

What is stressed in these chapters is how they are made and what they are made of etc. It never again was the problem that it was at this particular time. Zech. was written a very short time after the return of exile and the situation might not be then comparable to the time of Christ or even the time of the Maccabees. Cf. v. 18-27. In v. 19 a rich man is described as making an image but who cannot afford gold and silver--he gets a tree and tries to make something to worship out of it. And the Lord says--Have you not known. Have you not heard that the everlasting God, It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers in comparison to the idols that men make with their own hands. V. 22 is read in the Hebrew--(min. 7-8 $\frac{1}{2}$) It would seem that it looks definitely against the idea of a flat earth. There are those who talk about the Bible teaching that the Bible was flat and then with the great discoveries of the last few centuries, that the earth was round --actually no where does the Bible teach that the earth was flat and there are certain passages which sound more that it was round and many in the time when the Bible was written were convinced of a round earth. One of the Greek scholars estimated from the progress of the sun and estimated how far it was around the world but that was lost in the Middle Ages people took the teaching--Greek--about the earth being the center of the universe and P thought of it as the spiritual center of the universe and this was read into the Bible but it is not in. It illustrates a very great danger of course. People understanding in the Middle Ages that the earth was flat, having certain ideas of astronomy, physics, etc. read these ideas into the Bible and interpreted the light just that way; then when science changed and discovered new things they hadn't known before, people thought the Bible was wrong and now there is the great danger that we will try and show that the Bible fits with the science of our day and try to find Biblical statements that fit in with what science has discovered and many things that science has found out to be true are doubtless suggested in the Bible, but there are other theories which will be completely abandoned a few years from now and we must be very careful about showing how today's science fits the Bible and then when science moves forward people then point to the Bible and show that it is out of date. ~~I just~~ We look into the word "circle" later on since it is not a common word but we'll look into the connotation of it when we have time. But the Lord is here picturing Himself as one that sits above the circle of the earth and the idols are in his sight as bunch of grasshoppers. He stretches