Deuteronomy 11:26-29
26. Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse.
27. The blessing, that you will heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today;
28. and the curse, if you will not heed the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn away from the way I command you this day, to follow other gods, which you did not know.
29. And it will be, when the Lord, your God, will bring you to the land to which you come, to possess it, that you shall place those blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and those cursing upon Mount Ebal.
Ten special regulations were applied to Jerusalem: 3 That a house sold there should not be liable to become irredeemable; 4 that it should never bring a heifer whose neck is broken; 5 that it could never be made a condemned city; 6 that its houses would not become defiled through leprosy; 7 that neither beams nor balconies should be allowed to project there; that no dunghills should be made there; that no kilns should be kept there; that neither gardens nor orchards should be cultivated there, with the exception, however, of the garden of roses which existed from the days of the former prophets; 9 that no fowls should be reared there, and that no dead person should be kept there over night. 10

Our Rabbis taught: On seeing an elephant, an ape, or a long-tailed ape, one says: Blessed is He who makes strange creatures. If one sees beautiful creatures and beautiful trees, he says: Blessed is He who has such in His world.