

An aerial photograph of a river delta, showing intricate patterns of teal-colored water flowing through brown, eroded earth. The water channels are winding and interconnected, creating a complex, organic structure. The overall scene is captured in a high-angle, top-down perspective, highlighting the natural beauty and complexity of the landscape.

# Biblical Wisdom and the Fear of God

Understanding the Old Testament Worldview

# The Information/Comprehension Divide

- The Value of Information
- God's designed pathway to comprehension
  - Proverbs 1:1-7
  - Ecclesiastes 12:13

# Defining the Fear of God

- Exodus 20:18-20: Be afraid, but don't be afraid
  - The example of Numbers 16:49 and the 14,700 who died
  - Deuteronomy 10:12-13

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- Ecclesiastes 3:1-14
  - A time for everything?
  - God's sovereignty and the fear of God in Ecclesiastes 3:14

# Defining Biblical Wisdom

- Wisdom as beginning with the fear of God
- Wisdom as entire worldview
- Wisdom as interpretation and comprehension
- Job 28 and the search for wisdom

# Fear of God and Wisdom

- The fear of God as the beginning of wisdom
- Comprehension is transformative for the believer
  - Colossians 1:9-12
  - Spiritual wisdom vs. earthly wisdom: James 3:15-18
    - Arrogance vs. humility
    - Selfishness vs. reliance
    - Fear of man vs. fear of God