wood and was overlaid with pure gold. Gold is a metal that is found in the earth. God put gold in the earth to be a symbol of His pure and incorruptible nature.

The Earth Also Has Precious Metals

God also created precious metals in the earth. Gold is a very special metal which God uses to represent His nature. Gold is first mentioned in Genesis chapter two. When God told Israel to build the tabernacle, He instructed them to use much gold to overlay the wood. The lampstand in the tabernacle was made of a hundred pounds of pure gold. Silver is another precious metal. God also had Israel use much silver in building the tabernacle and temple. There are other precious metals such as platinum.

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