

The Bible and the Still Flat Earth

One man's quest for truth: A look at the Flat Earth controversy
from a Biblical perspective

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The following was taken from several of my on-line blogs related to the subject of Flat Earth. They can be found at www.testingtheglobe.com and <http://robschannel.com/category/flat-earth>. In this current format, the content is raw and un-edited, but my plan is to “clean it up” and eventually publish this document in book format, perhaps with some additional content added as well. For now, I hope you enjoy the information contained within these pages.

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Before we begin, I must say it quite literally astounds me that Christians can't see why this Flat Earth Controversy is important to nail down. Why does this matter? Well, just off the top of my head:

1) Genesis is the foundation of ALL that we believe in the Bible to be true. If Genesis is wrong, then it ALL crumbles under a faulty foundation. Genesis says NOTHING - zip, zero, nadda - about the Earth being set in motion (orbit or rotation) around the sun. In fact, the sun doesn't even show up until AFTER the Earth is already in place with life ALREADY in existence. Genesis says the sun, moon and stars were placed INSIDE the SAME firmament within which that Earth was formed, not outside of it. Thus, we have a completely enclosed system, within which the sun, moon and stars move, NOT the Earth. You can Yoga-Jujitsu-Wrestle Mania twist and distort the text into pretzels all you want, but it won't change what it says.

2) IF what we are seeing concerning the Flat Enclosed Earth thesis is true, then we are all there is. We are center stage. We are the main attraction and there can be NO argument as to whether or not there is a Creator. None. His existence could not possibly become more blatantly obvious than in this model.

3) IF the Flat Enclosed Earth thesis is true, evolution goes out the window and the theory of Ancient Alien seeders is obliterated. In this regard, I believe we become painfully aware of the Great Deception... and will NOT be fooled by it.

4) IF the Flat Enclosed Earth thesis is true, then we can NOT EVER trust NASA or the government about ANYTHING and we will finally be forced to fully trust YHWH's Word as our sole source for truth and stop trying to bend and manipulate it to fit false paradigms.

5) If heliocentricity IS false, then Scripture IS true. If Scripture IS true, and can thus be taken literally, why should we not take it just as literal when it describes the earth as fixed, not moving, set on a foundation of pillars, carved as a "circle" with edge boarders inside something with four corners, enclosed under a dome?

Those are just the easy top 5 reasons for why this may be an *extremely* important subject. I don't make any claims to having the definitive answer to this controversy. Far from it. Rather, I have way more questions now than answers... which is why I continue to dig.

***Romans 1:18** For God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and wickedness of those who in their wickedness suppress the truth.*

***1 Timothy 6:20** O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: **21** Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.*

This particular "quest for truth" however is very challenging as it literally requires that you search for truth in a sea of lies. To make matters worse, literally everything in this world as well as in the Church seems to be against you with this particular issue. In fact, never before have I seen any subject stir up such intense emotions. Indeed. You may already be experiencing them within yourself. Or you may have experienced it from those you've begun to share your thoughts with so far. Whatever the case may be, we all have a certain level of cognitive dissonance to overcome, and this subject carries with it the most raw emotion of anything I've ever encountered in all my life.

Along with those emotions comes an all too common question: Why?? What's the motivation to lie to us about the shape and nature of our world? To me, the motivation is quite clear:

- 1) First get people to doubt YHWH's Word by destroying the very foundation of our Bible: Genesis - specifically the Creation account.**
- 2) Set up a new paradigm, where God is out and "science" is in. Evolution removes YHWH from the equation.**
- 3) When evolution finally runs its course and becomes utterly bankrupt, introduce the idea of "Intelligent Design" but deny the True Designer His due credit and place it rather on "Ancient Aliens."**
- 4) Promote the Ancient Alien theme as much as possible in all forms of media by perpetuating the concept of Earth as a tiny "blue marble" orbiting an average sun in an average galaxy among trillions of other galaxies in an ever expanding Universe. With so much "potential for life to exist" in such a vast expanse, the idea of alien scientists being our creators seems a lot more plausible over time and heavy indoctrination.**
- 5) The stage is set for our "alien creators" to return and bestow upon us their "miracles, signs and wonders" in order to convince us all the more that *all* religions are false. We then put our trust in them. Finally, when Christ does return, we are all convinced that He is the enemy and our united world gathers together to make war with Him.**

Is that what has been happening? I don't know. But I am considering the possibilities. So, at this point, I'm just going to embrace the madness, put on my tin-foil hat and jump into the deep end. Care to join me? If so, let's start with what the Bible has to say concerning the topic of our world and its place in the cosmos.

ALLOWING THE BIBLE TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF

Below are a number of Bible verses without commentary. Unless otherwise noted, all of the Scriptures are taken from the KJV. Pretending you have never heard of a globe or even a flat earth before, let's just allow the Bible to speak for itself. Read them over a couple of times, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what they mean. Without forcing an interpretation based on preconceived notions, meditate on them and ask yourself, "What is the Bible really showing me concerning the nature of the heavens, the earth, the sun, moon and stars?" Then, in the next section after this one, I will give my commentary on these Scriptures, revealing what I believe they are saying to me.

The Scriptures below are arranged by topics in order to set the stage for what will follow. I have placed the book of Job before Genesis as many (if not most) scholars believe it is the oldest book of the Bible. And I have also emphasized words in bold for us to consider as we read. This is by no means an exhaustive list of Scripture. It is essentially just a first run, which I will continue to add to as I find more in the future.

Scriptures concerning the nature of the heavens/sky above and their relationship to the earth:

Job 9:

6 Which **shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.**

7 Which **commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.**

8 Which alone **spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.**

Job 22:14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh **in the circuit** {Hebrew: "chug"} **of heaven.**

Job 22:14 (HCSB) Clouds veil Him so that He cannot see, as He walks **on the circle of the sky.**

Job 22:14 (ASV) Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he seeth not; And he walketh **on the vault of heaven.**

Job 26:

7 He **stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.**

8 He **bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.**

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 He **hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.**

11 **The pillars of heaven tremble** and are astonished at his reproof.

12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 **By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.**

Job 37:18 Hast thou with him **spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?**

Genesis 1:

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, **Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.**

7 And **God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.**

8 And **God called the firmament Heaven.** And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and **the windows of heaven were opened.**

Genesis 8:2 The fountains also of the deep and **the windows of heaven were stopped,** and the rain from heaven was restrained;

2 Samuel 22:8 Then the earth shook and trembled; **the foundations of heaven moved and shook,** because he was wroth.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and **the firmament sheweth his handywork.**

Psalms 29:10 The LORD **sitteth upon the flood;** yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

Psalms 78:

21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

23 **Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,**

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and **had given them of the corn of heaven.**

25 **Man did eat angels' food:** he sent them meat to the full.

Psalms 104:

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: **who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:**

3 **Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:** who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Psalms 148:4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and **ye waters that be above the heavens.**

Proverbs 8:27 When **he prepared the heavens,** I was there: when **he set** {Hebrew: "chaqq"} **a compass** {Hebrew: "chug"} **upon the face of the depth:**

Proverbs 8:27 (ESV) When He **established the heavens,** I was there, When He **inscribed a circle** on the face of the deep.

Isaiah 13:13 Therefore **I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place,** in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth **upon the circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that **stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in**:

Isaiah 40:22 (ISV) He's the one who sits **above the disk of the earth**, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. He's the one who **stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in**,

Isaiah 44:24 Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that **stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth** by myself;

Isaiah 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have **stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded**.

Isaiah 48:13 Mine hand also hath **laid the foundation of the earth**, and **my right hand hath spanned the heavens**: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

Isaiah 66:1 Thus saith the Lord, **The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool**: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

Ezekiel 1:26 And above the **firmament** that was over their heads **was the likeness of a throne**, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and **upon the likeness of the throne** was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

Amos 9:6 It is he that **buildeth his stories in the heaven**, and hath **founded his troop in the earth**; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.

Amos 9:6 (ASV) it is he that buildeth **his chambers in the heavens**, and hath founded his **vault upon the earth**; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; Jehovah is his name.

Amos 9:6 (ESV) it is he that **buildeth his chambers in the heaven**, and hath founded his **vault upon the earth**; he that calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; the LORD is his name.

Amos 9:6 (Darby) It is he that **buildeth his upper chambers in the heavens**, and hath founded his **vault upon the earth**; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: Jehovah is his name.

Amos 9:6 (NASB) The One who builds **His upper chambers in the heavens** And has founded His **vaulted dome over the earth**,
He who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth, The Lord is His name.

Scriptures concerning the nature of the earth below the firmament:

Job 9:6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and **the pillars thereof tremble**.

Job 26:7 He **stretcheth out the north** over the empty place, and **hangeth the earth upon nothing**.

Job 26:10 He hath **compassed the waters with bounds**, until the day and night come to an end.

Job 28:24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

Job 37:3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

Job 38:

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

Genesis 1:

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

1 Samuel 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.

2 Samuel 22:16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

1 Chronicles 16:30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Psalms 18:15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

Psalms 75:3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

Psalms 93:1 The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Psalms 96:

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not

be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou **laid the foundation of the earth:** and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Psalm 104:

5 **Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.**

6 **Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.**

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 **Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.**

Psalm 136:

6 To him that **stretched out the earth above the waters:** for his mercy endureth for ever.

Proverbs 8:

27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when **he set** {Hebrew: "chaqaq"} **a compass** {Hebrew: "chug"} **upon the face of the depth:** - (ESV) When He **established the heavens**, I was there, When He **inscribed a circle** on the face of the deep.

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened **the fountains of the deep:**

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when **he appointed the foundations of the earth:**

Isaiah 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from **the four corners of the earth.**

Isaiah 13:13 Therefore **I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place**, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth **upon the circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that **stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:**

Isaiah 40:22 (ISV) He's the one who sits **above the disk of the earth**, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. He's the one who **stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in,**

Isaiah 43:6 I'll say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Don't keep them back!' Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the **ends of the earth—**

Daniel 4:

10 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and **the height thereof was great.**

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and **the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:**

Jonah 2:6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; **the earth with her bars** was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.

Matthew 4:

8 Again, the devil taketh him **up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world,** and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from **the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me **before the foundation of the world.**

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; **and every eye shall see him,** and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw **four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth,** that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Revelation 20:8 He will go out to deceive Gog and Magog, the nations at **the four corners of the earth,** and gather them for war. They are as numerous as the sands of the seashore.

Scriptures concerning the nature of the sun, moon and stars:

Job 38:7 When the **morning stars sang together,** and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

Genesis 1:

14 And God said, **Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven** to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights **in the firmament of the heaven** to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And **God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.**

17 And **God set them in the firmament of the heaven** to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

Deuteronomy 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and **when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them,** which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Joshua 10:13 And **the sun stood still, and the moon stayed,** until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Judges 5:20 They fought from heaven; **the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.**

Psalms 19:

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Psalm 136:

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 147:4 He telleth the number of the **stars**; he calleth them all **by their names.**

Psalm 148:3 Praise ye him, **sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.**

Ecclesiastes 1:5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 38:8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, **ten degrees backward.** So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Ezekiel 32:

7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.

Daniel 8:10 And it waxed great, **even to the host of heaven;** and it cast down **some of the host and of the stars to the ground,** and stamped upon them.

Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: **the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:**

Joel 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Amos 5:26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, **the star of your god,** which ye made to yourselves.

Habakkuk 3:11 *The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.*

Matthew 24:29 *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall **the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven**, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

Acts 7:43 *Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and **the star of your god Remphan**, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.*

1 Corinthians 15:41 *There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.*

Revelation 1:20 *The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels** of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*

Revelation 6:13 *And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*

Revelation 8:

*10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell **a great star from heaven**, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

*11 And **the name of the star is called Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

*12 And the fourth angel sounded, and **the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened**, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.*

Revelation 9:1 *And the fifth angel sounded, and **I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him** was given the key of the bottomless pit.*

Revelation 12:4 *And **his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth**: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

Again, applying no preconceived notions upon the text, how do you imagine a newcomer to the Scriptures would view the heavens, earth, sun, moon and stars just based on what you've read here? Would he see a spinning, heliocentric, globular Earth in an ever expanding universe? Or would he see something vastly different? I believe – without a doubt – he would see something completely different from what we've all been taught to believe. If this is not already abundantly clear to you, the remainder of this document will explain why.

THE BIBLE AND THE STILL FLAT EARTH

If I were to be perfectly honest here, I'd have to say that I do not get a spherical globe, spinning around in an endless void of space from my reading of the above Scriptures. The Bible seems to be telling us, in no uncertain terms, that we live on a still (as in stationary), flat, enclosed earth. The following explains why I believe this way.

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

This is an introductory statement. It establishes the fact that Elohim is the creator of everything. From there, the text goes on to describe *how* He did it:

2 *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

3 *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.*

6 *Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.*

Out of nowhere we have water. We never see anything about it being created. It's just there as a result of the opening statement and it is "deep." The Hebrew word "heaven" is [shamyim](#). The word for water is, [mayim](#). Thus it would appear that water and heaven have *some* sort of connection to one another right from the start. After the creation of "light" as day and the declaration that "dark" is night, a "firmament" appears to separate the mayim waters above from the mayim waters below. The word for "firmament" is [raqia](#). This is where things start to get interesting. Note how Brown-Drive-Briggs defines it:

Brown-Driver-Briggs

רָקִיעַ noun masculine ^{Genesis 1:6} **extended surface**, (solid)

expanse (as if *beaten out*; compare [Job 37:18](#)); — absolute **רָקִיעַ** [Ezekiel](#)

[1:22](#) +, construct **רָקִיעַ** [Genesis 1:14](#) +; — ^{m5} στερέωμα, ¹⁹ firmamentum, compare Syriac below [√]above; —

1 (flat) **expanse** (as if of ice, compare **רָקִיעַ** [Ezekiel 1:22,23,25](#) (gloss ? compare Co Toy), [Ezekiel 1:26](#) (supporting [√]'s throne). Hence (Co [Ezekiel 1:22](#))

2 the vault of heaven, or 'firmament,' regarded by Hebrews as solid, and supporting 'waters' above it, [Genesis 1:6,7](#) (3 t. in verse); [Genesis 1:8](#) (called **רָקִיעַ**; all P), [Psalm 19:2](#) (**רָקִיעַ** [Daniel 12:3](#); also **רָקִיעַ** [Genesis 1:14,15,17](#), **רָקִיעַ** [Genesis 1:20](#) (all P). ****רָקִיעַ** [Psalm 150:1](#) (suffix reference to [√]).

There is a principle of Biblical hermeneutics known as the "Law of First Mention" (or some derivation of that), which states that you look at how a word or concept is first introduced and then consider how it is understood and used elsewhere in light of that first use. The website, biblicalresearch.info describes this law as follows:

- IV. *The fourth rule of interpretation is THE LAW OF FIRST MENTION.*
 - A. *The meaning of the law of First Mention: The Law of First Mention may be said to be the principle that requires one to go to that portion of the Scriptures where a doctrine is mentioned for the first time and to study the first occurrence of the same in order to get the fundamental inherent meaning of that doctrine.*
 - B. *When this law is applied the simple precedes the complex.*
 - 1. *A history of the development of anything will show that it sprang from something in the very simplest form (for example the steamship; airplane; automobile)*
 - 2. *In the Scriptures the growth and development of ideas and doctrine might be illustrated by some simple word.*
 - a. *Throughout the history of a term it may have increased its meaning and undergone certain changes, yet the basic, original, fundamental thought is seldom lost.*
 - b. *The fundamental concept usually controls or is dominant in coloring every shade of idea expressed by a term in its current usage*

Source: <http://www.biblicalresearch.info/page48.html>

II. The Meaning Of The Law Of First Mention

*The law of first mention may be said to be **the principle that requires one to go to that portion of the Scriptures where a doctrine is mentioned for the first time and to study the first occurrence of the same in order to get the fundamental inherent meaning of that doctrine.** When we thus see the first appearance, which is usually in the simplest form, we can then examine the doctrine in other portions of the Word that were given later. We shall see that the fundamental concept in the first occurrence remains dominant as a rule, and colors all later additions to that doctrine. In view of this fact, it becomes imperative that we understand the law of first mention.*

Source: <http://www.biblicalresearch.info/page56.html>

With this in mind, in Genesis 1, we have a description of something that would become the sky overhead. But Genesis is not the first Holy Spirit inspired book of Scripture. Job is. Therefore, regarding the sky, let's consider how the oldest book of the Bible describes it:

Job 37:18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

If Job is in fact the oldest book, then Genesis doesn't establish the law of first mention, Job does. Either way, you end up with the same conclusion, backed by the two "beginning" books of the Bible. Genesis begins the Torah, which is the foundation of our whole Bible. Job, being the oldest written text in the Bible fully supports what we see in Genesis. But in Job, we see that the sky is spread out like a *molten looking glass*, or as other translations render it a cast metal (bronze) mirror:

Parallel Verses

New International Version

can you join him in spreading out the skies, hard as a mirror of cast bronze?

New Living Translation

he makes the skies reflect the heat like a bronze mirror. Can you do that?

English Standard Version

Can you, like him, spread out the skies, hard as a cast metal mirror?

New American Standard Bible

"Can you, with Him, spread out the skies, Strong as a molten mirror?

King James Bible

Hast thou with him spread out the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a molten looking glass?

Holman Christian Standard Bible

can you help God spread out the skies as hard as a cast metal mirror?

International Standard Version

Can you spread out the skies like he does; can you cast them as one might a mirror?

NET Bible

will you, with him, spread out the clouds, solid as a mirror of molten metal?

GOD'S WORD® Translation

Can you stretch out the skies with him and make them as firm as a mirror made of metal?

Jubilee Bible 2000

Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong and as a molten looking glass?

King James 2000 Bible

Have you with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten mirror?

American King James Version

Have you with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

American Standard Version

Canst thou with him spread out the sky, Which is strong as a molten mirror?

Douay-Rheims Bible

Thou perhaps hast made the heavens with him, which are most strong, as if they were of molten brass.

Darby Bible Translation

Hast thou with him spread out the sky, firm, like a molten mirror?

English Revised Version

Canst thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong as a molten mirror?

So much for the notion that the sky/heaven above us consists of just gaseous air. We apparently have a hard canopy somewhere, very high above us. OK. Let's keep testing that idea. Why does it need to be so hardened?

*Ezekiel 1:26 And above the **firmament** that was over their heads **was the likeness of a throne**, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and **upon the likeness of the throne** was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.*

So, YHWH's throne sits on top of the firmament, which is described as being cast like a metal mirror! The idea of YHWH's throne being atop the "firmament" is not unusual:

*Isaiah 66:1 Thus saith the Lord, **The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool**: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?*

In a Facebook post I quoted the above as sort of a joke asking, *What kind of "footstool" spins around 1,000 mph, while running away at 67,000 mph? YHWH's "throne" sounds like a ride at Disney World. He must get really dizzy. Either that, or maybe the Earth is His treadmill and they just didn't know how to describe that in Isaiah's day? :) I originally said that as a joke, but now I am not so sure it is. Remember, we are reading the Scriptures without preconceived notions. The prophets seem to be telling us - point-blank - that YHWH's throne sits atop the firmament, which would thus have His feet planted on the hard canopy that surrounds the earth. While the firmament is not technically the "earth" as in the mass upon which land and sea are found, the firmament is part of the system that makes the earth what it is. This brings us to the Scripture *many* have tried to use concerning the shape of the earth:*

*Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth **upon the circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that **stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in**:*

In the past, I have used this same verse to defend the globe idea of the earth myself. But there is a difference between a circle and a globe/sphere/ball. An ice-skating rink is a circle. We skate on it, going round and round, but never, up, over and around. It is not a sphere. It is an enclosure in the shape of a circle. So also it would appear that the Earth is. Check out the Septuagint's version of this same verse:

Isaiah 40:22 (LXX) [It is] he that comprehends the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants in it are as grasshoppers; he that set up the heaven as a chamber, and stretched [it] out as a tent to dwell in:

Without trying to literally *force* a globe onto this text, it describes a circular earth that has a heaven (beaten metallic expanse) set up over it as a "chamber," which is stretched out like a "tent" for us to dwell in. This is describing an enclosed system! How enclosed is it? Let's go back to Genesis...

Genesis 1:

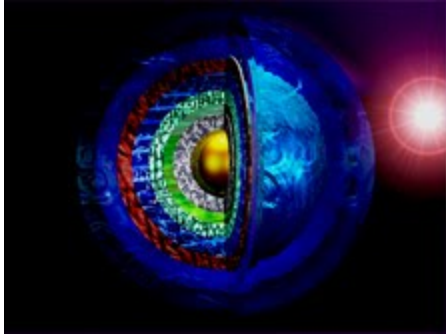
*14 And God said, Let there be lights **in** the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

*15 And let them be for lights **in** the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

*17 And God set them **in** the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,*

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.



Please note that the sun, moon and stars are placed **inside** the enclosed "firmament." Now, as a believer in the globe model my whole life and a strong advocate for the Creation account of our origins, [I have always talked a lot about the firmament as sort of an "ice canopy" that surrounded the Earth before the Flood.](#) Many times, I have referred to the wonderful work of Dr. Carl Baugh and Kent Hovind among others to support that view. But, I subscribed to their model, because like them, I have always believed in the globe representation of the Earth floating in space. See what I've done there? I've forced my own preconceived ideas onto the text

as a result of listening to great men of God who have done the same thing. But that's not what Moses wrote! He didn't say God placed the sun, moon and stars **around** the Earth. He said YHWH placed those things **in** the firmament that was dividing the waters above from the waters below.

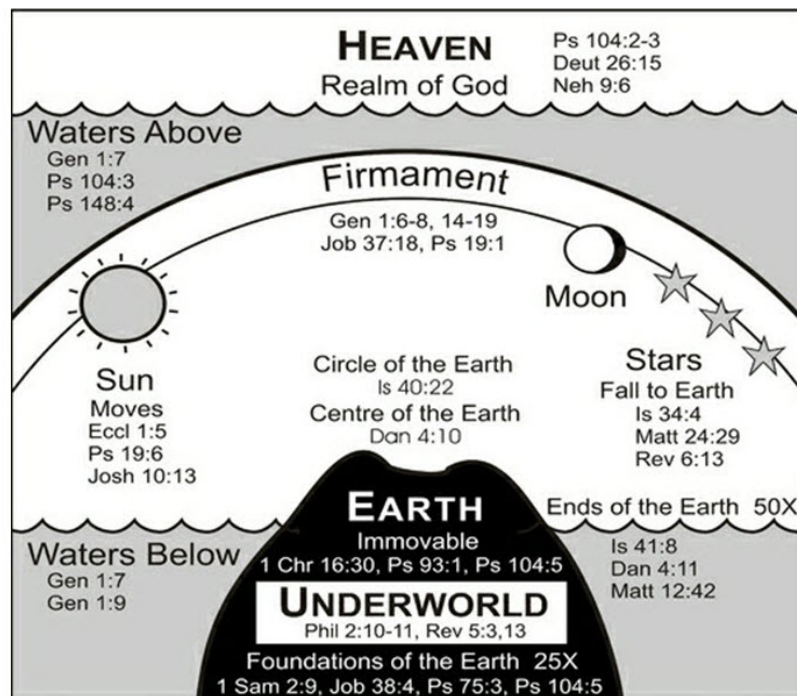
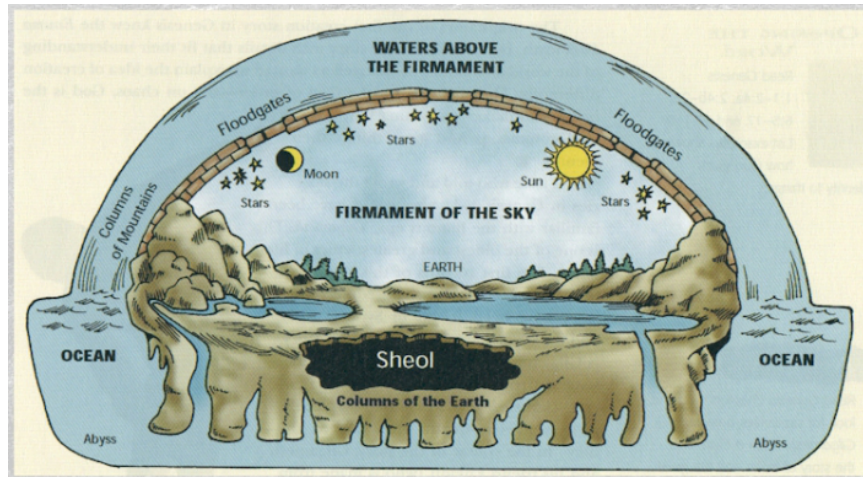
Just to be sure, let's go back and read Genesis 1, verses 1 through 18 to keep the continuity clear:

Genesis 1:

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*
- 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*
- 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*
- 6 And God said, **Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.***
- 7 And **God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.***
- 8 And **God called the firmament {that divided the waters} Heaven.** And the evening and the morning were the second day.*
- 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.*
- 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.*
- 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*
- 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*
- 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.*
- 14 And God said, **Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven** to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*
- 15 And let them be for lights **in the firmament of the heaven** to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*
- 16 And **God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.***
- 17 And **God set them in the firmament of the heaven** to give light upon the earth,*
- 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.*

In verses 7 & 8, we see that essentially the "pocket of air," which is dividing water above from water below is called "Heaven." Verse 9 is talking about stuff *under* that heaven, which would become the land, vegetation and seas. ***This is all inside the dome!*** Verse 14 *never* takes us outside of that setting. Nor does the rest of the chapter. The entire chapter from verse 8 forward is "under the dome"! I never noticed that before, because I wasn't looking for it. But there it is. Plain as day... if not imposing preconceived notions upon the text.

Indeed, this "under the dome" view of the earth was not foreign to the ancients. Many ancient cultures had some variation of this general view of the earth:



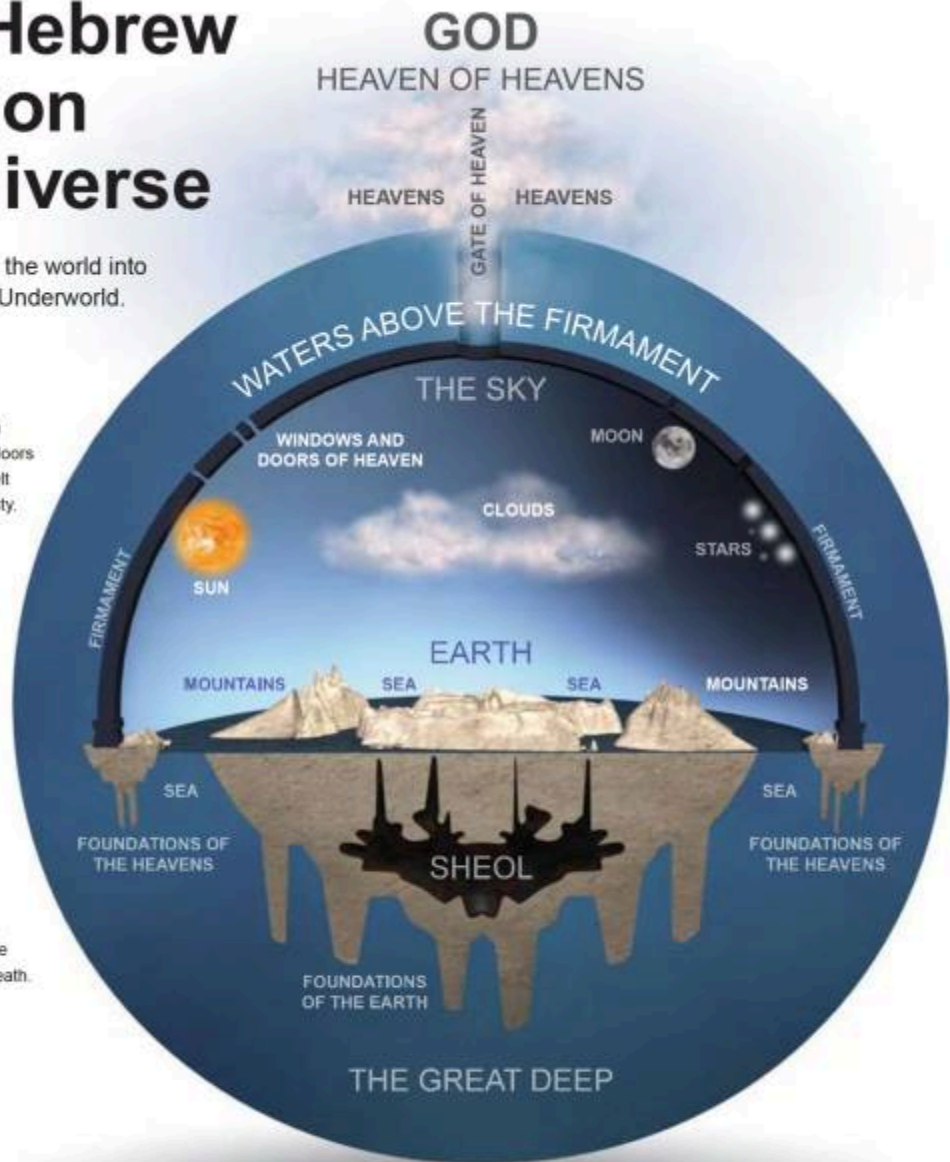
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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In ancient Egypt, their god "Nut" was depicted as the canopy. You will see similar depictions to the one on the right all over Egyptian iconography. It kind of makes me wonder if this is why people think you are "nuts" for believing in what I am talking about here. LOL! Maybe it's just a coincidence. Regardless, an online article, titled "The Flat-Earth Bible," written by Robert J. Schadeewald, © 1987, 1995, states some things worth quoting here (I recommend you actually read the entire article too):



*The Biblical cosmology is never explicitly stated, so it must be pieced together from scattered passages. The Bible is a composite work, so there is no a priori reason why the cosmology assumed by its various writers should be relatively consistent, but it is. **The Bible is, from Genesis to Revelation, a flat-earth book.***

This is hardly surprising. As neighbors, the ancient Hebrews had the Egyptians to the southwest and the Babylonians to the northeast. Both civilizations had flat-earth cosmologies. The Biblical cosmology closely parallels the Sumero-Babylonian cosmology, and it may also draw upon Egyptian cosmology.

The Babylonian universe was shaped like a modern domed stadium. The Babylonians considered the earth essentially flat, with a continental mass surrounded by ocean. The vault of the sky was a physical object resting upon the ocean's waters (and perhaps also upon pillars). Sweet (salt-free) waters below the Earth sometimes manifest themselves as springs. The Egyptian universe was also enclosed, but it was rectangular instead of round. Indeed, it was shaped much like an old-fashioned steamer trunk. (The Egyptians pictured the goddess Nut stretched across the sky as the enclosing dome.) What was the Hebrew view of the universe?

The Order of Creation

*The Genesis creation story provides the first key to the Hebrew cosmology. The order of creation makes no sense from a conventional perspective but is perfectly logical from a flat-earth viewpoint. The earth was created on the first day, and it was “without form and void (Genesis 1:2).” On the second day, a vault the “firmament” of the King James version was created to divide the waters, some being above and some below the vault. **Only on the fourth day were the sun, moon, and stars created, and they were placed “in” (not “above”) the vault.***

The Vault of Heaven

*The vault of heaven is a crucial concept. The word “firmament” appears in the King James version of the Old Testament 17 times, and in each case it is translated from the Hebrew word *raqiya*, which meant the visible vault of the sky. The word *raqiya* comes from *riqqua*, meaning “beaten out.” In ancient times, brass objects were either cast in the form required or beaten into shape on an anvil. A good craftsman could beat a lump of cast brass into a thin bowl. Thus, Elihu asks Job, “Can you beat out [*raqa*] the vault of the skies, as he does, hard as a mirror of cast metal (Job 37:18)?”*

Elihu's question shows that the Hebrews considered the vault of heaven a solid, physical object. Such a large dome would be a tremendous feat of engineering. The Hebrews (and supposedly Yahweh Himself) considered it exactly that, and this point is hammered home by five scriptures:

*Job 9:8, “...who by himself spread out the heavens [*shamayim*]...”*

*Psalms 19:1, “The heavens [*shamayim*] tell out the glory of God, the vault of heaven [*raqiya*] reveals his handiwork.”*

*Psalms 102:25, “...the heavens [*shamayim*] were thy handiwork.”*

*Isaiah 45:12, “I, with my own hands, stretched out the heavens [*shamayim*] and caused all their host to shine...”*

*Isaiah 48:13, “...with my right hand I formed the expanse of the sky [*shamayim*]...”*

If these verses are about a mere illusion of a vault, they are surely much ado about nothing. Shamayim comes from shameh, a root meaning to be lofty. It literally means the sky. Other passages complete the picture of the sky as a lofty, physical dome. God "sits throned on the vaulted roof of earth [chuwg], whose inhabitants are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the skies [shamayim] like a curtain, he spreads them out like a tent to live in...[Isaiah 40:22]." Chuwg literally means "circle" or "encompassed." By extension, it can mean roundness, as in a rounded dome or vault. Job 22:14 says God "walks to and fro on the vault of heaven [chuwg]." In both verses, the use of chuwg implies a physical object, on which one can sit and walk. Likewise, the context in both cases requires elevation. In Isaiah, the elevation causes the people below to look small as grasshoppers. In Job, God's eyes must penetrate the clouds to view the doings of humans below. Elevation is also implied by Job 22:12: "Surely God is at the zenith of the heavens [shamayim] and looks down on all the stars, high as they are."

*This picture of the cosmos is reinforced by Ezekiel's vision. The Hebrew word raqiya appears five times in Ezekiel, four times in Ezekiel 1:22-26 and once in Ezekiel 10:1. **In each case the context requires a literal vault or dome.** The vault appears above the "living creatures" and glitters "like a sheet of ice." Above the vault is a throne of sapphire (or lapis lazuli). Seated on the throne is "a form in human likeness," which is radiant and "like the appearance of the glory of the Lord." In short, Ezekiel saw a vision of God sitting throned on the vault of heaven, as described in Isaiah 40:22.*

Source: <https://www.lhup.edu/~dsimanek/febible.htm> [**bold** emphasis mine]

Going back to the Isaiah 40:22 passage, it has been claimed by many (including me in times past) that "circle" is a description of the Earth as a globe. As Robert J. Schadewald points out, the Hebrew word used here is "[chug](#)" (pronounced "khoog"), but is this the word one would use for a ball-shaped object? No. The word comes from another very similar word, both of which mean:

◀ 2328. chug ▶

Strong's Concordance

chug: to draw around, make a circle

Original Word: **חַי**

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: chug

Phonetic Spelling: (khoog)

Short Definition: circle

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. root

Definition

to draw around, make a circle

NASB Translation

inscribed a circle (1).

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חָוֵה **verb** draw round, make a circle (Aramaic  *circumivit*, noun 
חִוּתָּא, circle, vault of heavens) —

Qal Perfect חָקַל עַל־פְּנֵי מַיִם Job 26:10 (compare Proverbs 8:27), hath drawn as a circle a bound, etc., of the horizon-line.

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Circle means circle. Not ball. Isaiah clearly knows the difference between a circle and a spherical object. Note that a few chapters prior he uses a completely different word for a ball:

Isaiah 22:18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a **ball** into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

The Hebrew word Isaiah used for "ball" here is "[dur](#)" because, of course you can't toss a circle (*chug*). Whereas, of course, a spherical object you can toss. He knew the difference. Therefore, I now believe Isaiah 40:22 is a *terrible* Scripture reference to use as a description of the Earth's shape being a sphere. But, let's continue to test this. Where else is "*chug*" used and how?

Proverbs 8:27 (ESV) When He established the heavens, I was there, When He **inscribed a circle** on the face of the deep.

How do you "inscribe a circle" on the face of something to get a ball? Seems to me, the circle is something cut into something else. The Hebrew word the ESV translated into "inscribe" is "[chagaq](#)" which means:

◀ 2710. chaqaq

Strong's Concordance

chaqaq: to cut in, inscribe, decree

Original Word: חָקַק

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: chaqaq

Phonetic Spelling: (khaw-kak')

Short Definition: inscribed

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. root

Definition

to cut in, inscribe, decree

NASB Translation

carve (1), commanders (2), decree (1), decreed (1), enact (1), inscribe (2), inscribed (3), lawgiver (1), marked (1), portrayed (1), ruler's (1), ruler's staff (1), scepter (3).

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חָקַק verb cut in, inscribe, decree (Late Hebrew *id.*, Aramaic חָקַק, Zinjiri חָקַק).

Phoenician *id.* Participle Hiph'il, Arabic حَقَّق be just, right, obligatory, also make or decide to be just, etc.; حَقِّ justness, truth, necessity, obligation; Ethiopic ለክብር adjective moderate, sufficient, compare also ለክብር —

Qal חָקַקְתָּ *Ezekiel* 4:1; suffix חָקַקְתָּ *Isaiah* 49:16; Infinitive suffix חָקַקְתָּ *Proverbs* 8:27; חָקַקְתָּ *Proverbs* 8:29 (assimilated to חָקַקְתָּ *Isaiah* 30:8; Participle חָקַקְתָּ *Isaiah* 22:16 (archaic case ending Ges[§] 90 3 a); plural חָקַקְתָּ *Isaiah* 10:1; construct חָקַקְתָּ *Judges* 5:9 (possibly Po'el = מַחְקֵקִים with מִן omitted, see Ges[§] 52 (2), note 6); Participle Pass. plural חָקַקְתָּ *Ezekiel* 23:14 (Co חָקַקְתָּ); —

1 out in, with חָקַק *Isaiah* 22:16, of a dwelling-place = tomb, in a rock.

2 out in or on, upon, engrave, inscribe, with חָקַק on roll of a book *Isaiah* 30:8; representation of city on brick (as in Babylonia) *Ezekiel* 4:1; images on a wall *Ezekiel* 23:14; figurative of Zion's walls on palms of חָקַק *Isaiah* 49:16.

3 trace, mark out, a circle, with חָקַק over the face of deep *Proverbs* 8:27; with accusative, foundations of earth *Proverbs* 8:29.

4 of a law, engrave, inscribe (on a tablet), figurative for enact, decree חָקַקְתָּ *Isaiah* 10:1 (= חָקַקְתָּ יִשְׂרָאֵל poetic = commanders (see Po'el) *Judges* 5:9 (= מַחְקֵקִים *Judges* 5:14).

Po'el Imperfect חָקַקְתָּ *Proverbs* 8:15; Participle מַחְקֵקִים *Genesis* 49:10; *Numbers* 21:18; *Deuteronomy* 33:21; suffix מַחְקֵקִים *Psalms* 60:9; *Psalms* 108:9; *Isaiah* 33:22; plural מַחְקֵקִים *Judges* 5:14; — inscribe (as a law), enact (poetry); with accusative חָקַקְתָּ *Proverbs* 8:15 elsewhere participle

a. prescriber of laws, hence (as sovereign authority in a warlike clan) commander *Deuteronomy* 33:21 (of warlike tribe of Gad), *Judges* 5:14; *Isaiah* 33:22 (of שִׁמְשֹׁן מִלְחָמָה, שִׁמְשֹׁן מִלְחָמָה).

b. commander's staff *Genesis* 49:10 (= שִׁבְטָא), *Numbers* 21:18 (both poetry), *Psalms* 60:9 = *Psalms* 108:9.

Pu'al Participle מַחְקֵקִים that which is decreed *Proverbs* 31:5 (late).

Hoph'al Imperfect חָקַקְתָּ *Job* 19:23 inscribed in (חָקַקְתָּ) a book.

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Taking the Law of First Mention into account again, we must realize that there was precedence set for the "circle of the earth" prior to Isaiah writing about it. King Solomon is telling us the "circle" Isaiah would later write about (likely being fully aware of what Solomon wrote) was cut into something that was deep. In Genesis, we saw the waters were deep. Then the Holy Spirit moved across the waters. A firmament was created to separate the waters, then the waters under it were gathered into one place and the dry land "appeared." Could it be that when, YHWH "carved a circle in the deep," this was *how* the waters were divided and the land was revealed? I don't know, but I'm definitely not seeing a ball showing up anywhere in these descriptions. Let's continue looking at the oldest book of the Bible again:

Job 26:10 (NASB) He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness.

Job 26:10 (KJV) He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

The KJV uses the word "compassed" in this verse, but the English words mean the same thing: A circular ring that creates a boundary. In this case, the word translated as "inscribed a circle" in the NASB and "compassed the waters" in the KJV is the same word ([chug](#)) used in Isaiah 40:22. So, let's put all of these parallel Scriptures together in the chronological order of time in which they were written:

Job 26:10 (NASB) He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness.

Genesis 1 (KJV):

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

*6 And God said, **Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.***

*7 And **God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.***

*8 And **God called the firmament {that divided the waters} Heaven.** And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

*9 And God said, **Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:** and it was so.*

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

Proverbs 8:27 (ESV) When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep.

and finally...

Isaiah 40:22 (KJV) It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Here we see Job, Moses and Solomon setting the stage, with Isaiah actually being the last one in this list to write of these things. Based on the Law of First Mention then, we must understand that he is only *confirming* what has already been said by others before him concerning how YHWH literally carved a circle into the deep. This kind of language does *not* give us a picture of a ball floating in endless space. Rather it gives us something that looks more along the lines of the following, which depicts the earth as being a circular mass carved into a base of something else that has 4 corners:

When we get to the Book of Enoch's take on this, you will see the earth and its boundary described in *much* greater detail. In the meantime, consider also what the Psalmist said:

Psalm 104:

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

*2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: **who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:***

*3 **Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:** who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:*

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

*5 **Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.***

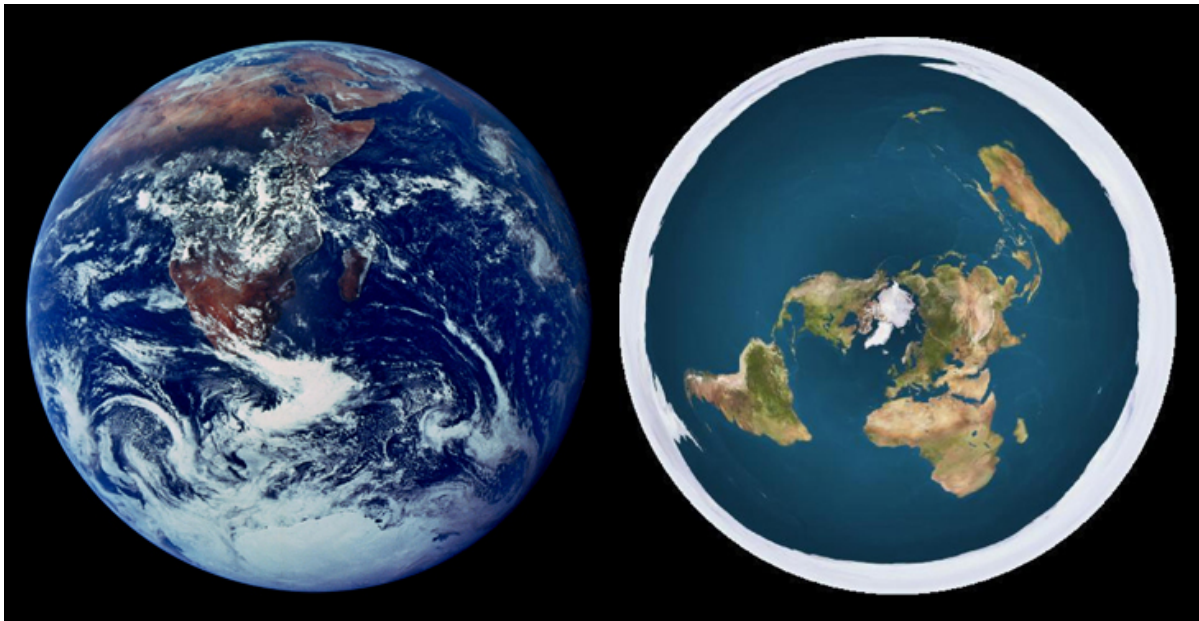
*6 **Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.***

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

*9 **Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.***

Which image now better fits what we are reading thus far concerning our circular earth with a *boundary* around it?



We've been taught that the Earth is spinning, with its surface at the equator moving at a speed of roughly 1,000 miles per hour. And we're told the Earth is zooming around the sun at about 67,000 miles per hour. In addition, our solar system--Earth and all--whirls around the center of our galaxy at some 490,000 miles per hour... but there are a number of Scriptures describing the Earth as being fixed and **not** moving. This particular passage from Job really caught my attention:

Job 38:

*1 **Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,***

*2 **Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?***

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
4 Where wast thou **when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
6 **Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;**

Again, Job is believed by many to have been the first book of Scripture written. In it, we see in verse 1 that YHWH Himself is speaking. This is the Creator talking here! He speaks of "laying a foundation" with a "corner stone" that is "fastened" in place. If ever there was a Flat Earther, anti-globalist Scripture, this one is it. How do you twist and distort that Scripture to fit a rotating globe, freely floating in space? Where is the "fastened foundation" with a "corner stone" in that model? Using the principle established in the Law of First Mention, we see there are a number of other authors who carry this theme forward:

1 Samuel 2:8

*He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For **the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.***

1 Chronicles 16:30 Fear before him, all the earth: **the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.**

Psalm 93:1 The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: **the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.**

Psalm 96:

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: **the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:** he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Psalm 104:5 Who laid **the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.**

Looking at the various English translations of Psalm 104:5, it really doesn't look to me like any of them are describing a rotating ball spinning around at 1,000 mph, while whisking around in some kind of an orbit at 67,000 mph. Rather, we have a verbal depiction of something totally stationary, established on a firm foundation...

◀ Psalm 104:5

Parallel Verses

New International Version

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

New Living Translation

You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved.

English Standard Version

He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

New American Standard Bible

He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.

King James Bible

Who laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

He established the earth on its foundations; it will never be shaken.

International Standard Version

He established the earth on its foundations, so that it never falters.

NET Bible

He established the earth on its foundations; it will never be upended.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

He has prepared Earth upon its foundations that it will not move for an eternity of eternities.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

You set the earth on its foundations so that it can never be shaken.

Jubilee Bible 2000

who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved by any age.

King James 2000 Bible

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

American King James Version

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

American Standard Version

Who laid the foundations of the earth, That it should not be moved for ever.

Douay-Rheims Bible

Who hast founded the earth upon its own bases: it shall not be moved for ever and ever.

Here are two of the above verses taken from the Septuagint (the others are pretty much the same as the KJV):

1 Chronicles 16:30 *Let the whole earth fear before him; **let the earth be established, and not be moved.***

Psalms 93:1 *The Lord reigns; he has clothed himself with honour: the Lord has clothed and girded himself with strength; **for he has established the world, which shall not be moved.***

And then there is this one:

Zechariah 1:11 *And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, **all the earth sits quietly, and is at rest.***

Some try and say, these verses just mean the earth is made the way God wants it and it's placed where he wants it, not to be moved and (as in the case of Zechariah 1:11) things are in a "peaceful state" of being. OK. That may be *one* way to read these verses (which requires a globalist preconceived notion). But what if we just accept what it says, literally at face value? Especially considering Psalm 104:5 which clearly says the **earth** has "foundations" that won't be moved. How does that look on a floating, rotating globe? Where do you put the "foundations" in that scenario? With the KJV renderings of these verses, some may say there is a difference between "earth" and "world," as in the word "*world*" means people or nations. OK. Fine. Let's go with that. So then what are these verses saying? All of the people are going to be frozen solid so that they "*shall not be moved*" or what? Seems to me, it's just saying that this thing we are standing on has been established on something and it's not going to be moved. Again, tossing out all preconceived ideas of a spinning globe, just reading the text by itself, no one would *ever* think anything different from what it says.

Plus, we use the word "world" as a synonym for "earth" all the time. As an example, I could say, "*As a former missionary, for 6 years, I traveled the world, spreading the Gospel to people in over a dozen countries.*" If I said that, you would clearly understand that I was flying around the world - as in the earth - on my mission trips.

What about seeming contradictions such as:

Job 9:6 *who **shakes the earth from its place**, and its pillars tremble.*

Psalms 104:5 *Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, **so that it should never be shaken.***

Isaiah 13:13 *Therefore I will shake the heavens, and **the earth shall remove out of her place**, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.*

Isaiah 24:18 *He who flees at the sound of the terror shall fall into the pit; and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For the windows of heaven are opened, and **the foundations of the earth tremble.***

Those are just a few examples of this nature. There are others, which clearly show the earth being knocked around in various ways. I think there is a difference between YHWH being able to shake, rattle and roll the earth at His pleasure or in His anger and the earth being *removed altogether* from its pillared

foundation, so personally, I see no contradiction here. It appears to me that YHWH has set this place up to be permanent, and though He may knock it around from time to time, its still not going to leave its firmly established foundation. Yes, earthquakes and catastrophe are permissible, but utter destruction will never come. Take the Flood of Noah for instance. Clearly, the world was rocked:

Genesis 7:11 *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all **the fountains of the great deep broken up**, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

Something got shaken up quite a bit, yet, we're still here. The earth still stands, unmoved, on a sure foundation. Indeed, without a doubt, Scripture is telling us the earth is not *constantly* moving. In fact, there is growing evidence within the scientific community revealing that the earth is not rotating either. It is quite stationary in every respect. For further evidence of this in both history and science, please take the time to watch this video:



CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL READING ON GEOCENTRICITY:

<http://jesus-is-lord.com/geocentr.htm>

Let's forget the globe vs flat/enclosed earth debate for the moment. Start breaking down the various arguments. Some may argue that the geocentric vs heliocentric models are apart from the globe vs flat/enclosed models - as in they are separate, unrelated arguments. I'm actually thinking they are much more connected than many may think. Because if we end up proving the Scriptures mean what they say concerning the earth not moving, then why not accept what it says concerning its circular shape and nature "under the dome" too? Scripture is clearly telling us the world/earth is circular and enclosed and *not* spherical and floating in an open system of planets and stars outside of the firmament.

Amos 9:6 is also rather interesting, but its meaning gets completely lost in the KJV:

Amos 9:6 *It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded **his troop in the earth**; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.*

This use of the word "troop" here gives us the idea of "boots on the ground." But that doesn't appear to be what is being said there. Consider some of the other renderings of this verse:

Parallel Verses

New International Version

he builds his lofty palace in the heavens and sets its foundation on the earth; he calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land-- the LORD is his name.

New Living Translation

The LORD's home reaches up to the heavens, while its foundation is on the earth. He draws up water from the oceans and pours it down as rain on the land. The LORD is his name!

English Standard Version

who builds his upper chambers in the heavens and founds his vault upon the earth; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth— the LORD is his name.

New American Standard Bible

The One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth, He who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth, The LORD is His name.

King James Bible

It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

He builds His upper chambers in the heavens and lays the foundation of His vault on the earth. He summons the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth. Yahweh is His name.

International Standard Version

who is building his stairway to heaven and setting its foundation on earth; who is calling for the waters of the sea and pouring them out over the surface of the land— the LORD is his name!

NET Bible

He builds the upper rooms of his palace in heaven and sets its foundation supports on the earth. He summons the water of the sea and pours it out on the earth's surface. The LORD is his name.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

The one who builds stairs up to heaven and sets their foundation on the earth, the one who calls for the water in the sea and pours it over the face of the earth- His name is the LORD.

The NASB uses the words "vaulted dome" there. The Hebrew word in question is "[aguddah](#)," which according to Brown-Driver-Briggs means:

Brown-Driver-Briggs

אֲגֻדָּה noun feminine band (Mishna אֲגֻדָּה compare NHWB).

1 plural construct אֲגֻדּוֹת מוֹטָה bands, thongs (fastening ox-bow) metaphor of fetters of slavery [Isaiah 58:6](#).

2 אֲגֻדַּת יֵזוֹב bunch of hyssop [Exodus 12:22](#).

3 אֲ absolute band of men (compare חֶבֶל. English band) [2 Samuel 2:25](#).

4 אֲגֻדָּתוֹ vault of the heavens (as fitted together, constructed, compare Arabic إِبْجَاد) [Amos 9:6](#).

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon, Unabridged, Electronic Database.

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So, here again, we have the sense of a vaulted dome setting on the earth. This dome of Heaven is also described as circular:

Job 22:14 (HCSB) *Clouds veil Him so that He cannot see, as He walks on the circle of the sky.*

Job 22:14 (LXX) *A cloud is his hiding-place, and he shall not be seen; and he passes through the circle of heaven.*

This makes me think of those long-term exposure pictures we have all seen of the night sky:





For more stunning pics like these, see:

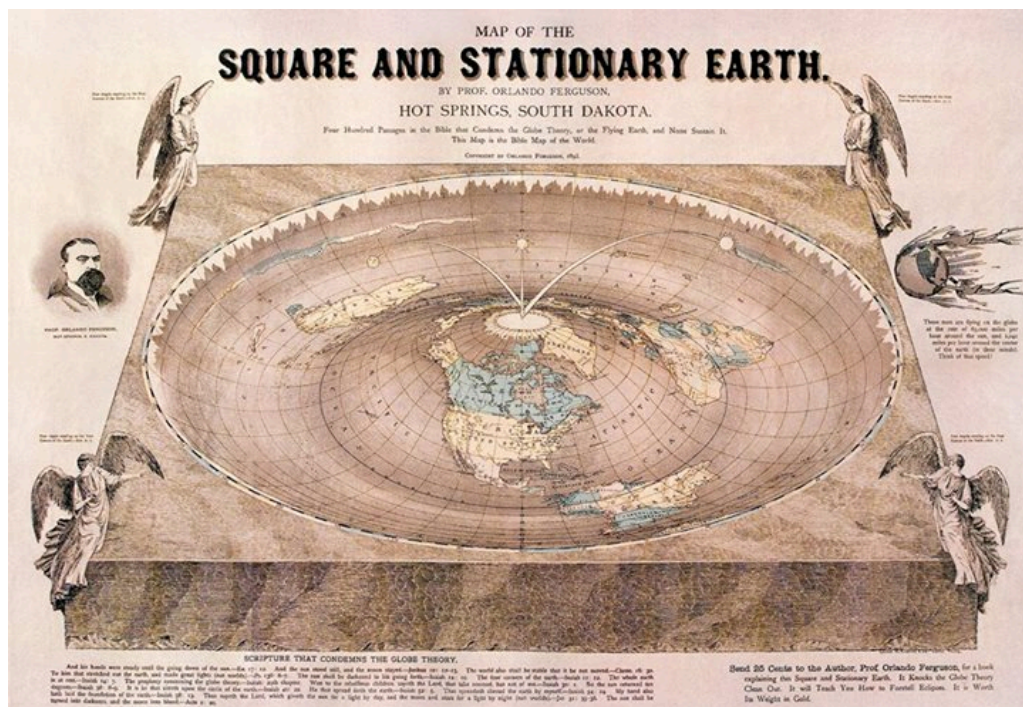
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According to the Scriptures we've looked at so far, we have the Earth under the stretched out "curtain of heaven," on a foundation that won't be moved, set about with a boundary. This is painting an interesting picture, but again, it's definitely not looking like a globe to me. And it also doesn't look like the Earth is spinning either. Rather, we see the Scriptures painting a picture of a stationary, circular Earth under the circle of heaven. Could the above pics represent the "circle of heaven" in a literal sense? What if the pole star is the actual base of the "circle of heaven" upon which YHWH's throne sits?

Then we have the whole issue of the so-called "corners" and "ends" of the Earth...

Job 28:24 For he looketh **to the ends of the earth**, and seeth under the whole heaven;

Job 37:3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto **the ends of the earth**.



And then what are we supposed to do with these Scriptures...

***Joshua 10:13** And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*

***Habakkuk 3:11** The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.*

***Isaiah 38:8** Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, **ten degrees backward**. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.*

Those three Scriptures alone argue more in favor of a stationary, fixed earth with a moving sun and moon *inside* the earth's firmament than for the typical model we - **including me** - hold to concerning our *globe* going around the sun. Even more so when you consider the *small* sun and moon (which are described as being the same size in the Flat/Enclosed Earth model) are described as parking over *specific cities*:

Joshua 10:12** Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, **Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

Ultimately, the question of the Bible's validity is raised when looking at the mechanics of the Joshua, Habakkuk and Isaiah stories from the "scientific" perspective. Because the only way the sun and moon could stand still and/or move BACKWARD across the sky in our standard model would be for the earth to stop or suddenly begin to rotate the other way, correct itself and then start back up again in order to get everything back to normal.

Using the scene from the first Superman movie as an example, the question of what would happen if the earth stopped rotating is addressed by the "How Stuff Works" website: <http://science.howstuffworks.com/science-vs-myth/what-if/what-if-earth-stopped-spinning.htm>

"Earth's magnetic field might go away, too. While we're not entirely sure how that magnetic field is generated, one leading theory states that it's the result of Earth's inner core rotating slightly faster than outer core (yep, two different rotations on one planet). If both of them stop, the mechanism behind Earth's magnetic field may as well, leaving us exposed to potential harmful solar winds "

Or how about this one from NASA: <http://image.gsfc.nasa.gov/poetry/ask/q1168.html>

"If the Earth stopped spinning suddenly, the atmosphere would still be in motion with the Earth's original 1100 mile per hour rotation speed at the equator. All of the land masses would be scoured clean of anything not attached to bedrock. This means rocks, topsoil, trees, buildings, your pet dog, and so on, would be swept away into the atmosphere."

Now watch these videos, as told by those who believe the current, dominant view of our cosmology:



So, if we are to claim we believe the Bible is true and we can take it literally, we have a big problem concerning the stories that describe the sun and moon standing still, and even going backward. I think these are questions worthy of answering from a Biblical world view. And I'm sorry, but typical "apologetics" responses such as the ones given here, don't really cut it for me: <http://creation.mobi/joshuas-long-day> Surely, we can do better than that! Of course, saying, "Well, God can do anything. He created the Universe, so surely He could suspend all of the laws of nature and physics to accommodate these miracles" is a nice Kindergarten answer. But such an answer will never satisfy a skeptic with an analytical, scientific mind. They will instead write our Bible off as a book of fantasy. Science triumphs over fantasy. Why believe a book that is so demonstrably false? See the problems we run into?

In an enclosed, flat, stationary model however, those problems are easily solved. The same with Scriptures like these:

Daniel 4:

10 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

Matthew 4:

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

I can hear the arguments already. Daniel is having a dream. In the temptation of Christ, Satan could have shown Jesus a "movie" of sorts, or maybe it was just all of the "local kingdoms" viewable from that particular mountain. In Revelation, maybe Jesus has booked a round-the-world tour before touching down (despite the fact that Scripture seems to be saying He's booked a direct flight, down from the clouds to the Mount of Olives). OK. But what if... we just believe what everyone else has been telling us in the Scriptures? If the world is flat, each of the above examples are totally doable. We don't have to make up excuses. We just have to believe it.



Then, of course we also have to deal with Scriptures that describe the stars falling from Heaven and/or ceasing to give their light, such as in these Scriptures:

***Isaiah 13:9** Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

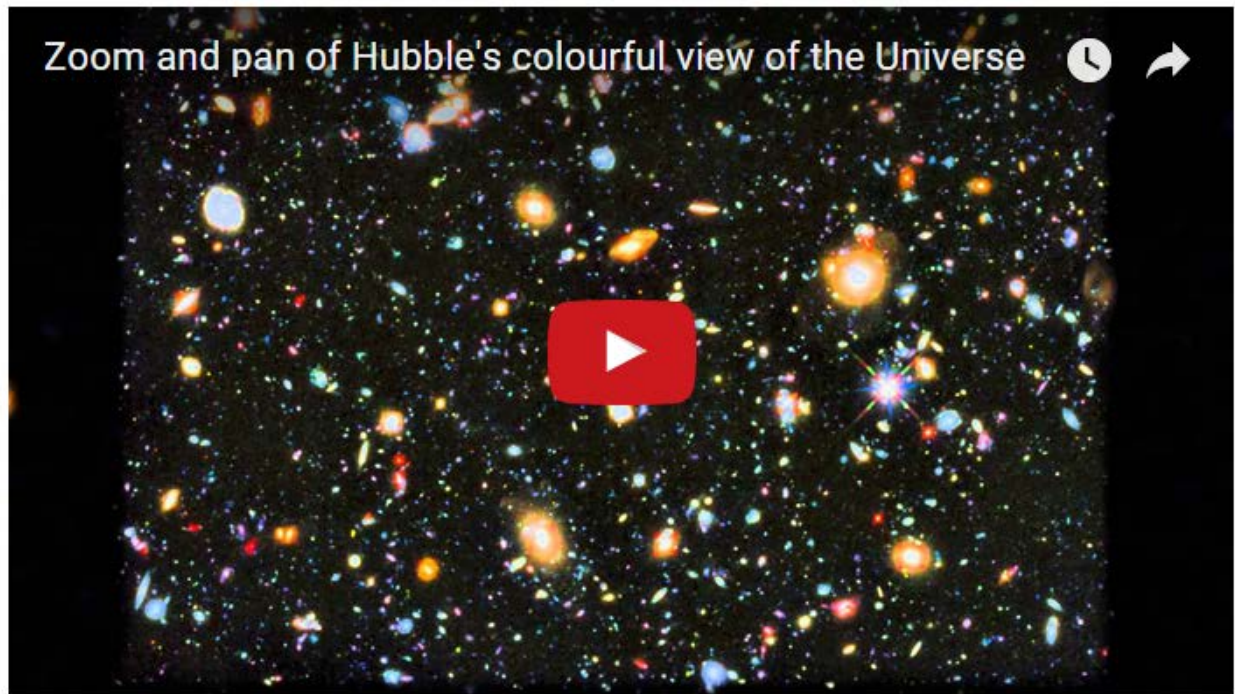
***10** For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.*

What? The stars and constellations are all going to "wink out" and no longer give their light? But what about the alleged planets going around those stars? Of course, we can try and rationalize this away and say that we just won't be able to see them because the sky on Earth is going to be cloudy or offer up some other lame, eisegetical explanation, but that's not what the text says.

We must also consider the fact that Genesis as well as the book of Enoch both tell us that the moon is a (female) "lesser light" that is self illuminating. Nothing in the ancient texts even hint at her as being a reflector of the sun. Even science confirms the fact that her light is quite different from that of her fiery, male counterpart. Isaiah also confirms this idea by stating that the moon "shall not **cause her light** to shine." Later in the text, Isaiah then goes on to describe the heavens rolling up like a scroll.

***Isaiah 34:4** And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.*

Wait. What? The Universe is going to roll up like a scroll? Its "hosts" (stars) are going to fall down... presumably on us?? How are we to imagine the cosmos that Carl Sagan and Stephen Hawkins want us to believe in doing this?



Furthermore, are we to accept the notion that the literal fate of the allegedly ever expanding Universe, as taught to us in school, literally hinges on the sin and subsequent judgement of humans on Earth? Are the worlds allegedly orbiting countless suns in billions of galaxies all going to be judged and burned up because of us? Is that really fair? Yet, this is *exactly* what we are literally forced to accept if we are to believe the Holy Spirit inspired words of prophets like Isaiah or apostles like Peter and John...

2 Peter 3:10 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

Revelation 6:14 *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

By the way, we must also note that Isaiah's prophecy concerning the stars falling finds a second witness in the words of Yeshua (Jesus Christ) Himself!

Matthew 24:

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

*29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and **the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:***

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This is an extraordinary passage of Scripture! First, we are told that we will essentially be bedazzled by "signs and wonders" such that even "the very elect" could be deceived by them. Then, we are told what not to look for and what we should look for in the coming return of our Savior. Immediately after the tribulation, we discover that the sun is going to be darkened and the moon will no longer give (not reflect) her light, and the stars will literally fall from Heaven.

Again, we find another witness concerning the stars falling, by our Savior in the Revelation of Jesus Christ as given to the Apostle John:

Revelation 6:13 *And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*

That's what was revealed to us by God from two different witnesses (one of them being the Creator Himself!) over hundreds of years. So, if we say we take the Bible literally, we'll have a big problem with these Scriptures. Then again, what right do we have to *not* take them literally? In other words, it is only

our preconceived notions of stars such as Acturus, Vega, Pollux, Aldebaran, Betelgeuse and Sirius as essentially being distant suns with planets going around them that prevent us from taking these Scriptures literally. I mean, it would be a *very bad day* if stars are what Carl Sagan and other monkey-man scientists would have us to believe they are come falling down to earth like figs! But *what if* the stars really are intelligent beings? We see a number of references to angels as stars. Take these for instance:

***Job 38:4** Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Singing stars during the Creation account? Note also that Job 38:7 quite literally **obliterates** the bogus "Sethite Theory" concerning Genesis 6:4. The sons of Seth were not there at the start of Creation. Sorry. Neither does the text of Genesis 6 make any mention whatsoever of the sons of Seth and the daughters of Cain. That's bogus eisegetical theology at its best. No. The "sons of God" of Job 38:7 are the same as the "sons of God" in Genesis 6:4. They are angels!

The Apostle John makes note of an angel as a star too...

***Revelation 9:1** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw **a star fall from heaven** unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.*

People even began to worship the stars as god-like, sentient beings:

***2 Kings 21:5** And he built **altars for all the host of heaven** in the two courts of the house of the LORD.*

2 Kings 23:5 (ISV)** The king unseated the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places throughout the cities of Judah and in the environs surrounding Jerusalem, including those who had been burning incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, **to the constellations, and to every star in the heavens.

***Note:** I chose the ISV for 2 Kings 23:5 because I believe the KJV is in error in its use of the word "planets" for "mazzaloth," which is the Hebrew version of what we call the Zodiac, or as the ISV renders it, "the constellations."*

***Acts 7:43** Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and **the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them:** and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.*

Biblically speaking, the "hosts of heaven" are usually associated with the "armies of heaven" - or in other words the angels. But the "hosts of heaven" is also frequently used as a reference to the stars. Could there be a reason for this? I think so. Note also: IF this proves to be true, then we must re-evaluate our thinking concerning this Scripture too:

Revelation 19:

***11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

***12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that*

no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

*14 And **the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.***

Again, all through the Scriptures, we see references to the armies of Heaven as "the hosts of heaven" and as YHWH being the "Lord of hosts" and such. Nowhere do we ever see a "bride" depicted as a soldier. Newly wedded women especially do NOT go to war. So it can not be the "Christians" (i.e. the "bride of Christ") who were supposedly Raptured out earlier that are coming back with Him. Could it then *literally* be the "hosts of heaven" - the billions of stars we see up there in the dome - that are coming with Him? I will cover this in a lot more depth in my upcoming blog, [Angels as Stars](#).

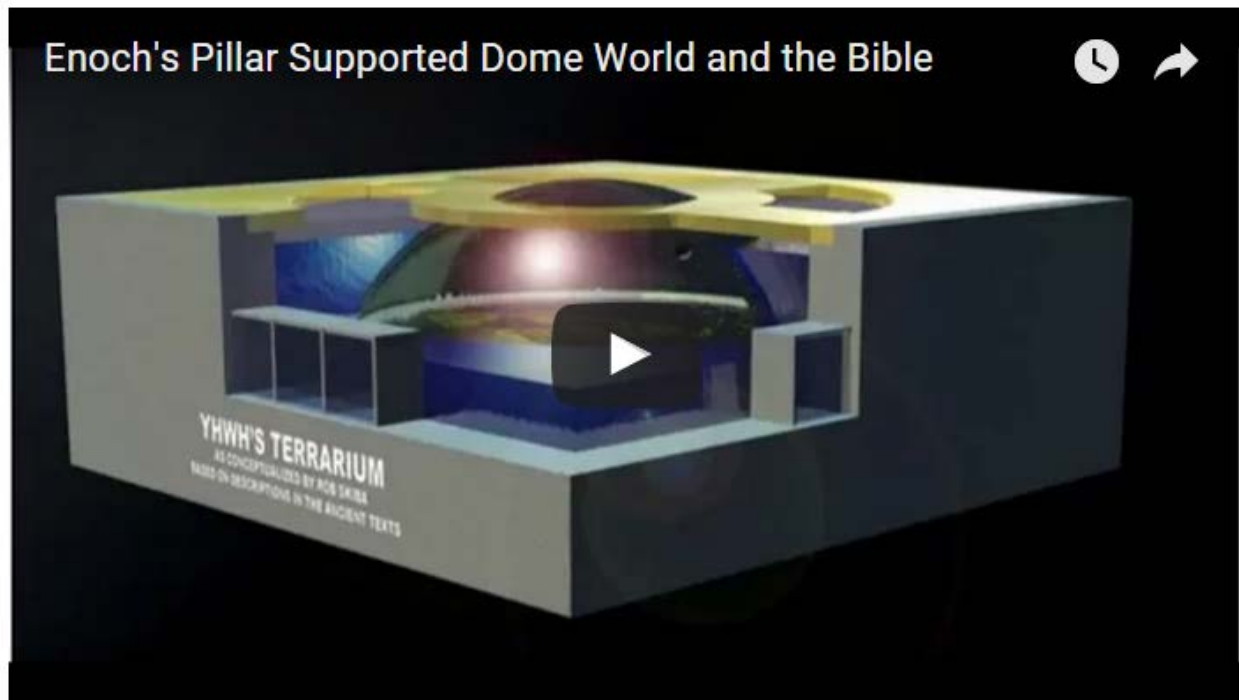
Getting back to the nature of our world and its place in the cosmos, there are a LOT more Scriptures we could look at regarding the above topics. In fact, the more you search the Bible for your answers, you'll keep running into descriptions of the earth stating:

- 1) It is fixed and not moving (spinning, orbiting, etc.)
- 2) It is circular and has edges/corners/pillars/foundations, etc.
- 3) The #4 comes up a lot in reference to 4 corners, 4 winds, etc. - the 4 corners indicating a circle carved into a square
- 4) It is hedged about with a boundary that connects with Heaven
- 5) There is a metallic canopy of sorts stretched out like a "tent" over it, *within which* the (sentient?) stars, sun and moon are placed to move about above the stationary earth.

Whether or not we want to accept this will depend on our willingness to admit the level of cognitive dissonance we still want to maintain. And lest you be tempted to think I'm just an uneducated, village idiot and nothing I've said has any "credibility" much less truth, please watch this video and see what Dr. Michael Heiser and others have to say about the Bible's descriptions of the cosmos:



Things get even worse if we accept the Book of Enoch as having any measure of credibility, because as far as I'm concerned, that book knocks a home run out of the park for the Flat Earthers.



Before we go into the Book of Enoch though, I'd like to take a good hard look at angels and how they relate to the stars above.



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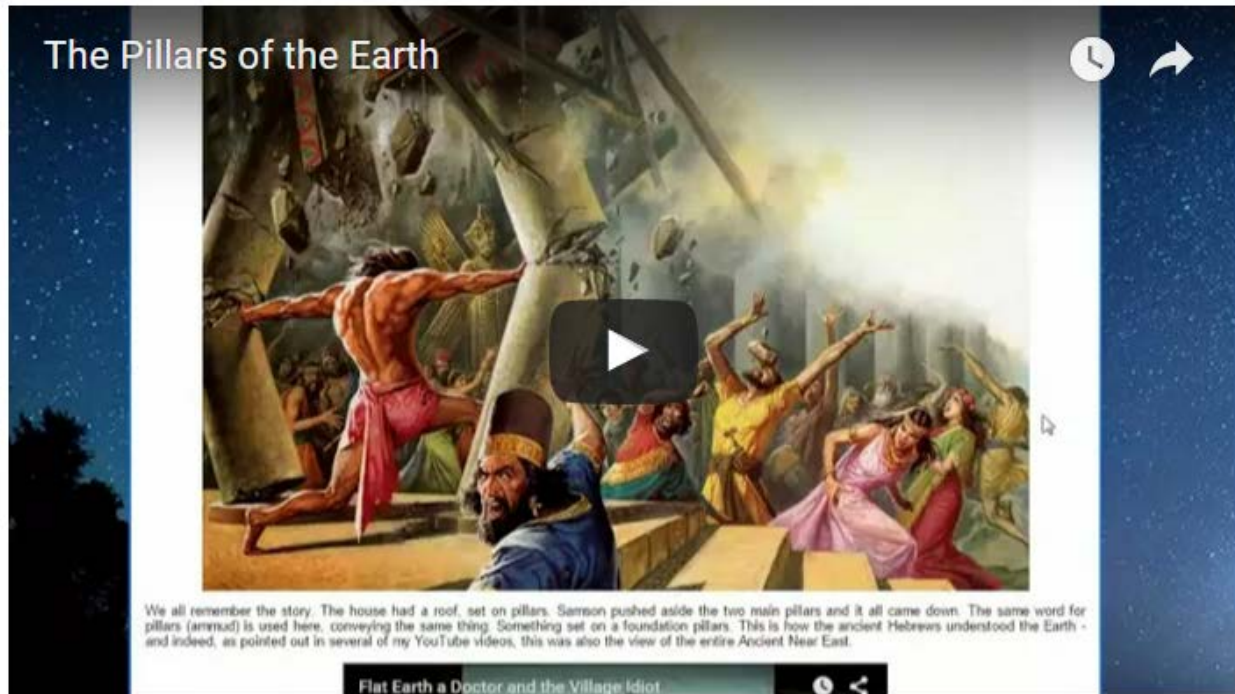
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Pillars of the Earth



Many like to point to the book of Job as a source for supporting the model of the Earth allegedly floating in the nothingness of space.



To promote this idea, they use *one* verse cherry-picked from Scripture:

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

They'll say, "See! Job is saying that the earth is hanging/suspended/floating in nothingness. This proves the earth is floating in space." But is this verse really saying that?

The word used for "nothing" is "belimah" and it likewise finds only this one singular reference in the whole of Scripture.

◀ 1099. belimah ▶

Strong's Concordance

belimah: nothingness
Original Word: בִּלְיָמָה
Part of Speech: Noun Masculine
Transliteration: belimah
Phonetic Spelling: (bel-ee-mah')
Short Definition: nothing

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin
from [beli](#) and [mah](#)
Definition
nothingness
NASB Translation
nothing (1).

Englishman's Concordance

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1 Occurrence
be-li- — 1 Occ.
Job 26:7
HEB: : אֶרֶץ עַל-בְּלִי-מָה
NAS: And hangs the earth *on nothing*.
KJV: [and] hangeth the earth *upon nothing*.
INT: the earth over *nothing* He
1 Occurrence

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בִּלְיָמָה noun [masculine] nothingness (from בִּלְיָ & מָה, literally *not-ought*) Job 26:7 who hangeth the earth on [בִּלְיָמָה](#).

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So, we can't even get a second textual witness for this idea. Yet, Scripture says (over and over again) that we need two to three witnesses to establish truth (for instance: [2 Corinthians 13:1](#)). So, where are the confirming witnesses in Scripture for the notion that the Earth is suspended in nothingness? There are none. But what if that's not what Job was saying anyway?

If I were to say, "*I am in want for nothing*" you would understand this to mean that I do not want anything. In other words, I lack no thing. Even the dictionary confirms this:

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want for nothing

want for nothing

Not lack any necessities or comforts, as in *He saw to it that his mother wanted for nothing*. This term uses *want* in the sense of "lack." "Mid-1600s"

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Likewise, if I were to say, *"There is nothing you can do for me."* you would understand that there is not anything you could do. So, could it be that when Job spoke in chapter 26 verse 7, he is really saying *"The earth is not hung on anything"*? In other words, Job knew that the world is not "hung on anything" but rather it is set on pillars! Indeed, just a few verses later, he recognizes that Heaven is also set on pillars!

Job 26:11 *The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.*

In his cosmological worldview, the heavens were attached to the earth, which was itself set on pillars:

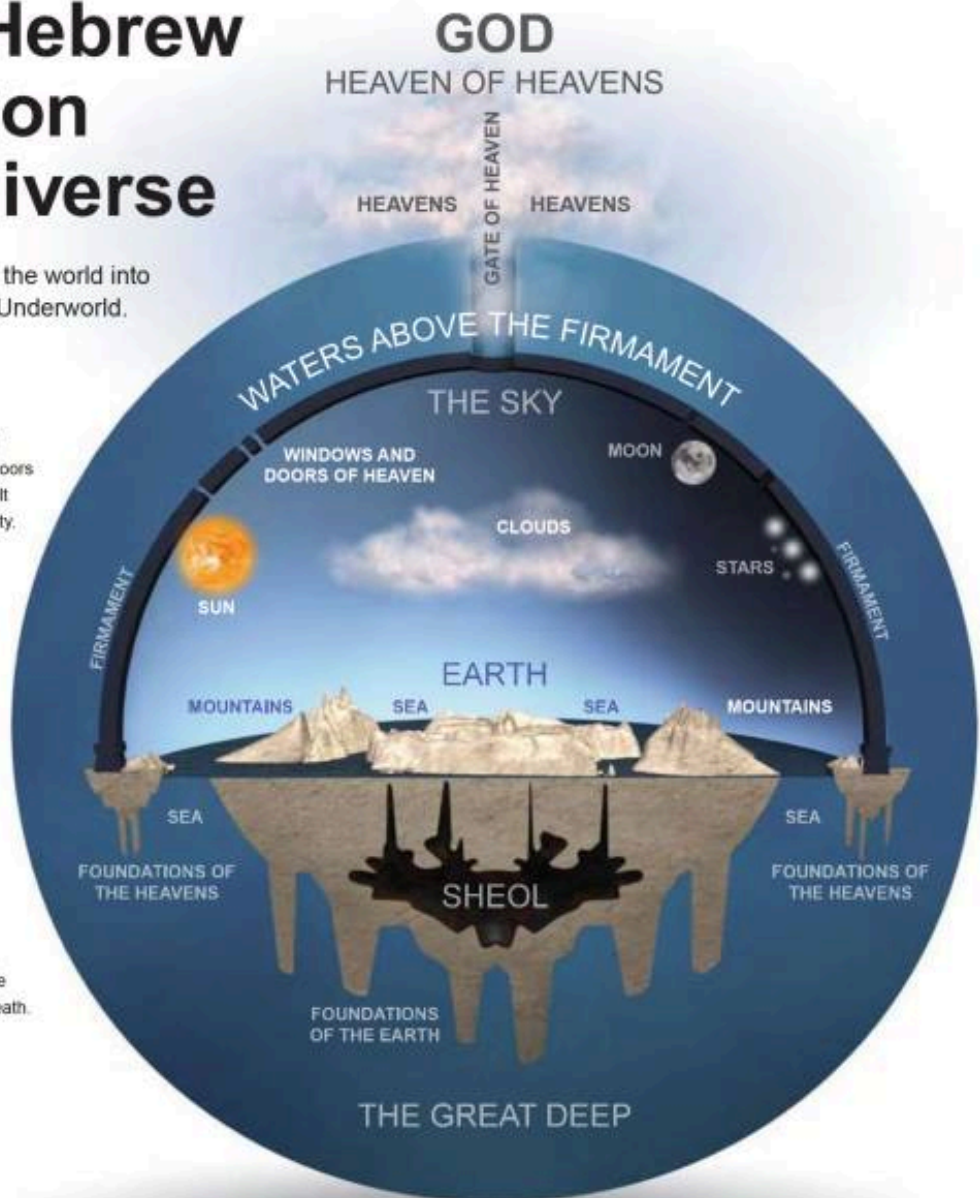
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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So, if Job had the above understanding, he certainly could not have been saying that the Earth is suspended (as a ball) in empty space. Furthermore, if we assume the notion that he had a contrary view to the above depicted cosmology, we end up having Job contradicting himself. After all, he was also the one speaking earlier in Job chapter 9, where we find him saying...

Job 9:6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

In confirmation of this, in Job 38, it is YHWH Who is speaking there (as a very powerful second Witness) and He likewise conveys the idea that the Earth is set on a "foundation" - rather than hanging from anything. So, in other words, He confirms that the Earth is hung on no-thing, but rather it is set on something.

Job 38:

- 1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,***
- 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?***
- 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.***
- 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.***
- 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?***
- 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;***
- 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?***

Later in Holy Spirit inspired Scripture, we get more details concerning this foundation...

1 Samuel 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.

2 Samuel 22:16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

1 Chronicles 16:30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Psalms 18:15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

Psalms 75:3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

Psalms 93:1 The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Psalms 96:

- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.***
- 10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.***
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.***

Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou **laid the foundation of the earth**: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Psalm 104:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Jonah 2:6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her **bars** was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.

The last one from Jonah uses a different word. It uses the Hebrew word "beriach," which while not being a pillar, still conveys the same basic imagery of a shaft or a pole:

◀ 1280. beriach

Strong's Concordance

beriach: a bar

Original Word: בְּרִיחַ

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: beriach

Phonetic Spelling: (ber-ee'-akh)

Short Definition: bars

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Word Origin

from barach

Definition

a bar

NASB Translation

bar (3), bars (36), bolt (1).

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בְּרִיחַ **noun masculine bar** (compare Assyrian *burû*—*u*, spearshaft, spear, COT^{Gloss}) —

בְּרִיחַ Deuteronomy 3:5 11t. (construct Amos 1:5 etc.); בְּרִיחוֹ Exodus 35:11; Exodus 39:38

The word for "pillars" in Hebrew is "ammud":

◀ 5982. ammud

Strong's Concordance

ammud: a pillar, column

Original Word: עמוד

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: ammud

Phonetic Spelling: (am-mood')

Short Definition: pillars

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from [amad](#)

Definition

a pillar, column

NASB Translation

column (1), columns (2), pillar (29), pillars (77), posts (1).

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noun masculine ^{1Kings 7:15} **pillar, column**; — עמוד absolute [1 Kings 7:15](#) +, construct [Exodus 13:21](#) +; עמוד absolute [Jeremiah 52:21](#), construct [Numbers 14:14](#); suffix

These "ammud" pillars are the foundation upon which the earth is set. Speaking of the word "foundation," that comes from the Hebrew word, "yasad":

◀ 3245. yasad

Strong's Concordance

yasad: to establish, found, fix

Original Word: יָסַד

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: yasad

Phonetic Spelling: (yaw-sad')

Short Definition: founded

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. root

Definition

to establish, found, fix

NASB Translation

appointed (2), established (4), firmly placed (1), found (1), foundation (6), foundation will be laid (1), foundations I will lay (1), foundations which laid (1), founded (11), given orders (1), laid (5), laid its foundations (1), laid the foundation (3), laid the foundations (1), lay its foundation (1), lay the foundation (1), laying (1), lays the foundation (1), make (1), rebuilding (1), set (1), take counsel (1), took counsel (1).

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So, how can the earth be "hanging from nothing" yet still be set on a firmly placed foundation - with a "corner stone" no less (Job 38:6)? That makes no sense.

Perhaps one of the most easily understood usages of this concept of pillars as a foundation is given to us in the story of Samson...

Judges 16:

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

*25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the **pillars**. 26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel **the pillars whereupon the house standeth**, that I may lean upon them. 27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.*

*28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle **pillars** upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. 30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life. 31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.*



We all remember the story. The house had a roof, set on pillars. Samson pushed aside the two main pillars and it all came down. The same word for pillars (ammud) is used here, conveying the same thing: Something set on a foundation pillars. This is how the ancient Hebrews understood the Earth - and indeed, as pointed out in several of my YouTube videos, this was also the view of the entire Ancient Near East.

Taking a more scholarly approach to the above issue concerning Job 26:7, Robert Schneider of the Berea College wrote an on-line article for The American Scientific Affiliation, also noting that the idea of the Earth floating in the nothingness of space was foreign to Job:

Job 26:7--Empty Space or Whatnot?

Yamauchi concludes his article with: "Note the remarkable concept given in Job 26:7." Let us turn now to this other passage. Here is how the NRSV renders this verse:

He stretches out Zaphon over the void, and hangs the earth upon nothing.

Like the poetic oracles of the prophet who proclaimed the words of Isa 40:22, the Book of Job contains some of the most powerful and affecting verse in the Old Testament. And Job 26:7, a couplet with a subject-verb-object-preposition-object arrangement, exemplifies an important feature of Hebrew poetry, its parallel structure. Here is the verse in a consonantal transliteration, followed by Suder's literal translation:

nth tzphn 'l - thw tlh 'rtz 'l - bly-mh

[He] stretches Zaphon upon chaos, suspends the land upon what (not)?

Perhaps picking up on Yamauchi's reference, Walter Kaiser writes in his article on belîimâ: (from belîi and mâ: "not-aught"): "Found only in Job 26:7. The Lord 'hangs the earth upon nothing' (RSV), a remarkable vision of the earth being supported in space by the power of God."[40](#) It is this notion of the earth hanging in space that perhaps has encouraged creationists like Eastman and Morris to claim that this verse also refers to a spherical earth, although there is nothing that indicates plainly what shape of the earth the poet had in mind. I shall contend that interpreting Job 26:7 is a far from simple matter, and that its meaning is shrouded in mystery. The question is, can the mystery be penetrated?

The ambiguity that characterizes this poetic hymn verse begins in the first line with "Zaphon," which some translators retain in English (NRSV, JPSV, Marvin Pope[41](#)) while most render it as "the north" (Geneva Bible followed by KJV and NKJV; NAB, NJB); the REB reads "the canopy of the skies" and the NIV reads "the northern skies."[42](#) The Hebrew sapôn is of uncertain etymology, but in the Canaanite tablets unearthed at Ugarit in 1927, Zaphon is described as the mountain of the ba'alim. It has been identified with Mt. Casius in northern Syria. Zaphon as mountain is found in other passages of the Old Testament: in the derision song of Isa. 14:4-20, Zaphon is identified with the mount of assembly of the gods in the north (v. 13); and in the praise psalm 48, Zion the mount of Yahweh is called (v. 2) "peak of Zaphon."[43](#) Sapôn also came to mean "the north" as a compass point or geographical location.[44](#) It was probably with this interpretation in mind that the LXX used the Greek word for "north," boréan; and both the Old Latin and the Vulgate used aquilonem, the Latin equivalent. Likewise, many English versions have used "the north." Since heaven and earth are often coupled in creation hymns, some translators have interpreted sapôn here to mean "the heaven."[45](#) W. H. Schmidt opines that it is difficult to imagine a

mountain being "stretched out,"⁴⁶ and there are those passages in Isaiah in which God is said to "stretch out" the heavens (40:22b; 42:5; 44:24). Still, there is little consensus among translators as to its meaning.

In the next line, there is a remarkable image: God "hangs (or, suspends) the earth upon nothing." What does "hang" mean in this context, and what meaning of "the earth" is to be understood? The Hebrew word *tâlâh* here means "hang" in the sense of "hang something on something," e.g., upon a peg (cf. Isa. 44:23-24; Ezek. 15:3).⁴⁷ The meaning of "earth" (*'erets*) here seems somewhat ambiguous: it may refer to the earth as the other part of a bipartite creation,⁴⁸ but it may refer also to the earth as "the land." The combined words may remind one of Job 38:12-13, where God commands the dawn to "take hold of the skirts of the earth" (NRSV) and shake the wicked out of it.⁴⁹ Does the poet by this metaphor suggest that the earth is to be imaged as a garment, not hanging down, perhaps, but spread out? No certain answer can be given, I think.

The crux of this remarkable couplet, however, lies in the words that end each line. In the first, God "stretches Zaphon over *tohû*," and in the second he "hangs the earth upon *belîmâ*." In the parallelism that characterizes Hebrew poetry, the same thing or concept is often repeated using a different word or phrase, so it may be that *belîmâ* in some way repeats or develops the notion intended by *tohû*. I shall review the various meanings of these terms, then examine how they have been rendered.

The first, *tohû*, harks back to the *tohûwabohû* of Gen. 1:1, where the earth, i.e., the other part of the creation besides the heavens, is described as "formless and empty." HELOT refers specifically to Job 26:7 in giving "nothingness, empty space" as meanings. A. H. Konkel, citing the same verse, reads *tohû* as "nothingness, void, emptiness."⁵⁰ The word that concludes the second line is a hapax legomena composed of *belîi* and *mâ*.⁵¹ *Mâ* functions both as an interrogative and as an indefinite pronoun, meaning "What?" "How?" or "aught."⁵² *Belîi*, meaning "not," is a negative used primarily in poetry; rather than negating something it conveys the sense of "without something."⁵³ Kaiser renders *belîma* as "not aught."⁵⁴ But might *mâ* have an interrogative rather than an indefinite force here, as in Suder's translation? Is the poet asking "what?"

If we put these two together, do we have a notion resembling *tohûwabohû*, something that is akin to "formless and empty"? Does *belîmâ* reinforce and make stronger the meaning of *tohû*, the author expressing more intensely the sense of nothingness and emptiness over and upon which God "stretches" and "hangs"? Such an interpretation, and the parallelism evident in this couplet, might, in turn, lead the reader to take "Zaphon" literally, referring not to the northern skies but to the mountain that rests upon the earth to the geographical north and which might be understood as an earthly dwelling place of God, so that the whole couplet refers to the earthly part of the creation hung and stretched out over the mysterious "not-anything."

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educated.**

Kaiser remarks that while it would be improper to impose twentieth-century cosmological knowledge on this creation hymn, "it is nonetheless striking that 26:7 pictures the then-known world as suspended in space. In so doing, it anticipates (at the very least!) future scientific discovery."[55](#) Comments like this as well as renderings of *tohû* as "empty space" might give encouragement to creationist interpreters of this verse. Before assessing this translation, let us see what tradition offers.

The LXX translators appear to have understood these two words to be equivalent, for they rendered both by the Greek neuter form *oudén*, "nothing," using in the first line the accusative singular *oudén*, in the second the genitive singular *oudenós*, both with the same preposition, *epí*, "upon" or "over," which may express the concept of place with either grammatical case, and in particular with the accusative can convey the meaning of "extension over a place."[56](#) In the Old Latin versions, we find *tohû* rendered as *nihilum*, *beliimâ* as *nihilum in aerem*.[57](#) In the Vulgate, Jerome, relying on the Hebrew, renders the first with the neuter accusative *vacuum*, the second with the neuter accusative *nihilum*.[58](#) Both words are introduced by the same preposition, *super*, "above, over, upon." The basic meaning of *vacuum* is "not containing or holding anything, empty." Jerome evidently thought that it conveyed the meaning of *tohû* better than the *nihilum* of the Old Latin. The latter word has the basic meaning of "not anything, nothing," thus to Jerome conveying the sense of *beliimâ*.[59](#)

The ancient translators seem to have attempted to render the Hebrew as literally as they could. Twentieth-century translators offer a variety of readings. *Belimâ* is rendered as "nothing" (NIV, NKJV, NRSV, Pope), "nothingness" (NJB), "nothing at all" (NAB), "the void" (REB), or "emptiness" (JPSV), all introduced by the prepositions "over" or "upon." *Tohû* is variously translated as "the void" (NJB, NRSV, Pope), "chaos" (JPSV, REB), or "empty space" (NIV, NKJV, NAB).

I think the translation "empty space" is rather problematical. It is instructive to examine the difference between the readings of the KJV translators and their modern revisers. Instead of "empty space" (NKJV) the former, following verbatim the Geneva Bible, translated *tohû* as "the empty place." Here is the entire couplet:

He stretcheth out the North (KJV, north) over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

The difference is telling to anyone familiar with the world-picture that prevailed in the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. The Reformation translators still lived in an Aristotelian and Ptolemaic cosmos, whether or not any of them had become Copernicans. Aristotelian science dominated the universities. In 1560 and 1611, the heavens were understood to consist of a series of concentric spheres filled with the element *aether*; there was no such concept as "empty space," at least not one acceptable to the great majority of the educated. While it had come under serious criticism by some Renaissance philosophers, Aristotle's concept of *Place* (*tópos*) still held sway. For Aristotle, everything in the Cosmos exists in a *Place*, which he defined as the "containing vessel" of a thing. The inner sphere of the revolving heavens constitutes the containing vessel of the earth, and likewise, within the domain of the earth each thing's place "must need be ... the limiting surface of the body continent--the content being a material substance susceptible of movement by transference." In his exposition of this difficult concept in the *Physics*, Aristotle goes on to argue specifically against the existence of the Void, a central component of Epicurean atomism.[60](#)

While the word "space" is attested in English as early as the fourteenth century, it is not used to convey the notion of physical or astronomical space, certainly not the absolute space of Newton or the relative space of Leibniz, before the middle of the seventeenth century.[61](#) Because of its association with

atheism, the concept of the Void also was not popular; atomism needed a "baptism" by theoretical physicist Pierre Gassendi in the 1650s to render it respectable enough to be incorporated into a world view acceptable to Christian thought.⁶² The Protestant translators in Switzerland and England would not have understood the concept implied in the "empty space" of their latter-day revisers.

The translation "empty space" invites a popular interpretation based on a modern cosmology, not on the cosmology of the ancient Hebrews, and it lends encouragement to readers, whether creationists or not, to see in this passage in Job an "anticipation" of a modern concept.

Yet, if these translators breathed an atmosphere that was Aristotelian and had the notion of Place as a part of their world view, they have turned it on its head. No place in Aristotle's world is "empty," but these translators have written "the empty place." What did they mean by "place" here? Specifically, what did they mean by "the empty place"? Were they expressing what to them would seem a paradox? Or were they simply trying to make sense of *tohû* given its basic meaning and this context, perhaps guided by the *ep' oudén* of the LXX, with the prepositional sense of "extension over a place"? What they could not have meant by it is the "empty space" of a modern scientific world-picture, and that is what makes this particular translation so problematical. I think it is a good example of how a sincere attempt to render an ancient and puzzling expression into a term comprehensible to a contemporary readership can lead to misunderstanding.⁶³ The translation "empty space" invites a popular interpretation based on a modern cosmology, not on the cosmology of the ancient Hebrews, and it lends encouragement to readers, whether creationists or not, to see in this passage in Job an "anticipation" of a modern concept. But, to go from an indefinite "emptiness" and "what-not" to "empty space" or "infinite space" (NJB comment) is too big a stretch, too expansive an interpretation. Better, I think, to leave its meaning a mystery, as it seems to have been to the translators who gave us "the empty place" of the 1560 and 1611 versions.

What, then, can we make of Job 26:7? While its sense is hardly plain, one notion it certainly does not convey, I would tell my students, is that of a spherical earth held by the force of gravity in space (Morris). The earth that hangs on nothing is also the earth that rests on "pillars," which tremble when God shakes the earth (Job 9:6), or upon a "foundation" with bases and a cornerstone (Job 38:6). It is also the dry land that God separated from the waters of the encircling deep (Gen. 1:9-10; Job 26:10; Prov. 8:27), that the psalmists describe as "founded ... upon the ocean, set ... upon the nether-streams" (24:1-2, JPSV; cf. Exod. 20:4), the earth which God "stretched out ... above the waters" (136:6 KJV). I see no value in trying to reconcile these many and varied metaphorical images with our own image of a spherical, rotating planet--aside from the fact that these ancients did not think of the earth as a planet. What Job 26:7, indeed the entire creation hymn of which it is a part, does convey, in all of its majesty and mystery, is the presence and power of the One who creates and sustains, and who holds all of the creation under his gaze. The response it calls for is awe, not scientific analysis.

- Robert Schneider, excerpt from "Does the Bible Teach a Spherical Earth
Source: <http://www.asa3.org/ASA/PSCF/2001/PSCF9-01Schneider.html>

Unfortunately, just like Dr. Michael Heiser and others, Mr. Schneider provides an excellent analysis of the text, showing precisely how the ancients viewed the cosmos, but then (as usual) he negates all of it - just as many others do - by saying that the Bible is "not a book of science" and therefore we should not judge it by that criteria. Oddly enough, many Creationists would argue that the Bible *does* accurately teach science in a number of ways, while at the same time, they will dismiss every reference to the nature of the earth, sun, moon and stars, which conflicts with what monkey-man science teaches. Rather, instead, they will try and manipulate the text (as in Job 26:7) to try and force it to, in effect, be the "science" they want it to convey. This seems quite hypocritical to me. And I would say (whether intentionally or unintentionally) they are being very dishonest with the text.

So, which is it? Is the Bible only about "theological messaging" and anywhere that it speaks of the nature of the earth, sun, moon and stars it is *always* speaking "poetically" and "allegorically"... or does the Creator of the Universe actually know how to accurately describe His Creation to His created beings, who were made in His likeness?

In Schneider's concluding remarks he writes,

The theological truths about creation which Scripture proclaims are not dependent upon the cosmological models in which they are set. In fact, the biblical writers offer believers a valuable lesson for interpreting the doctrine of creation: one can take whatever is the current cosmological model and use it to understand more deeply and clearly God's relationship to the creation. That is what Second Isaiah, the author of Job, and the writer(s) of Genesis 1 did: they conveyed revelations about creation using the "standard model" of the cosmos they shared with their Semitic neighbors, while at the same time challenging and rejecting their theogonies and theologies. And we can do the same.

I'm sorry, but I simply cannot agree with this idea because A) the text was not written for their "Semitic neighbors" and B) the text was Divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit and the Creator would surely know how to accurately describe His own creation to His intended audience - a people who were to be "set apart" from the beliefs of their "Semitic neighbors. So, this really seems like a lame apologetic to me.

Face it folks: The Bible says what it says, and unfortunately, for Christians and Creationists alike, it does not say anything that would in any way support the idea of a spinning, heliocentric globe, suspended in the nothingness of space, inside a galaxy among billions of others in an ever expanding universe. And selecting Job 26:7 as a singular, cherry-picked reference simply cannot be used to contradict [the rest of Scripture - which clearly describes the earth as fixed, stationary, circular and flat, with edges, set on pillars, under a dome, within which the sun, moon and stars were placed on Day 4 of Creation.](#)

ENOCH AND THE STILL FLAT EARTH

When it comes to the Book of Enoch, I know many want to dispute whether or not we should consider it canon, or even a valid source for deriving, confirming and/or elaborating on the canonized Biblical truths. Many commentaries have been written giving the various perceived pros and cons of doing so. For me, I have no *need* to consider it "Scripture." However, I do value it primarily because the authors of Scripture certainly did, even to the point of directly quoting from it, while under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Concerning the seeming ambiguities of canonized Scripture as it pertains to the issues being addressed here in this essay, I like the way Robert Schadewald handles the Book of Enoch in his online article:

Ambiguities in ancient documents can often be elucidated by consulting contemporary documents. The most important ancient document describing Hebrew cosmology is 1 Enoch (sometimes called the Ethiopic Book of Enoch), one of those long, disjointed, scissors and paste jobs beloved by ancient scribes. For a dozen or so centuries, European scholars knew 1 Enoch only from numerous passages preserved in the patristic literature. In 1773, the Scottish adventurer James Bruce found complete copies in Ethiopia.

Numerous manuscripts of 1 Enoch have since been found in Ethiopian monasteries. Turn of the century scholars concluded that parts of the book are pre-Maccabean, and most (perhaps all) of it was composed by 100 B.C. [Charles, 1913]. These conclusions were largely vindicated when numerous fragments of 1 Enoch were found among the so-called Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran.

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First Enoch is important for another reason. Unlike the canonical books of the Bible, which (in my view) were never meant to teach science, sections of 1 Enoch were intended to describe the natural world. The narrator sometimes sounds like a 2nd century B.C. Carl Sagan explaining the heavens and earth to the admiring masses. The Enochian cosmology is precisely the flat-earth cosmology previously derived from the canonical books.

Excerpts sourced from: <https://www.lhup.edu/~dsimanek/febible.htm>

Whether or not we consider the Book of Enoch to be Scripture is irrelevant. If you at least accept it as having any measure of credibility as a contemporary Biblical commentary, you'll see this concept of a flat/enclosed earth is described in even more detail by its writer(s), thus revealing how the ancient Hebrews viewed the heavens, earth, sun, moon and stars when they both wrote and read the canonized texts. For Enoch to have been so well preserved in multiple copies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and for authors such as Jude and later "Church Fathers" to quote directly from it, this shows us the book was held in high regard, at least well into the first few centuries AD. I contend it is still worthy of taking notice of in our day as well. Especially, when you consider the opening words of the book:

1 Enoch 1:1. *The words of the blessing of Enoch, wherewith he blessed the elect and righteous, **who will be living in the day of tribulation, when all the wicked and godless are to be removed.** 2. And he took up his parable and said--Enoch a righteous man, whose eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens, which the angels showed me, and from them I heard everything, and from them I understood as I saw, **but not for this generation, but for a remote one which is for to come.***

I believe we are that remote, future generation, that was to come and live "in the day of tribulation." As many of you know, I published a book called, [Genesis and the Synchronized, Biblically-Endorsed, Extra-Biblical Texts](#) a couple of years ago, which includes the book of 1 Enoch. In the Introduction to that volume, I wrote that I was putting together a stand-alone version of the Book of Enoch with footnotes and commentary. As I began working on that, I found that when you get to about chapter 17 or so, you start finding some very interesting descriptions of heaven and earth, which sound a *lot* like the Flat/Enclosed Earth model. We will now explore just a handful of them here.

Enoch's view on the nature of the earth:

1 Enoch 18:1. *I saw the treasures of all the winds: I saw how He had furnished with them the whole creation and the firm foundations of the earth. 2. And I saw the corner-stone of the earth: I saw the four winds which bear [the earth and] the firmament of the heaven. 3. And I saw how the winds stretch out the vaults of heaven, and have their station between heaven and earth: these are the pillars of the heaven . 4. I saw the winds of heaven which turn and bring the circumference of the sun and all the stars to their setting. 5. I saw the winds on the earth carrying the clouds: I saw the paths of the angels. I saw at the end of the earth the firmament of the heaven above. And I proceeded and saw a place which burns day and night, where there are seven mountains of magnificent stones, three towards the east, and three towards the south. 7. And as for those towards the east, 〈 one 〉 was of coloured stone, and one of pearl, and one of jacinth, and those towards the south of red stone. 8. But the middle one reached to heaven like the throne of God, of alabaster, and the summit of the throne was of sapphire. 9. And I saw a flaming fire. And beyond these mountains 10. is a region the end of the great earth: there the heavens were completed. 11. And I saw a deep abyss, with columns of heavenly fire, and among them I saw columns of fire fall, which were beyond measure alike towards the height and towards the depth. 12. And beyond that abyss I saw a place which had no firmament of the heaven above, and no firmly founded earth beneath it: there was no water upon it, and no birds, but it was a waste and horrible place.*

Is Job 26:7 (concerning the earth hanging on "nothing") just a confirmation of what Enoch is saying here? Enoch described a place where there was nothing. Job describes the same:

Job 26:7 *He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.*

Enoch clearly describes the earth on a foundation (like so many other authors as seen above). But he also describes a place beyond the ends of the earth. A place of horrible nothingness. Whatever your view may be, it is clear, either one of these authors has borrowed from the other or they both were inspired by the same Source. Enoch again describes this place...

1 Enoch 21: *1. And I proceeded to where things were chaotic. 2. And I saw there something horrible: I saw neither a heaven above nor a firmly founded earth, but a place chaotic and horrible.*

1 Enoch 23:1. *From thence I went to another place to the west of the ends of the earth.*

1 Enoch 33:1. *And from thence I went to the ends of the earth and saw there great beasts, and each differed from the other; and (I saw) birds also differing in appearance and beauty and voice, the one differing from the other. 2. And to the east of those beasts I saw the ends of the earth whereon the*

heaven rests, and the portals of the heaven open. 3. And I saw how the stars of heaven come forth, and I counted the portals out of which they proceed, and wrote down all their outlets, of each individual star by itself, according to their number and their names, their courses and their positions, and their times and their months, as Uriel the holy angel who was with me showed me. 4. He showed all things to me and wrote them down for me: also their names he wrote for me, and their laws and their companies.

Enoch's view on the nature of the sun, moon and stars:

1 Enoch 72:

*1. The book of the courses of the luminaries of the heaven, the relations of each, according to their classes, their dominion and their seasons, according to their names and places of origin, and according to their months, which Uriel, the holy angel, who was with me, who is their guide, showed me; and he showed me all their laws exactly as they are, and how it is with regard to all the years of the world and unto eternity, till the new creation is accomplished which dureth till eternity. 2. And this is the first law of the luminaries: **the luminary the Sun has its rising in the eastern portals of the heaven, and its setting in the western portals of the heaven.** 3. And I saw six portals in which the sun rises, and six portals in which the sun sets and the moon rises and sets in these portals, and the leaders of the stars and those whom they lead: six in the east and six in the west, and all following each other in accurately corresponding order: also many windows to the right and left of these portals. 4. And first there goes forth the great luminary, named the Sun, and his circumference is like the circumference of the heaven, and he is quite filled with illuminating and heating fire. 5. The chariot on which he ascends, the wind drives, and the sun goes down from the heaven and returns through the north in order to reach the east, and is so guided that he comes to the appropriate (lit. 'that') portal and shines in the face of the heaven. 6. In this way he rises in the first month in the great portal, which is the fourth those six portals in the east. 7. And in that fourth portal from which the sun rises in the first month are twelve window-openings, from which proceed a flame when they are opened in their season. 8. When the sun rises in the heaven, he comes forth through that fourth portal thirty mornings in succession, and sets accurately in the fourth portal in the west of the heaven. 9. And during this period the day becomes daily longer and the night nightly shorter to the thirtieth morning. 10. On that day the day is longer than the night by a ninth part, and the day amounts exactly to ten parts and the night to eight parts. 11. And the sun rises from that fourth portal, and sets in the fourth and returns to the fifth portal of the east thirty mornings, and rises from it and sets in the fifth portal. 12. And then the day becomes longer by two parts and amounts to eleven parts, and the night becomes shorter and amounts to seven parts. 13. And it returns to the east and enters into the sixth portal, and rises and sets in the sixth portal one-and-thirty mornings on account of its sign. 14. On that day the day becomes longer than the night, and the day becomes double the night, and the day becomes twelve parts, and the night is shortened and becomes six parts. 15. And the sun mounts up to make the day shorter and the night longer, and the sun returns to the east and enters into the sixth portal, and rises from it and sets thirty mornings. 16. And when thirty mornings are accomplished, the day decreases by exactly one part, and becomes eleven parts, and the night seven. 17. And the sun goes forth from that sixth portal in the west, and goes to the east and rises in the fifth portal for thirty mornings, and sets in the west again in the fifth western portal. 18. On that day the day decreases by two parts, and amounts to ten parts and the night to eight parts. 19. And the sun goes forth from that fifth portal and sets in the fifth portal of the west, and rises in the fourth portal for one-and-thirty mornings on account of its sign, and sets in the west. 20. On that day the day is equalized with the*

night, [and becomes of equal length], and the night amounts to nine parts and the day to nine parts. 21. And the sun rises from that portal and sets in the west, and returns to the east and rises thirty mornings in the third portal and sets in the west in the third portal. 22. And on that day the night becomes longer than the day, and night becomes longer than night, and day shorter than day till the thirtieth morning, and the night amounts exactly to ten parts and the day to eight parts. 23. And the sun rises from that third portal and sets in the third portal in the west and returns to the east, and for thirty mornings rises in the second portal in the east, and in like manner sets in the second portal in the west of the heaven. 24. And on that day the night amounts to eleven parts and the day to seven parts. 25. And the sun rises on that day from that second portal and sets in the west in the second portal, and returns to the east into the first portal for one-and-thirty mornings, and sets in the first portal in the west of the heaven. 26. And on that day the night becomes longer and amounts to the double of the day: and the night amounts exactly to twelve parts and the day to six. 27. And the sun has (therewith) traversed the divisions of his orbit and turns again on those divisions of his orbit, and enters that portal thirty mornings and sets also in the west opposite to it. 28. And on that night has the night decreased in length by a [†]ninth[†] part, and the night has become eleven parts and the day seven parts. 29. And the sun has returned and entered into the second portal in the east, and returns on those his divisions of his orbit for thirty mornings, rising and setting. 30. And on that day the night decreases in length, and the night amounts to ten parts and the day to eight. 31. And on that day the sun rises from that portal, and sets in the west, and returns to the east, and rises in the third portal for one-and-thirty mornings, and sets in the west of the heaven. 32. On that day the night decreases and amounts to nine parts, and the day to nine parts, and the night is equal to the day and the year is exactly as to its days three hundred and sixty-four. 33. And the length of the day and of the night, and the shortness of the day and of the night arise--through the course of the sun these distinctions are made (lit. 'they are separated'). 34. So it comes that its course becomes daily longer, and its course nightly shorter. 35. And this is the law and the course of the sun, and his return as often as he returns sixty times and rises, i.e. the great luminary which is named the sun, for ever and ever. 36. And that which (thus) rises is the great luminary, and is so named according to its appearance, according as the Lord commanded. 37. As he rises, so he sets and decreases not, and rests not, but runs day and night, and his light is sevenfold brighter than that of the moon; **but as regards size they are both equal.**

Whether or not David ever read the Book of Enoch, he certainly seemed to have had a very similar view of the sun as a male, coming out of a chamber (or portal):

Psalms 19:

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Here is Enoch's take on the moon...

1 Enoch 73: 1. *And after this law I saw another law dealing with the smaller luminary, which is named the Moon.* 2. *And her circumference is like the circumference of the heaven, and her chariot in which she rides is driven by the wind, and light is given to her in (definite) measure.* 3. *And her rising and setting change every month: and her days are like the days of the sun, and when her light is uniform (i.e. full) it amounts to the seventh part of the light of the sun.* 4. *And thus she rises. And her first phase in the east comes forth on the thirtieth morning: and on that day she becomes visible, and constitutes for you the first phase of the moon on the thirtieth day together with the sun in the portal where the sun rises.* 5. *And the one half of her goes forth by a seventh part, and her whole circumference is empty, without light, with the exception of one-seventh part of it, (and) the fourteenth part of her light.* 6. *And when she receives one-seventh part of the half of her light, her light amounts to one-seventh part and the half thereof.* 7. *And she sets with the sun, and when the sun rises the moon rises with him and receives the half of one part of light, and in that night in the beginning of her morning [in the commencement of the lunar day] the moon sets with the sun, and is invisible that night with the fourteen parts and the half of one of them.* 8. *And she rises on that day with exactly a seventh part, and comes forth and recedes from the rising of the sun, and in her remaining days she becomes bright in the (remaining) thirteen parts.*

Enoch goes into a great amount of detail in chapters 72 - 82 concerning the heavenly luminaries. I just posted the beginning chapters above. You can read the rest for yourself, beginning in chapter 74, here: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/boe/boe077.htm>. In chapter 78, we read a bit more about the names, size, and movements of the sun and moon...

1 Enoch 78: 1. *And the names of the sun are the following: the first Orjârês, and the second Tômâs.* 2. *And the moon has four names: the first name is Asônjâ, the second Eblâ, the third Benâsê, and the fourth Erâe.* 3. *These are the two great luminaries: their circumference is like the circumference of the heaven, and the size of the circumference of both is alike.* 4. *In the circumference of the sun there are seven portions of light which are added to it more than to the moon, and in definite measures it is transferred till the seventh portion of the sun is exhausted.* 5. *And they set and enter the portals of the west, and make their revolution by the north, and come forth through the eastern portals on the face of the heaven.* 6. *And when the moon rises one-fourteenth part appears in the heaven: the light becomes full in her: on the fourteenth day she accomplishes her light.* 7. *And fifteen parts of light are transferred to her till the fifteenth day (when) her light is accomplished, according to the sign of the year, and she becomes fifteen parts, and the moon grows by (the addition of) fourteenth parts.* 8. *And in her waning (the moon) decreases on the first day to fourteen parts of her light, on the second to thirteen parts of light, on the third to twelve, on the fourth to eleven, on the fifth to ten, on the sixth to nine, on the seventh to eight, on the eighth to seven, on the ninth to six, on the tenth to five, on the eleventh to four, on the twelfth to three, on the thirteenth to two, on the fourteenth to the half of a seventh, and all her remaining light disappears wholly on the fifteenth.* 9. *And in certain months the month has twenty-nine days and once twenty-eight.* 10. *And Uriel showed me another law: when light is transferred to the moon, and on which side it is transferred to her by the sun.* 11. *During all the period during which the moon is growing in her light, she is transferring it to herself when opposite to the sun during fourteen days [her light is accomplished in the heaven], and when she is illumined throughout, her light is accomplished full in the heaven.* 12. *And on the first day she is called the new moon, for on that day the light rises upon her.* 13. *She becomes full moon exactly on the day when the sun sets in the west, and from the east she rises at night, and the moon shines the whole night through till the sun rises over against her and the moon is seen over against the sun.* 14. *On the side whence the light of the moon comes forth, there again she*

wanes till all the light vanishes and all the days of the month are at an end, and her circumference is empty, void of light. 15. And three months she makes of thirty days, and at her time she makes three months of twenty-nine days each, in which she accomplishes her waning in the first period of time, and in the first portal for one hundred and seventy-seven days. 16. And in the time of her going out she appears for three months (of) thirty days each, and for three months she appears (of) twenty-nine each. 17. At night she appears like a man for twenty days each time, and by day she appears like the heaven, and there is nothing else in her save her light.

If Enoch is to be believed, then the sun is not massively huge and tens of millions of miles away and the moon is not as big as we have been told it is either, and is much closer than the hundreds of thousands of miles we have been taught it is away from us.

The stars, according to Enoch have set courses and portals in the dome through which they are to come and go as well.

***1 Enoch 18:12.** And beyond that abyss I saw a place which had no firmament of the heaven above, and no firmly founded earth beneath it: there was no water upon it, and no birds, but it was a waste and horrible place. 13. I saw there seven stars like great burning mountains, and to me, when I inquired regarding them, 14. The angel said: 'This place is the end of heaven and earth: this has become **a prison for the stars and the host of heaven.** 15. And the stars which roll over the fire are **they which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord in the beginning of their rising, because they did not come forth at their appointed times.** 16. And He was wroth with them, and bound them till the time when their guilt should be consummated (even) for ten thousand years.'*

This does not paint a picture of stars as "suns" burning out in space, but rather of intelligent beings that have been commanded what to do. Those that have disobeyed are punished. According to 1 Enoch 20, the angel Raguel is the one who acts as sort of a policeman of the stars:

***1 Enoch 20:4.** Raguel, one of the holy angels who takes vengeance on the world of the luminaries.*

The "lake of fire" that has been "prepared for the devil and his angels" that we read about in the canonized texts of the New Testament, may have been understood in the light of 1 Enoch 21:

***1 Enoch 21:1.** And I proceeded to where things were chaotic. 2. And I saw there something horrible: **I saw neither a heaven above nor a firmly founded earth, but a place chaotic and horrible.** 3. And there I saw seven stars of the heaven bound together in it, like great mountains and burning with fire. 4. Then I said: 'For what sin are they bound, and on what account have they been cast in hither?' 5. Then said Uriel, one of the holy angels, who was with me, and was chief over them, and said: 'Enoch, why dost thou ask, and why art thou eager for the truth? 6. **These are of the number of the stars of heaven, which have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and are bound here till ten thousand years, the time entailed by their sins, are consummated.**' 7. And from thence I went to another place, which was still more horrible than the former, and I saw a horrible thing: **a great fire there which burnt and blazed, and the place was cleft as far as the abyss, being full of great descending columns of fire: neither its extent or magnitude could I see, nor could I conjecture.** 8. Then I said: 'How fearful is the place and how terrible to look upon!' 9. Then Uriel answered me, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto*

*me: 'Enoch, why hast thou such fear and affright?' And I answered: 'Because of this fearful place, and because of the spectacle of the pain.' 10. And he said unto me: **'This place is the prison of the angels, and here they will be imprisoned for ever.'***

In the Book of Enoch we see that the stars are to follow specific courses and not deviate from them. If they do, they are punished for violating YHWH's commandment concerning their "circuit" in the heavens. Indeed, the stars, like the sun and moon, also have portals through which they are to come and go. Whether or not Job ever read the Book of Enoch, he certainly seemed to have had a similar view:

Job 9:

1 Then Job answered and said,

2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and **the pillars thereof tremble.**

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.

8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

Something else of interest:

Is the flat/enclosed earth hollow? Yes. Enoch goes into great detail concerning the underworld here:

1 Enoch 22:1. And thence I went to another place, and he showed me in the west another great and high mountain [and] of hard rock. 2 And there was in it four hollow places, deep and wide and very smooth. How smooth are the hollow places and deep and dark to look at.

3. Then Raphael answered, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto me: 'These hollow places have been created for this very purpose, that the spirits of the souls of the dead should assemble therein, yea that all the souls of the children of men should assemble here. And these places have been made to receive them till the day of their judgement and till their appointed period till the period appointed, till the great judgement (comes) upon them.'

5. I saw the spirits of the children of men who were dead, and their voice went forth to heaven and made suit. 6. Then I asked Raphael the angel who was with me, and I said unto him: 'This spirit--whose is it whose voice goeth forth and maketh suit?'

7. And he answered me saying: 'This is the spirit which went forth from Abel, whom his brother Cain slew, and he makes his suit against him till his seed is destroyed from the face of the earth, and his seed is annihilated from amongst the seed of men.' 8. Then I asked regarding it, and regarding all the hollow places: 'Why as one separated from the other?'

9. And he answered me and said unto me: 'These three have been made that the spirits of the dead might be separated. And such a division has been made *<for>* the spirits of the righteous, in which there as the bright spring of water. 10. And such has been made for sinners when they die and are

buried in the earth and judgement has not been executed on them in their lifetime. 11. Here their spirits shall be set apart in this great pain till the great day of judgement and punishment and torment of those who †curse† for ever, and retribution for their spirits. There He shall bind them for ever. 12. And such a division has been made for the spirits of those who make their suit, who make disclosures concerning their destruction, when they were slain in the days of the sinners. 13. Such has been made for the spirits of men who were not righteous but sinners, who were complete in transgression, and of the transgressors. they shall be companions: but their spirits shall not be slain in the day of judgement nor shall they be raised from thence. 14. Then I blessed the Lord of glory and said: 'Blessed be my Lord, the Lord of righteousness, who ruleth for ever.'

Did this tale in Enoch set the stage for Yeshua's parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man? Could be. Yeshua's parable certainly would appear to validate this story. Regardless, this shows there is still room for a "hollow earth" in the Flat Earther's enclosed model. The ancient Sumerians, Babylonians, Egyptians, Hebrews and Greeks all had a view of the Underworld being below our feet. They also had a flat earth worldview.

Enoch has a lot more to say concerning the nature of the heavens, earth, sun, moon and stars, but this should suffice for now. Whether or not you accept Enoch as having any merit is irrelevant. At this point, you should be able to tell that just sticking with the Bible alone, the Flat Earthers have a very strong case against our belief in the globe. The Bible goes on and on with similar descriptions as stated above in Enoch. This ancient apocryphal book merely appears to confirm and elaborate on these themes as a contemporary ancient commentary.



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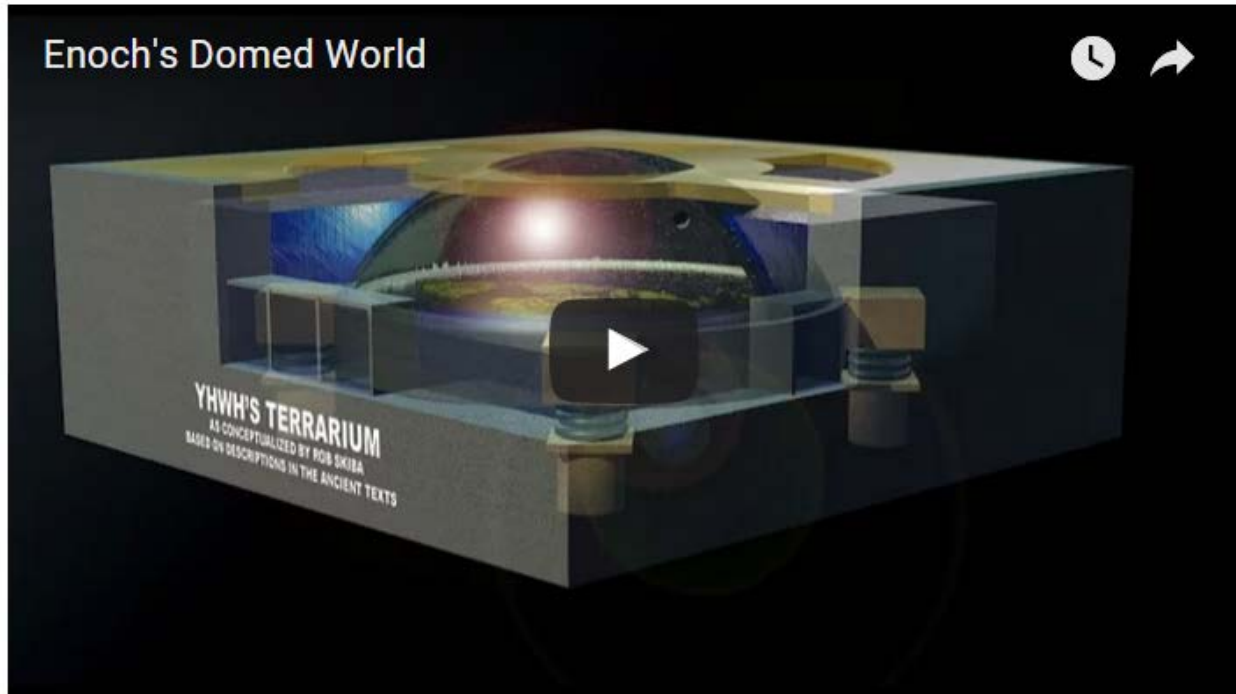
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Enoch's Domed World

Enoch is a slam dunk for Flat Earthers!



I know many have strong opinions about the Book of Enoch. Whatever your opinion may be on it, the fact remains, it was well known to the authors of Scripture, to the point where Jude even quoted directly from it, while under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. At the very least, it shows the mindset of the Hebrews (including the authors of the canonized text), confirming the belief they (and the entire Ancient Near East) had concerning the shape and nature of the Earth and its place in the cosmos:

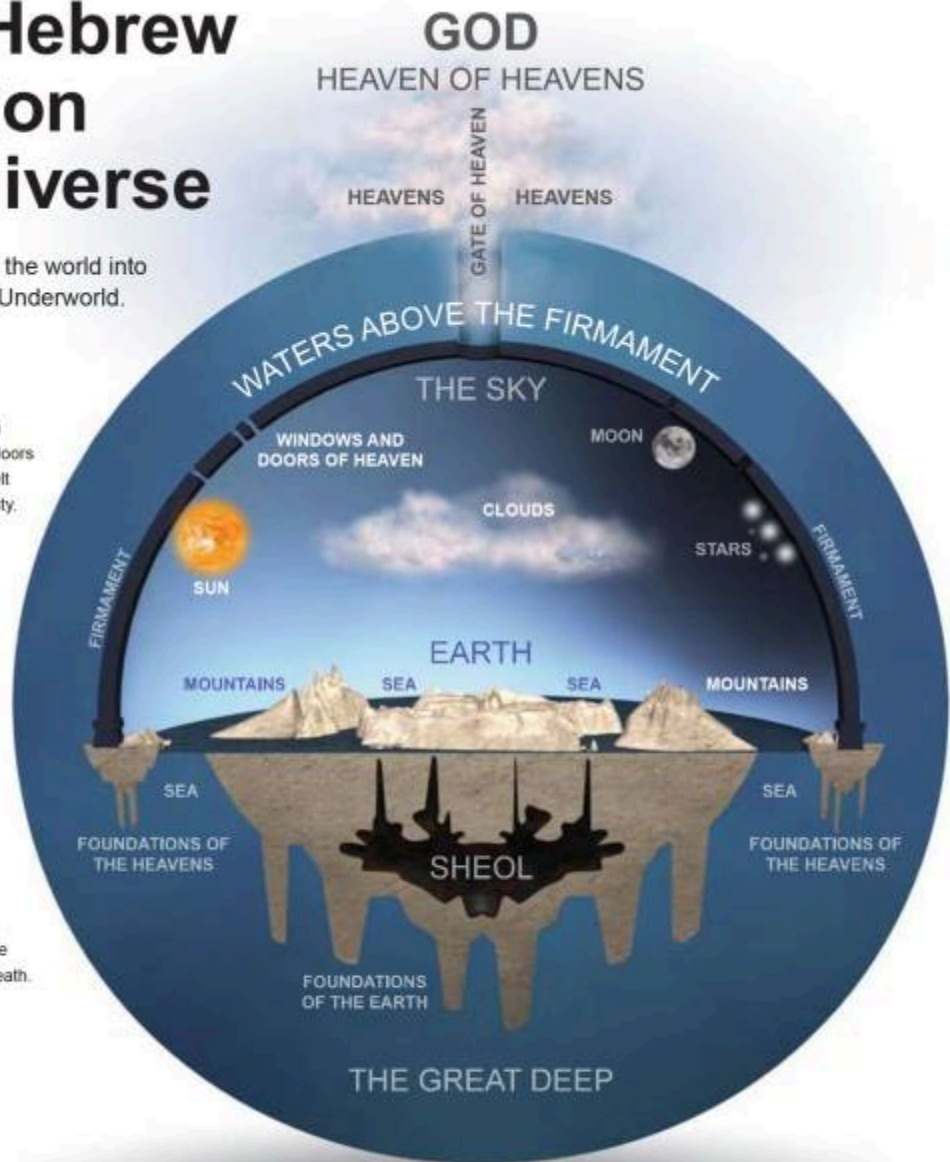
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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This view was held well into the New Testament timeframe, as also indicated by the writings of Josephus in the 1st Century:

CHAPTER 1. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE ELEMENTS

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. But when the earth did not come into sight, but was covered with thick darkness, and a wind moved upon its surface, God commanded that there should be light: and when that was made, he considered the whole mass, and separated the light and the darkness; and the name he gave to one was Night, and the other he called Day: and he named the beginning of light, and the time of rest, The Evening and The Morning, and this was indeed the first day. But Moses said it was one day; the cause of which I am able to give even now; but because I have

*promised to give such reasons for all things in a treatise by itself, I shall put off its exposition till that time. After this, on the second day, **he placed the heaven over the whole world, and separated it from the other parts, and he determined it should stand by itself. He also placed a crystalline [firmament] round it, and put it together in a manner agreeable to the earth, and fitted it for giving moisture and rain, and for affording the advantage of dews.** On the third day he appointed the dry land to appear, with the sea itself round about it; and on the very same day he made the plants and the seeds to spring out of the earth. On the fourth day he adorned the heaven with the sun, the moon, and the other stars, and appointed them their motions and courses, that the vicissitudes of the seasons might be clearly signified.*

The "Early Church Fathers" also wrote quite a bit about this "crystalline firmament" but that's a topic for a whole other essay. OK. This is what really got me though. Check out how the author of 1 Enoch describes the Flood, as given through the vision/dream of Enoch prior to the Judgment occurring...

The Deluge and the Deliverance of Noah

CHAPTER 89:

*2 And again I raised mine eyes towards heaven and saw **a lofty roof**, with seven water torrents thereon, and those torrents flowed with much water into **an enclosure**.*

*3 And I saw again, and behold fountains were opened on the surface of that **great enclosure**, and that water began to swell and rise upon the surface, and I saw that enclosure till all its surface was covered with water.*

*4 And the water, the darkness, and mist increased upon it; and as I looked at the height of that water, that water had risen above the height of that **enclosure**, and was streaming over that **enclosure**, and it stood upon the earth.*

*5 And all the cattle of that **enclosure** were gathered together until I saw how they sank and were swallowed up and perished in that water.*

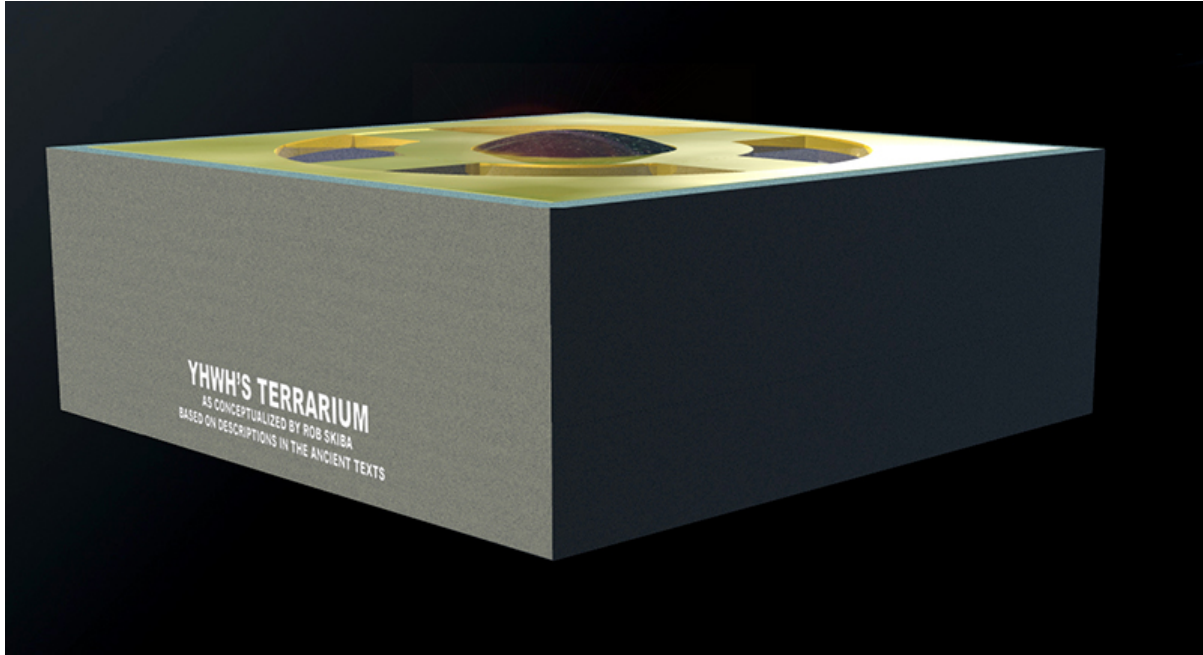
6 But that vessel floated on the water, while all the oxen and elephants and camels and asses sank to the bottom with all the animals, so that I could no longer see them, and they were not able to escape, (but) perished and sank into the depths.

*7 And again I saw in the vision till those water torrents were removed from that **high roof**, and the chasms of the earth were leveled up and other abysses were opened.*

8 Then the water began to run down into these, till the earth became visible; but that vessel settled on the earth, and the darkness retired and light appeared.

I'm in the process of trying to take the descriptions given in the canonized texts along with what we can read in books like Enoch and other writings contemporary with the Biblical texts - which clearly illustrate the worldview of the Biblical authors - and creating a 3D model, taking these descriptions as literally as I can. This is still very much a work in progress, the following is what I've come up with so far:

A New 3D Model of YHWH's Terrarium
as conceptualized by Rob Skiba
(a work-in-progress)



*Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the **circuit of heaven**. - Job 22:14 (KJV)*

*Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he sees not; and he walks in the **circle of heaven**. (King James 2000)*

*'Clouds are a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot see; And He walks on the **vault of heaven**.' (NASB)*

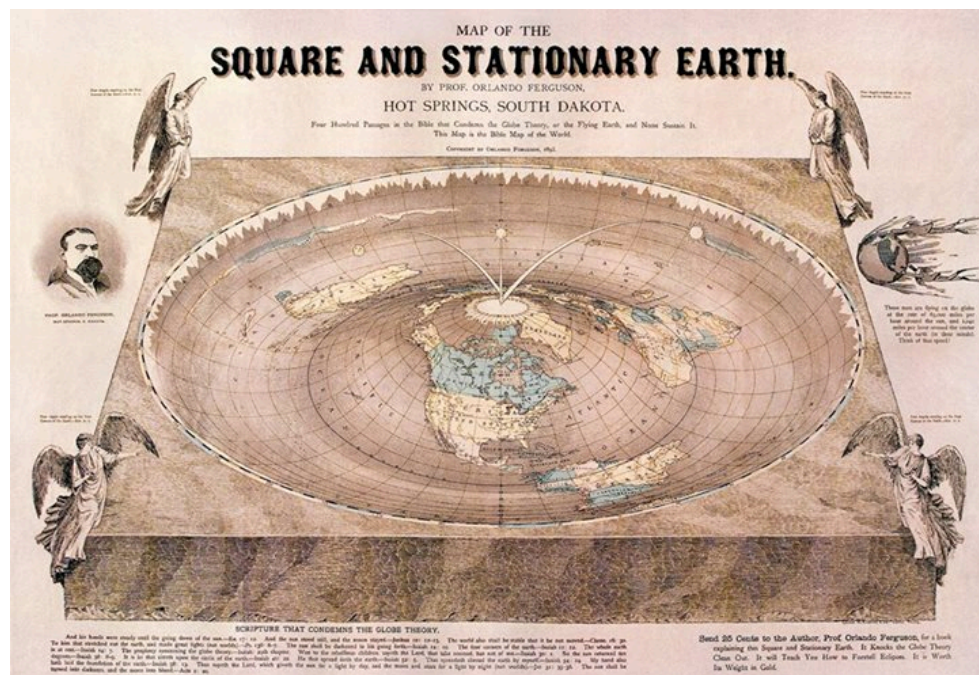
The above shows the complete "Heaven-Earth System" essentially as a "vault," depicting the floor of YHWH's Throne Room atop the firmament, which is His "footstool." Essentially, the idea is that the "circle of heaven" upon which YHWH walks on is surrounding the top of the dome. His Throne would be toward the back (North) end of this picture. The "four corners" where Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Phanuel stand are the four edges of the gold-plated floor.

*And after these things I saw **four angels standing on the four corners of the earth**, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. - Revelation 7:1*

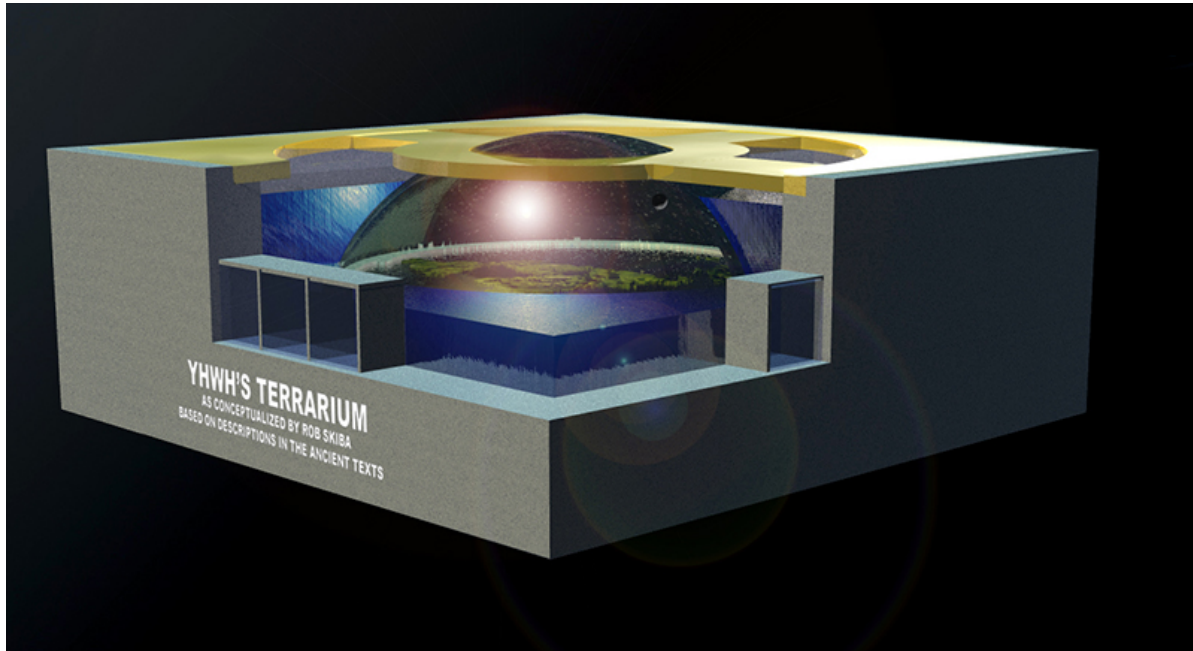
The book of Enoch goes into a fair amount of detail concerning these four angels who stand on the four corners of the earth. I'll write more about that later, in my blog concerning [angels](#).



Even though the word "earth" ([erets in Hebrew](#)) means "land," it occurred to me that if we can consider the atmosphere, clouds, oceans and land collectively as "Earth" - meaning the whole "Earth system" - as in the globe model above, then, I suppose we could apply the same logic to the entire system depicted in my 3D model. In other words, the entire compartment depicted there could be the "Earth system." Thus, if true, then the 4 corners don't *necessarily* have to be part of the "circle of the Earth" below, but rather they **could be** part of the "roof" above the system, within the Heavenly realm, surrounding the Throne, which looks down on the Earth (land) below. If true, this then causes a departure from views such as this one:



Now I'm not being dogmatic about any of this. I fully acknowledge this is pure speculation on my part. I'm just trying to think "outside the box" and doing the best I can with the information provided to depict this stuff visually in a way consistent with the texts. This is very much still a work-in-progress, but the images below are cut-away views, looking into the interior of the Heaven-Earth System.



*1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved **upon the face of the waters**. - Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV)*

Have you ever noticed that water is never described as having been created? It's just there immediately after the declaration that God created the heavens and the earth. In many ways, this model helps reconcile something about which I've always struggled. The word for "heaven" is "[shamayim](#)" (the KJV *should* read heavens as it is not a singular word), which includes the word "[mayim](#)" (water). Some scholars have suggested that "heaven" thus means something akin to "water in it." But I've always wondered how that would work. This model seems to answer that question - at least for me anyway.

*And God said, **Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters**. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. - Genesis 1:6-8 (KJV)*

In my cutaway view, note that there is water beneath the Throne of YHWH, inside an enclosed system, collectively known as Earth. This system has a "firmament" (dome) separating the water above from the water below, forming essentially a bathysphere - an enclosure of air - within which the dry land appeared in the Genesis 1 account. Being that this water surrounded Earth system is literally under the Throne of YHWH in Heaven, this shows how the water is in it.

I'm thinking that during the Flood, *some* of that upper water was drained into the "enclosure," filling it enough to cover all of the dry land. I say, "some" because over a thousand years after the Flood, King David wrote:

*Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye **waters that be above the heavens.** - Psalm 148:4*

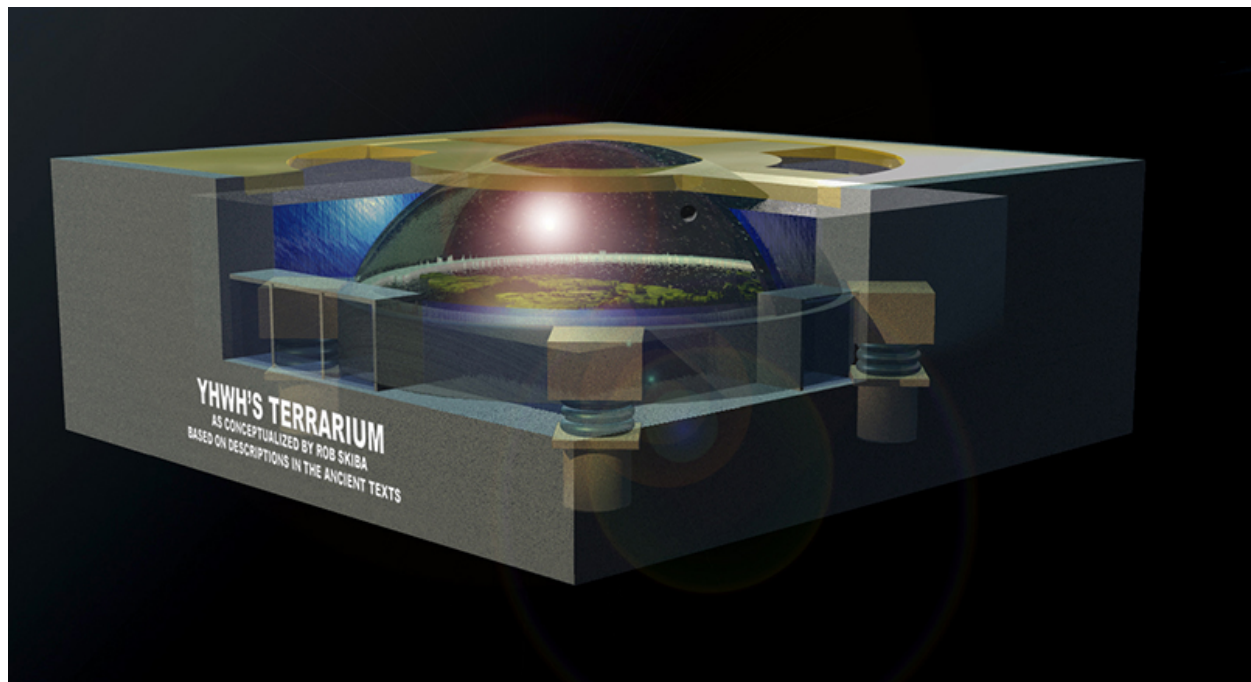
So, there still is water above us. Peter seems to also confirm this...

*For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and **the earth standing out of the water and in the water:** - 2 Peter 3:5*

It would appear that when the "windows of heaven" were opened, only enough of the water above necessary to fill the bottom of the enclosure up to 15 cubits (about 20 feet) above the highest mountain (Gen. 7:20) was released. No more than that was needed to do the job.

*He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: **he layeth up the depth in storehouses.***
- Psalm 33:7

It was then drained out, like a bathtub - perhaps into the "storehouses of the deep," which I've depicted as the box-like containers inside the outer walls:

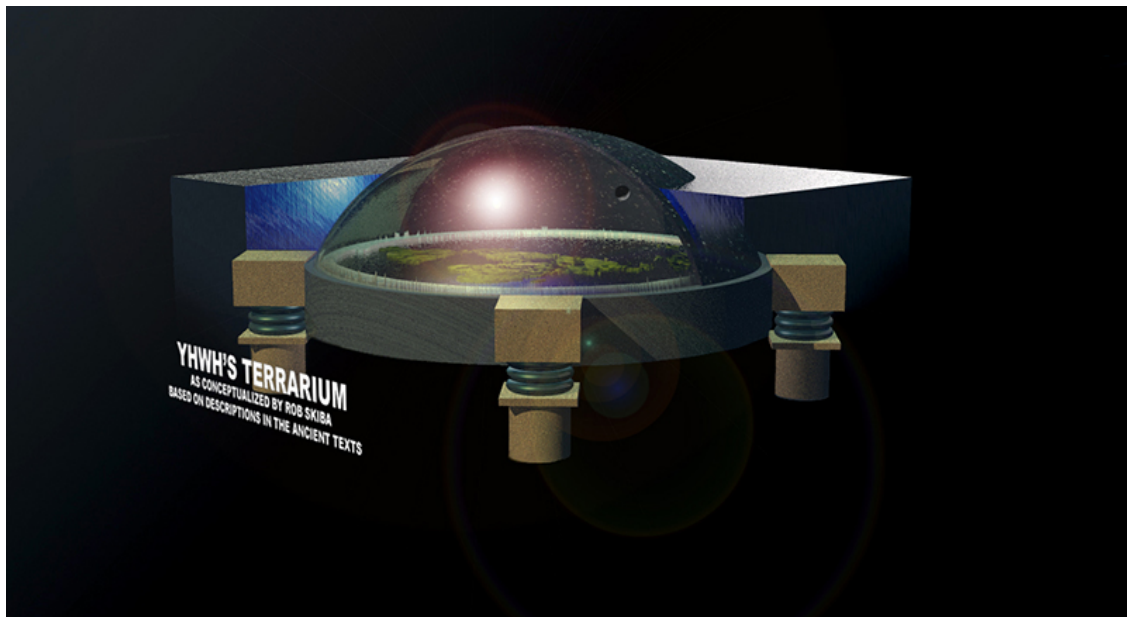


*He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: **for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.** - 1 Samuel 2:8*

You will also note in the cut-away, I have depicted the "pillars of the Earth." I have created them with essentially "shock absorbers" at the top. This would certainly allow for the Earth to be shaken up as needed (in YHWH's wrath), but yet still remain firm as a whole.

*1 Then Job answered and said, 2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? 3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. 4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? 5 **Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. 6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.***

- Job 9:1-6



With the floor of Heaven and containing walls removed, we see the Earth "standing in the water and out of the water" (as Peter described) set atop pillars, firm and unmovable. Again, this is all speculation, but it is at least putting a visual together for me of the things I've been reading in the canonized and biblically-endorsed, extra-biblical texts. One thing is certain though... the book of Enoch is certainly a slam dunk for the Enclosed World Flat Earthers.



*But I say unto you, Swear not at all; **neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool:** neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. - Matthew 5:35*

***Heaven is My throne, and the earth a footstool of My feet.** What kind of house will you build Me? Says the Lord, or what is the place of My rest? - Acts 7:49*

No question about it... the ancient texts clearly describe YHWH's "footstool" as essentially a snow globe, with the still, flat, circular Earth set on pillars, under a dome, within which the sun, moon and stars were placed on Day 4 of Creation. But the question I'm now wondering about is... are there more of these types of systems out there?

***In my Father's house are many mansions** {Greek: "moné" = "dwelling places"}: *if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* - John 14:2*

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. - 1 Corinthians 2:9

Things that make you go, "Hmmmmmm...."

Still think the Bible is not a Flat Earth book?

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FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, THE EARTH IS CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBED (BY HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED AUTHORS) AS:

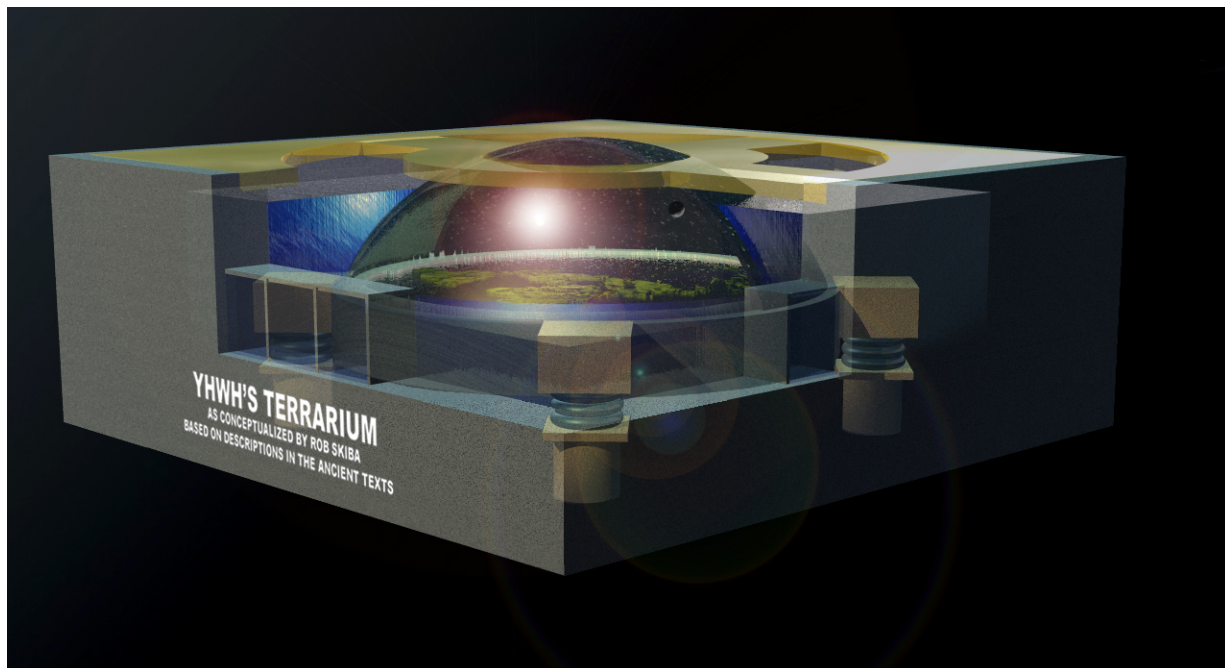
- Fixed and not moving (spinning, orbiting, etc)
- Circular, with edges/corners/pillars/foundations, etc.
- Under a dome, within which the sun, moon and stars were placed on Day 4



According to the Bible, we live in a self-contained, three-tiered system {Heaven, Earth, Underworld}:

[Job 1:7-8; 2:2-3; 37:12; 38:30-34; Gen. 28:12-17; Ex. 20:4; Num. 16:31-33; Deut. 5:8; 1 Sam. 28:13-14; 1 Chron. 29:11; 2 Chron. 6:4; Psa. 46:8-10; 113:6; 119:19; Isa. 14:9-11; 51:13-14; Joel 2:30; Amos 9:2; Luke 10:15; 16:19-31; Acts 2:19; Phil. 2:10; 1 Pet. 3:18-20; 2 Pet. 2:4-5; Jude 6; Rev. 5:3, 13; 9:1-11; 20:14](#)

(See also: [2 Esdr. 4:7-8; 1 Enoch 89:1-9; Pesachim 94b](#))

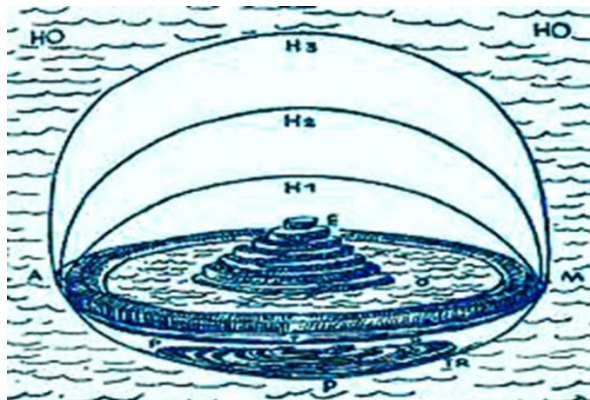


There is a solid firmament (dome/vault) over us:

[Job 22:14; 37:18; Gen. 1:6-8, 20; Ex. 24:10; Psa. 104:2; Prov. 8:27-28; Isa. 40:21-22; 45:12; 66:1; Jer. 10:12; 51:15; Ezek. 1:22-26; Amos 9:6](#)

(See also: [2 Apoc. Baruch 21:4](#); [Gen. Rabbah 4.5.2](#); [Josephus Antiquities 1:30](#))

And lest you be tempted to argue about the issue of the firmament as a “dome,” consider how nearly everyone else understood this same structure:



The world of Sumerians is like an inverted plate in a salty ocean. Below this plate lie the “hell” called “kur” by Sumerians. Above the plate are the arched roofs of heaven. The whole system is imbedded in a fresh water ocean. Rain comes from this fresh water ocean by opening doors in the vaults of heaven.

The Sumerian god Anu existed in their cosmogony as a dome that covered the flat earth; Outside of this dome was the primordial body of water known as [Nammu](#) (not to be confused with the subterranean [Abzu](#)).^[1]



The Egyptians depicted the sky as a side-view arch represented by the goddess Nut.



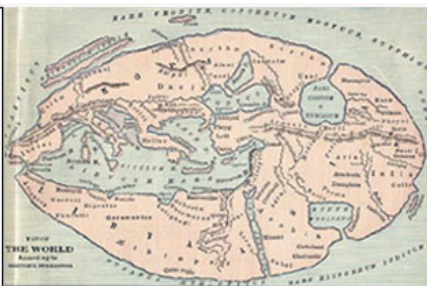
The (early) Greeks had a similar concept of an enclosed, circular world.



Greek earth view 900 BC



Hecataeus 500 BC

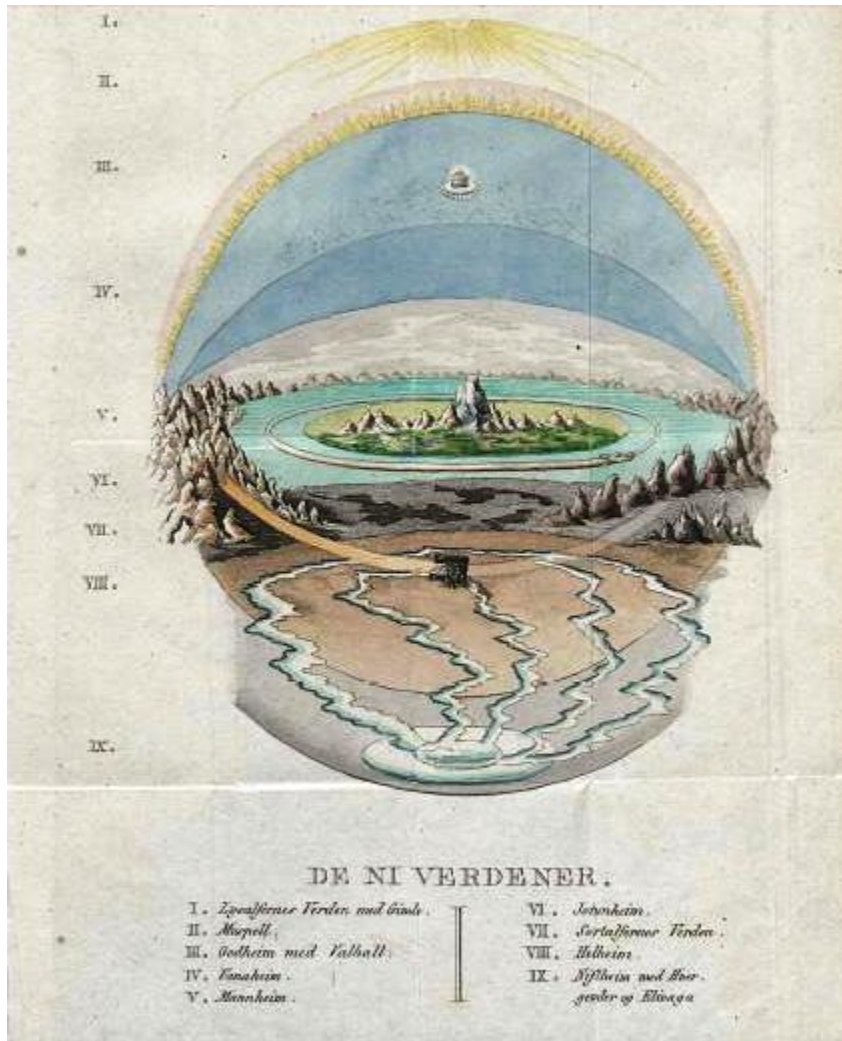


Dionysius Map 124 AD

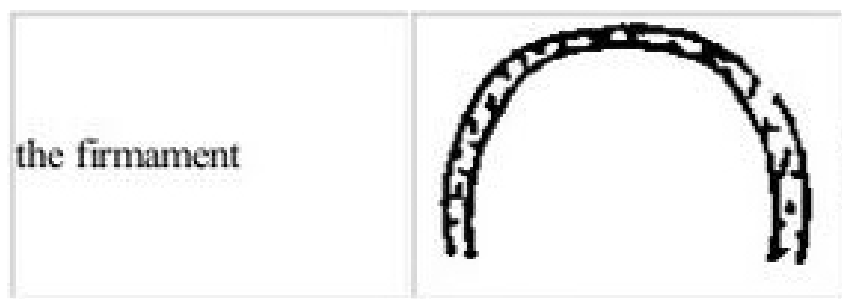


Al-Idrisi 1154 AD

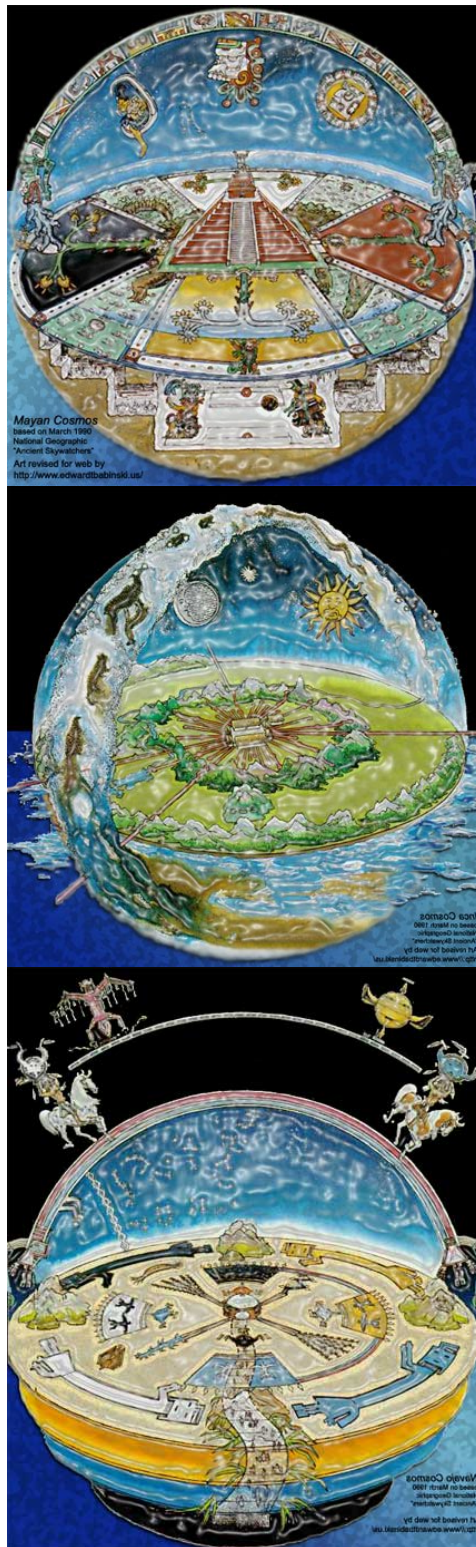
The Norse mythology shared a similar concept:



Here is the Irish megalithic rock art symbol for the firmament:



The Mayans, Incas and Navajos likewise viewed the cosmos as:



Indeed, this concept shows up over and over again in the ancient literature of numerous cultures (including the Hebrews) as well as in the artwork inspired by such writings.



Like it or not – believe it or not – there can be no doubt that the ancient Hebrew concept of the cosmos was precisely as depicted by the scholars of Logos Bible Software (even though they personally do not believe this model to be true):

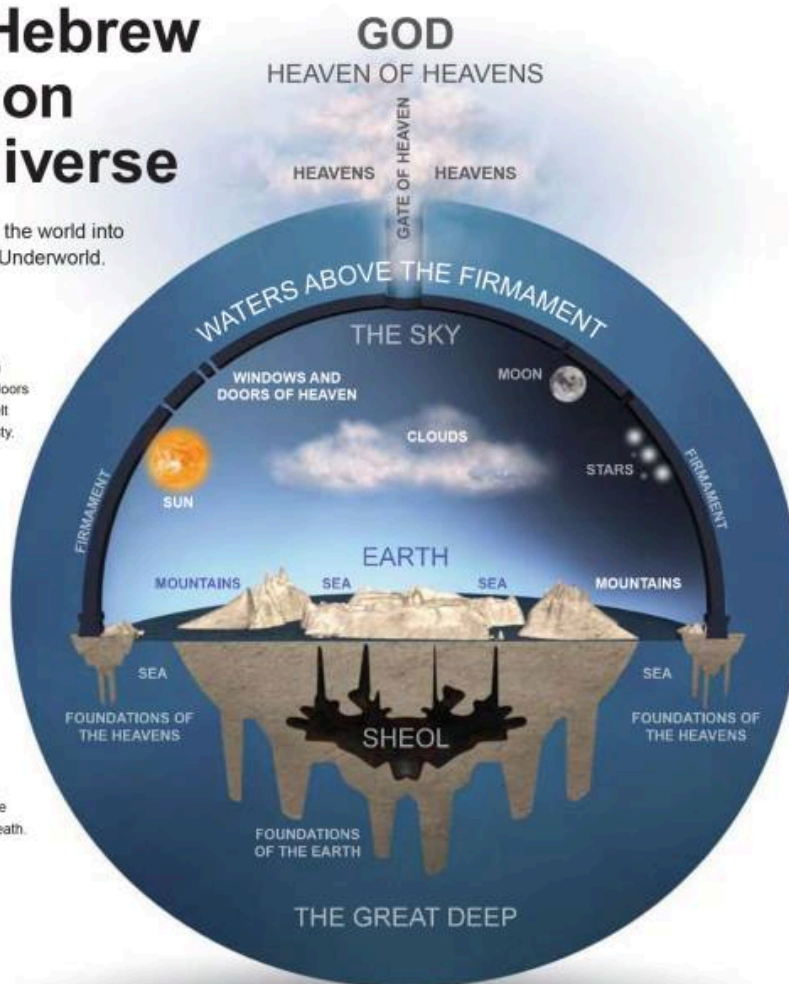
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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YHWH's throne sits above the heavens (waters):

[Job 9:8; 22:14; 37:18; Deut. 26:15; Psa. 11:4; 29:3, 10; 33:13; 103:19; 104:2-3; 148:4; Isa. 40:21-22; 66:1; Jer. 10:12-13; Ezek 1:22-28; 28:2; Amos 9:6](#)

The sun, moon and stars are in the firmament {and the stars shall fall to Earth}:

[Gen. 1:14-18; Psa. 19:4-6; Isa. 34:4; Dan. 8:10; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:25; 2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 6:13-14; 9:1; 12:4](#)

There are "floodgates" (windows) in the firmament:

[Gen. 7:11; 8:2; 2 Kings 7:2-19; Mal. 3:10](#)

The Earth is inscribed in a circular (flat) fashion into something with 4 corners and surrounded by water:

[Job 11:9; 26:10-11; 37:3; 38:12-18; Gen. 1:1-9; 49:25; Psa. 24:1-2; 72:8; 136:6; Prov. 8:27-29; Isa. 11:12; 13:5; 40:22; 41:8-9; 44:24; Ezek. 7:2; Dan. 4:10-11, Zech. 9:10; Matt. 4:8; 24:31; Rev. 7:1; 20:8](#)

Earth is a geocentric, stationary world set on pillars:

[Job 26:11; 38:4-6; Josh. 10:13; Psa. 19:4-6; 75:3; 104:5; Prov. 8:29; Ecc. 1:5; 1 Sam. 2:8; 2 Sam. 22:8; Joel 2:10; Zech. 12:1](#)

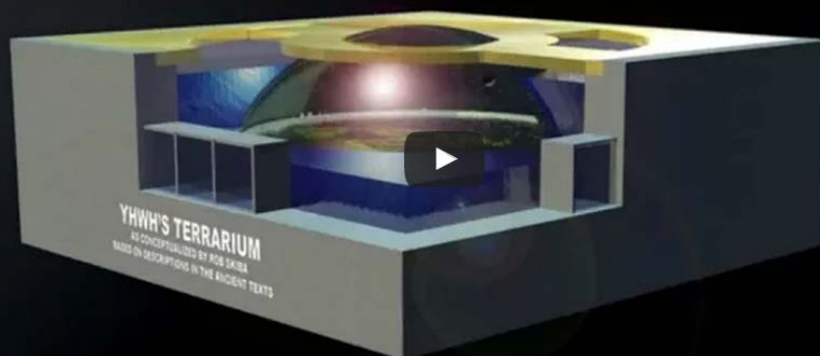
For more on the science demolishing geocentric model, please see my blog:

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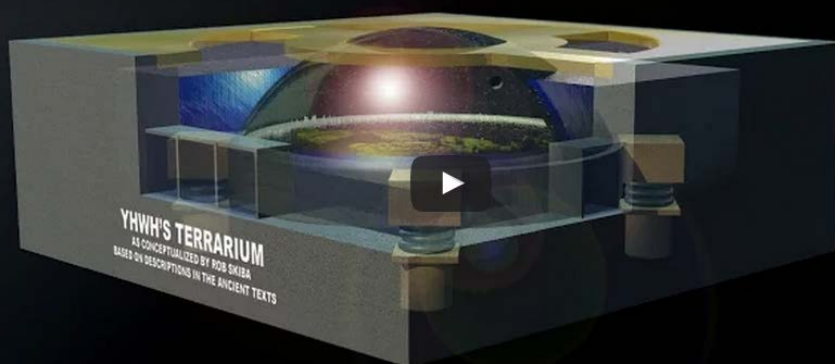


Also worth careful consideration:

Enoch's Pillar Supported Dome World and the Bible



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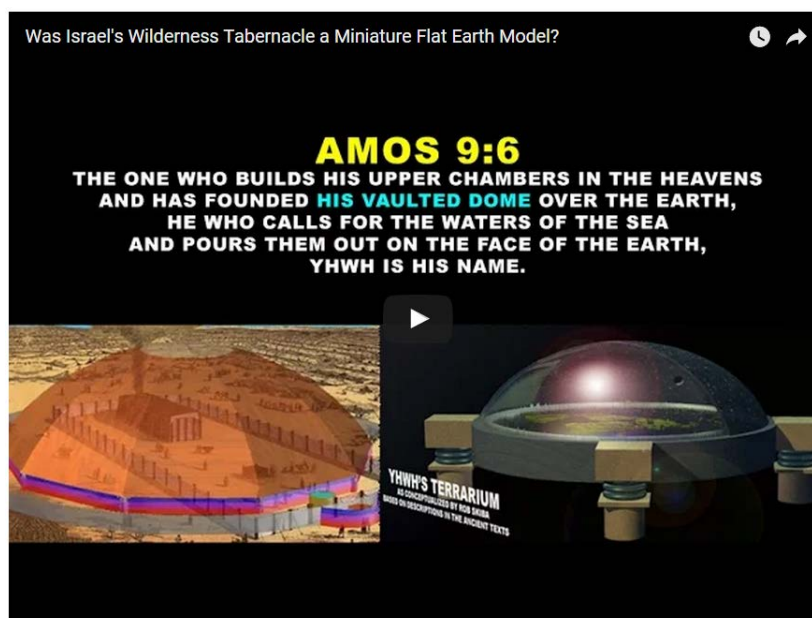
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Circle Means CIRCLE – NOT Ball/Sphere/Globe!

by Rob | Aug 12, 2016 | Bible, Blogs, Flat Earth, KJV Only |

{sigh} I still get Christians sending me Isaiah 40:22 all the time claiming the authors of Scripture (specifically Isaiah) allegedly knew the Earth was a globe. To be fair, I have used the same argument before myself. But that was when I was doing the same thing these people are doing, which is grossly mangling the text to force meanings it does not support. Words mean things and sorry, but circle does NOT mean ball/sphere/globe!

Today, someone sent this video to me:



At the beginning of this episode, Eric Hovind says, “*This is the show where we believe the Bible is **literally** true and **scientifically accurate** in every single detail.*” Oh really? I think not. Not that I don’t think the Bible can be taken literally or believe that it is scientifically inaccurate, but rather I said “I think not” because I don’t believe the hosts are doing either one of the things they hold up as a foundational truth for their show. They are **not** taking the Bible literally, and their view of “science” is directly opposed to what the Scriptures actually say.

Frankly, this is becoming an epidemic among those who claim to believe the Bible, while simultaneously believing many of the demonstrably false claims of modern “science” (especially as it pertains to Creation vs Evolution). It is most disturbing coming from the likes of Kent and Eric Hovind, David Reeves and others,

who do an otherwise amazing job of obliterating the false claims of evolutionary biology and geology, which are in direct opposition to the Biblical narrative – while somehow still maintaining absolute faith in modern cosmology – the very thing that gave birth to the false claims of all the other “ologies” to which they are so articulately opposed in the first place. I’ll deal with this issue a lot more in a future post. For now, I want to address Eric Hovind’s and Paul Taylor’s comments regarding the Biblical support of a flat Earth cosmology.

At 19:50 minutes into the above video, they talk about Isaiah 40:22. Then Paul Taylor says, “*What’s interesting though is that the Hebrew word (chug) that is translated as ‘circle’ is actually used in so many places to mean a sphere! It’s a three dimensional circle.*” I don’t know what kind of drugs this man must be on, because that statement is patently false – at least according to the Scriptures and I will prove it in a moment. But first, let’s talk about how the Scriptures *do* have a word used for **aspherical** object...

Language 101: Words mean things

He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a **ball** into a large country...
- Isaiah 22:18a

It is he that sitteth upon the **circle** of the earth...
- Isaiah 40:22a

Isaiah knew the difference.

The KJV translators knew the difference.

Do you know the difference?*

* HINT: Use Google if you need help.

As the above graphic shows, Isaiah knew the difference between a ball (sphere) and a circle – and so did the KJV English translators. Speaking of, {a-hem} I must point out that KJV only types need to take note because you are contradicting these “inerrant” 1611 scholars by forcing them to agree with notions of a spherical Earth versus what they actually stated – i.e. that it is a circle. You can’t do that. By your own dogmatic (psychosis) you demand that it is a “perfect translation.” According to you, **it has absolutely no errors!** Remember, YHWH Himself “preserved His word” (7 times I’m told) through these men and

through them alone. I hear your (bogus) arguments alllllllll the time. I get it. OK. So, I'll hold you to your own standard (are you paying attention Mike Hoggard, Kent Hovind and Steven Anderson?). Therefore, you can NOT twist their 1611 circle into a sphere! They obviously knew the difference between a ball/sphere/globe and a circle and being brutally honest with the text, they chose to translate it as circle.

Now let's look at the words Isaiah used in Hebrew. I know KJV only types hate that, but believe it or not, the Scriptures didn't originate in English. The "perfect" 1611 scholars, derived their English from the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts. So, we should be able to do the same. In Isaiah 22:18, we find the first use of the word "dur" (ball) in the Scriptures:

◀ 1754. dur ▶

Strong's Concordance

dur: a circle, ball

Original Word: דִּוְרָא

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: dur

Phonetic Spelling: (dure)

Short Definition: ball

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from dur

Definition

a circle, ball

NASB Translation

ball (1), encircling (1), pile (1).

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Englishman's Concordance

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3 Occurrences

ḵad-dūr — 1 Occ.

dūr — 1 Occ.

kad-dūr — 1 Occ.

Isaiah 22:18

HEB: וְצִנְפָּךְ צִנְפָּה כְּדֹר אֶל-אֲרֶץ

NAS: you tightly *like a ball*, [To be] [cast] into a vast

KJV: and toss *thee [like] a ball* into a large

INT: tightly and toss *A ball* about country

Isaiah 29:3

HEB: וְהִנֵּיתִי כְּדֹר עָלֶיךָ וְצָרְתִּי

NAS: against *you encircling* [you], And I will set

KJV: And I will camp *against thee round about*, and

will lay siege

INT: will camp *encircling* against will set

Ezekiel 24:5

HEB: לִקְוֹת וְגַם דֹּר הַעֲצָמִים תַּחְתֶּיהָ

NAS: of the flock, And also *pile* wood under

KJV: of the flock, *and burn* also the bones

INT: Take and also *pile* wood under

As you can see, the same word shows up 2 more times: once more in Isaiah (29:3), describing someone *completely surrounded* and again in Ezekiel 24:5, describing something rounded like a pile or a mound set up for burning. The word carries the meaning of something spherical-like in nature (or as in Isaiah 29:3 as something that is all *around* you).

Whereas, the word in question ("chug") concerning the Scripture's description of our world is defined as:

◀ 2329. chug ▶

Strong's Concordance

chug: vault, horizon

Original Word: חוּג

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: chug

Phonetic Spelling: (khoog)

Short Definition: circle

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from **chug**

Definition

vault, horizon

NASB Translation

circle (2), vault (1).

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Englishman's Concordance

Strong's Hebrew 2329

3 Occurrences

hûḡ — 2 Occ.

wa-hûḡ — 1 Occ.

Job 22:14

HEB: : וְלֹא יֵרָאֶה וְחֹג שָׁמַיִם וְתִהְיֶה

NAS: And He walks *on the vault* of heaven.'

KJV: not; and he walketh *in the circuit* of heaven.

INT: cannot see *the vault* of heaven walks

Proverbs 8:27

HEB: אֲנִי בַחֲוֶקוֹ חֹג עַל-פָּנַי

NAS: When He inscribed *a circle* on the face

KJV: I [was] there: when he set *a compass* upon the face

INT: he inscribed *A circle* on the face

Isaiah 40:22

HEB: הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל-חֹג הָאָרֶץ וַיִּשְׁבֶּיהָ

NAS: above *the circle* of the earth,

KJV: [It is] he that sitteth *upon the circle* of the earth,

INT: sits above *the circle* of the earth inhabitants

Once again, we have a word that is only used only 3 times in Scripture. But let's apply the "law of first mention" to see how it was initially introduced to us in the Bible:

Job 22:14 *Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the **circuit** of heaven.*

Is YHWH walking on a sphere or a "circuit" up there? Well, what is a circuit? The dictionary defines it as:

cir·cuit  (sûr'kīt)

n.

1.

- a. A closed, usually circular line that goes around an object or area.
See Synonyms at **circumference**.
- b. The region enclosed by such a line.

2.

- a. A path or route the complete traversal of which without local change of direction requires returning to the starting point.
- b. The act of following such a path or route.
- c. A journey made on such a path or route.

It is a circular path. I see no mention of anything in that, which would demand a definition of a sphere. YHWH is walking on a circular path.

Then we come to Proverbs and Solomon describes how the dry land “appeared” in Genesis 1 by saying:

*Proverbs 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when **he set a compass upon the face of the depth:***

Set a compass on the face of the deep? What does that mean? This?



Well, no... not exactly. Although it is interesting that a compass is used to draw a circle, which is what Isaiah later describes. In the KJV, we aren't really getting the full picture. It just says “set a compass,” but in the Hebrew, the word used for “set’ is:

◀ 2710. chaqaq

Strong's Concordance

chaqaq: to cut in, inscribe, decree

Original Word: חָקַק

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: chaqaq

Phonetic Spelling: (khaw-kak')

Short Definition: inscribed

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. root

Definition

to cut in, inscribe, decree

What was inscribed? A “compass?” Well... Solomon used the same word Isaiah did for circle (Isaiah 40:22’ “chug”). Ahhhh... OK. So now we’re getting somewhere. Isaiah’s “circle” was – according to Solomon – **inscribed into something!** Here are a few other examples of how this word “chaqaq” was used (by Isaiah):

*Isaiah 22:16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that **graveth** an habitation for himself in a rock?*

*Isaiah 49:16 Behold, I have **graven** thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.*

With the above in mind, we find that the New American Standard Bible gives us a clearer rendering of Solomon’s words based on a more accurate representation of the Hebrew word “chaqaq”:

*Proverbs 8:27 When He established the heavens, I was there, When He **inscribed a circle** on the face of the deep,*

Or in the King James 2000 Bible we see:

*Proverbs 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he **drew a circle** upon the face of the depth:*

How do you inscribe or draw a ball into something? You can't. No. In each of these cases, we are talking about a circle. According to the Concordance, the Hebrew noun "chug" comes from the verb form of the same word:

◀ 2328. chug ▶

Strong's Concordance

chug: to draw around, make a circle

Original Word: חָגַג

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: chug

Phonetic Spelling: (khoog)

Short Definition: circle

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. root

Definition

to draw around, make a circle

NASB Translation

inscribed a circle (1).

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Englishman's Concordance

Strong's Hebrew 2328

1 Occurrence

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Job 26:10

HEB: חָקַח מַגֵּן עַל-פְּנֵי

NAS: *He has inscribed a circle* on the surface

KJV: *He hath compassed* the waters

INT: bounds *has inscribed* on the surface

1 Occurrence

Note, that this form is used only once, in the first book of written (canonized) Scripture:

Job 26:10 *He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.*

What does it mean to have "compassed the waters"?

com·pass  (kŭm'pās, kŏm'-)

tr.v. com·passed, com·pass·ing, com·pass·es

1. To make a circuit of; circle: *The sailboat compassed the island.*
2. To surround; encircle: *The trees compass the grave.*



In every single case, the word "chug" is used (both as a noun and a verb) to describe something circular, not spherical!

Watching the above posted video, you will also note that Eric and Paul conveniently ignored the issue of Job's description of the Earth as a "seal."

*Job 38:14 It {the Earth} is **turned as clay to the seal**; and they stand as a garment.*

Backing up to the previous verse, we see:

Job 38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

Where are the "ends of the Earth" to take "hold of" on a ball? This description fits perfectly with a circular Earth, which is pressed as a seal though. This is clarified a bit more in the English Standard Version:

*Job 38:14 It is **changed like clay under the seal**, and its features stand out like a garment.*

Get some wax and a seal. Press the seal into the wax and you will get the picture: you end up with a circular, pressed flat seal with raised features on it.



And... LOL! Please don't even try to use the KJV's use of "turned" to try and "spin" some notion of Biblical support for the Earth's rotation/orbit. Please – don't. I'm begging you. The Bible consistently describes this place as stationary and firmly set on pillars.

"Circling" back around to Isaiah 40:22, the last and final (Biblical) use of the word "chug," there is simply no way you can force it into meaning a sphere. So, Paul Taylor is lying to you and people like Kent and Eric Hovind and others are choosing to remain willfully ignorant of the **literal** truth of Scripture, which is in

direct contradiction to the “science” (falsely so-called) that they are believing in, and trying to manipulate the Bible into supporting.

The Genesis Revelation: Part 1 - The Biblical Flat Earth?

THE GENESIS REVELATION

Part 1

Job 28:24 For he searcheth to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

The indisputable Biblical case for a Flat Earth cosmology

Job 38:
1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Job 38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

Genesis 1:
9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas; and God saw that it was good.
11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind.

WHICH ONE IS A BETTER FIT FOR WHAT WE ARE READING HERE?



Like it or not, believe it or not, accept it or not, your Bible is a flat Earth book! Deal with it however you must, but don't try and force it to say something it absolutely does not even remotely support. Thus, for

the love of all that is Holy, sane and true, *please* stop sending me Isaiah 40:22 and stop trying to use it to justify your belief in a spinning, heliocentric, globular Earth!

Thanks.

- Rob Skiba

Across the FLAT breadth of the Earth?

by [Rob](#) | Aug 24, 2016 | [Bible](#), [Blogs](#), [Flat Earth](#), [YHWH](#)

I have repeatedly stated in other blog posts and videos that “The Bible is a flat Earth book from Genesis to Revelation.” Well, this morning, I found another interesting proof of this in the book of Revelation as a result of [watching a video by Pastor Dean Odle](#). He was studying Revelation 20 and found the following little nugget. After Satan is released from his thousand years in prison, he goes out to deceive the nations in the “four corners of the Earth.” The first thing we must note is that this can’t refer to the “four cardinal points on a compass” as many a Christian apologetic website will try to tell you this means. Why? Because there are no East and West corners, points or other definitive ends like there are to North and South on the globular Earth model. If you use the cardinal points argument, you only have two legitimate “points” not four. If you use the “quarters” argument, again, there are no East and West quarters, since there is no place we can definitively point to and say, “That’s the East and that’s the West,” like we can with North and South. So, that argument is quite lame in my opinion. Plus, if you assign a point to East and West, then you have a big problem with verses like this:

***Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

The whole point of this verse is that at no time do you ever arrive at East and/or West. They are so far removed from one another that there is no way to measure the distance. If you go East, you never arrive at West like you do when you go North (on a globe) and eventually end up going South. So, you simply cannot apply the “four corners/quarters” of the Earth to anything to do with the cardinal points on a compass.

Whereas, if, as I’ve pointed out in one of my [previous blogs](#), the “circle of the Earth” was “inscribed” into something else, then that something else likely has four corners. So, what you effectively end up with is a circle inscribed into a square. But that’s not the point of this post. Rather, it’s the next verse in Revelation 20 that caught my attention:

***Revelation 20:9** And they went up on the **breadth of the earth**, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

The word for “breadth” is *platos*:

◀ 4114. platos ▶

Strong's Concordance

platos: breadth

Original Word: πλάτος, ους, τό

Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter

Transliteration: platos

Phonetic Spelling: (plat'-os)

Short Definition: breadth

Definition: breadth.

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from *platus*

Definition

breadth

NASB Translation

breadth (1), broad plain (1), width (2).

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Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 4114: πλάτος

πλάτος, **πλάτους**, **τό** ((cf. **πλάξ**), from Herodotus down), **breadth**: [Ephesians 3:18](#) (on which see **μήκος**); [Revelation 21:16](#); carrying with it the suggestion of great extent, **τῆς γῆς**, opposed to the ends or corners of the earth, [Revelation 20:9](#); (for **כַּרְתִּים**, [Habakkuk 1:6](#)).

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breadth.

From *platus*; width -- breadth.

see GREEK *platus*

As it says above, it means “width” or “breadth.” This in and of itself doesn’t necessarily support only a flat Earth model. However, when you look at the words from which this word is derived, we start to gain a clearer picture. Note that Strong’s says it comes from the word “platus” which means “broad”:

◀ 4116. platus ▶

Strong's Concordance

platus: broad, subst. a street

Original Word: πλατύς, εἶα, ύ

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: platus

Phonetic Spelling: (plat-oos')

Short Definition: broad

Definition: broad, wide; subst: a street.

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. word

Definition

broad, subst. a street

NASB Translation

street (4), streets (5), wide (1).

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Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 4116: πλατύς

πλατύς, πλατεῖα, πλατύ (cf. Latin *planus, latus*; Curtius, § 367 b; Vanicek, p. 552), from Homer down, the Sept. several times for **רָחָב**, **broad**: [Matthew 7:13](#).

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wide.

From [plasso](#); spread out "flat" ("plot"), i.e. Broad -- wide.

see GREEK [plasso](#)

So, here we have something that is broad/wide. But as we also see above, “platus” comes from “plasso” which means FLAT! But not only is it flat, it is likened unto something that has been molded from clay:

◀ 4111. plassó ▶

Strong's Concordance

plassó: to form

Original Word: πλάσσω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: plassó

Phonetic Spelling: (plas'-so)

Short Definition: I form, mould

Definition: I form, mould, as a potter his clay.

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. verb

Definition

to form

NASB Translation

created (1), molder (1).

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This of course is rather poetic as here we have the last written book of the Bible confirming something from the first written book of the Bible...

Job 38:

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

Oddly enough, KJV Only fanatic Mike Hoggard uses this same passage from Job to try and refute the flat Earth model, by INCORRECTLY stating that “clouds are a swaddlingband” for the Earth. First, he misquotes this text. The clouds are resting on the Earth as a garment, whereas it is the **“thick darkness”** that is tightly surrounding the Earth like swaddling bands. Nothing about this is in contradiction to the flat Earth model, which has the firmament (and the Earth within it) surrounded by the thick darkness of the waters above, below and all around it. Second, he dismisses the language of the preceding verses, which describe the foundation of the Earth being *laid* (which implies being set ON something). The text then goes on to describe stretching a line UPON the Earth, not all around it. Job also goes on to describe a boundary for the “proud waves” to be stayed and go no further (a statement, which perfectly fits the FE model with its two to three hundred foot outer ice ring). Mike – and plenty of others like him – conveniently ignore all of this, along with the statement of taking “hold of the ends of the earth” so that the “wicked might be shaken out of it.” Where are the ends of the globe that one can take hold of and shake it? And if all of the above weren’t enough, it is the last verse that ties Job with Revelation, wherein it describes the Earth as being pressed FLAT as clay is to the seal.



Once again, I have to say, like it or not, believe it or not, accept it or not, the proof that your Bible is a flat Earth book from Job/Genesis to Revelation is undeniable.

- Rob Skiba

Multiply IN the Earth...

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The phrase “IN the earth” shows up about 60 times in the OT according to the KJV. This is because the Hebrew letter “bet” precedes the word for earth. Care to guess why this may be? Hint: it’s NOT talking about “inner earth” concepts. And there is no justification apart from translator bias and cognitive dissonance for any English Bible to change it to “ON the earth.” Let’s have a look...

Genesis 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply **in the earth**.

Genesis 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was **in the earth**, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

Genesis 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be **in the earth**.

Genesis 4:14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond **in the earth**; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

Genesis 6:4 There were giants **in the earth** in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great **in the earth**, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is **in the earth** shall die.

Genesis 8:17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly **in the earth**, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

Genesis 9:7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly **in the earth**, and multiply therein.

Genesis 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one **in the earth**.

Genesis 10:32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided **in the earth** after the flood.

Genesis 19:31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man **in the earth** to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

Genesis 45:7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity **in the earth**, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is **in the earth** beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Deuteronomy 5:8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is **in the earth** beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

Joshua 7:21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid **in the earth** in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

Judges 18:10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of any thing that is **in the earth**.

2 Samuel 7:9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are **in the earth**.

2 Samuel 7:23 And what one nation **in the earth** is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

2 Samuel 14:20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are **in the earth**.

1 Chronicles 17:8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are **in the earth**.

1 Chronicles 17:21 And what one nation **in the earth** is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

1 Chronicles 29:11 Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and **in the earth** is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

2 Chronicles 6:14 And said, O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor **in the earth**; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

Job 1:7 And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro **in the earth**, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 1:8 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him **in the earth**, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job 2:2 And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro **in the earth**, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 2:3 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him **in the earth**, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Job 14:8 Though the root thereof wax old **in the earth**, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

Job 24:18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed **in the earth**: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

Job 37:12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world **in the earth**.

Job 38:33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof **in the earth**?

Job 39:14 Which leaveth her eggs **in the earth**, and warmeth them in dust,

Psalms 16:3 But to the saints that are **in the earth**, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Psalms 46:8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made **in the earth**.

Psalms 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted **in the earth**.

Psalms 58:2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands **in the earth**.

Psalms 58:11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth **in the earth**.

Psalms 72:16 There shall be an handful of corn **in the earth** upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

Psalms 113:6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and **in the earth**!

Psalms 119:19 I am a stranger **in the earth**: hide not thy commandments from me.

Psalms 140:11 Let not an evil speaker be established **in the earth**: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

Proverbs 11:31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed **in the earth**: much more the wicked and the sinner.

Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are **in the earth**, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance **in the earth**; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

Isaiah 40:24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root **in the earth**: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

Isaiah 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment **in the earth**: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Isaiah 62:7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise **in the earth**.

Isaiah 65:16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth **in the earth** shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, **in the earth**: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 14:4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain **in the earth**, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

Jeremiah 17:13 O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written **in the earth**, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

Jeremiah 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Jeremiah 31:22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing **in the earth**, A woman shall compass a man.

Daniel 4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots **in the earth**, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

Daniel 4:23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof **in the earth**, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

Hosea 2:23 And I will sow her unto me **in the earth**; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Joel 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and **in the earth**, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Amos 5:7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness **in the earth**,

Amos 9:6 It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop **in the earth**; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name.

One could try and argue that it's all "poetic" language. But to do so would be quite foolish... and desperate. No. There is an undeniable reason the authors used such language and it is summed up in this graphic, graciously and faithfully rendered by the intellectually honest scholars of Logos Bible Software:

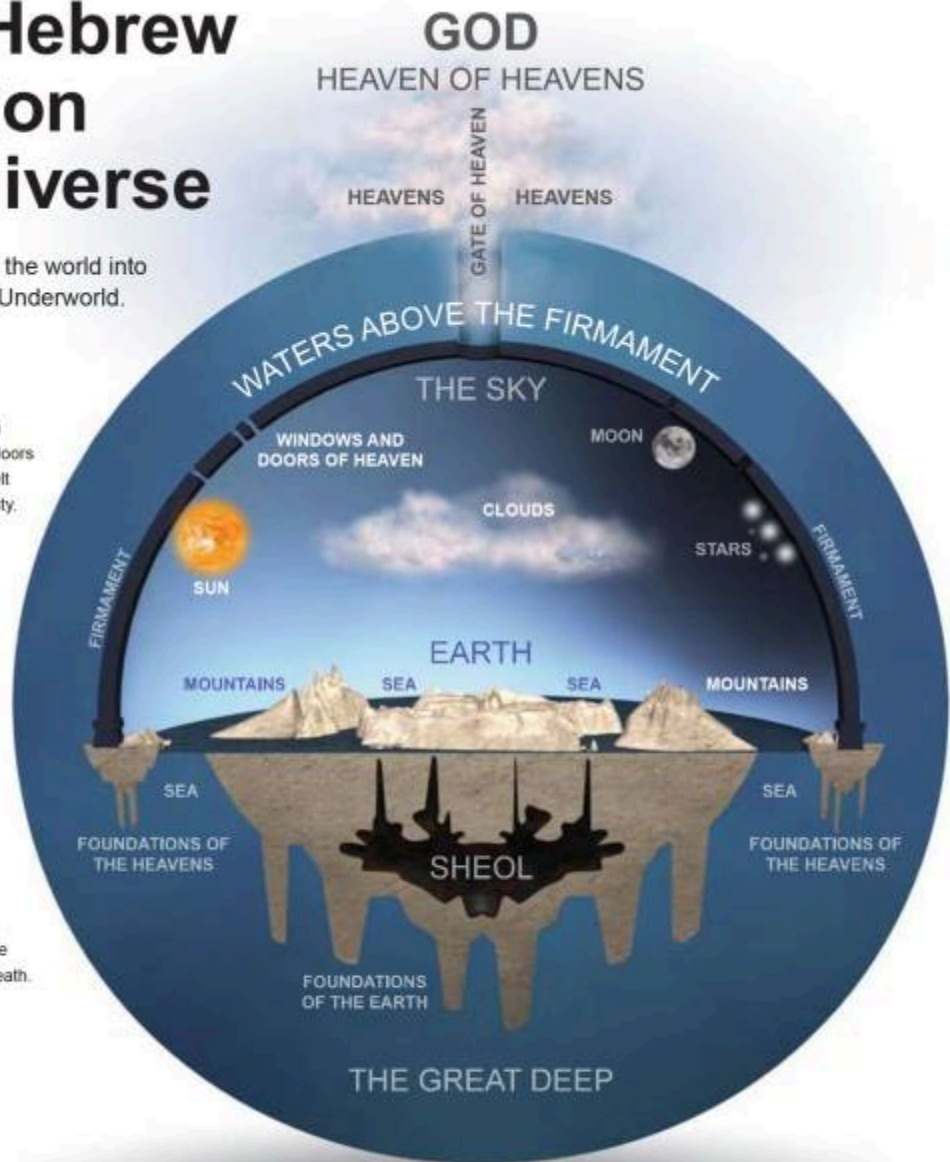
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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The book of Enoch only confirms this, while totally explaining why the phrase is rendered as “IN the earth”...

The Deluge and the Deliverance of Noah

CHAPTER 89:

*2 And again I raised mine eyes towards heaven and saw a lofty roof, with seven water torrents thereon, and those torrents flowed with much water into **an enclosure**.*

*3 And I saw again, and behold fountains were opened on the surface of **that great enclosure**, and that*

water began to swell and rise upon the surface, and I saw **that enclosure** till all its surface was covered with water.

4 And the water, the darkness, and mist increased upon it; and as I looked at the height of that water, that water had risen above the height of **that enclosure**, and was streaming over **that enclosure**, and it stood upon the earth.

5 And all the cattle of **that enclosure** were gathered together until I saw how they sank and were swallowed up and perished in that water.

In absolute agreement with this concept, the Psalmist told us what was going on here, when he wrote:

Psalm 19:

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath **he set a tabernacle for the sun,**

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of **his chamber**, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 **His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it:** and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Here we clearly see the sun is contained within a “tabernacle” – a “chamber” – and it moves about on *his* “circuit.” This same motif is expressed likewise by Isaiah:

Isaiah 40:

21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out **as a tent to dwell in:**

Note that Isaiah asked if you have not heard and known from the beginning that the world is constructed as a “circle” within a “tent.” This is because the whole “Flat Earth psyop” began with Moses writing “*In the beginning...*” and then telling us about a firmament that was created to separate the waters above from those beneath and that the dry land appeared within it – all before He placed the sun, moon and stars IN the firmament (not outside and all around it – sorry Kent Hovind). The evidence is more than overwhelming that the Holy Spirit inspired Biblical authors all wrote with the exact same cosmological worldview in mind. And sorry, but it most certainly was **not** that of a spinning, heliocentric, globular earth, in an average galaxy, among billions of other galaxies in an ever expanding Universe.

For more, please see:

- <http://www.testingtheglobe.com/bible.html>
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 - [*The Doctrine of Accommodation?*](#)



– Rob Skiba

Joshua commanded the SUN and MOON to stand still... NOT the Earth!

by [Rob](#) | May 4, 2016 | [Blogs](#), [Flat Earth](#) |

Joshua 10:

¹² Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

*¹³ And **the sun stood still, and the moon stayed**, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*

¹⁴ And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel

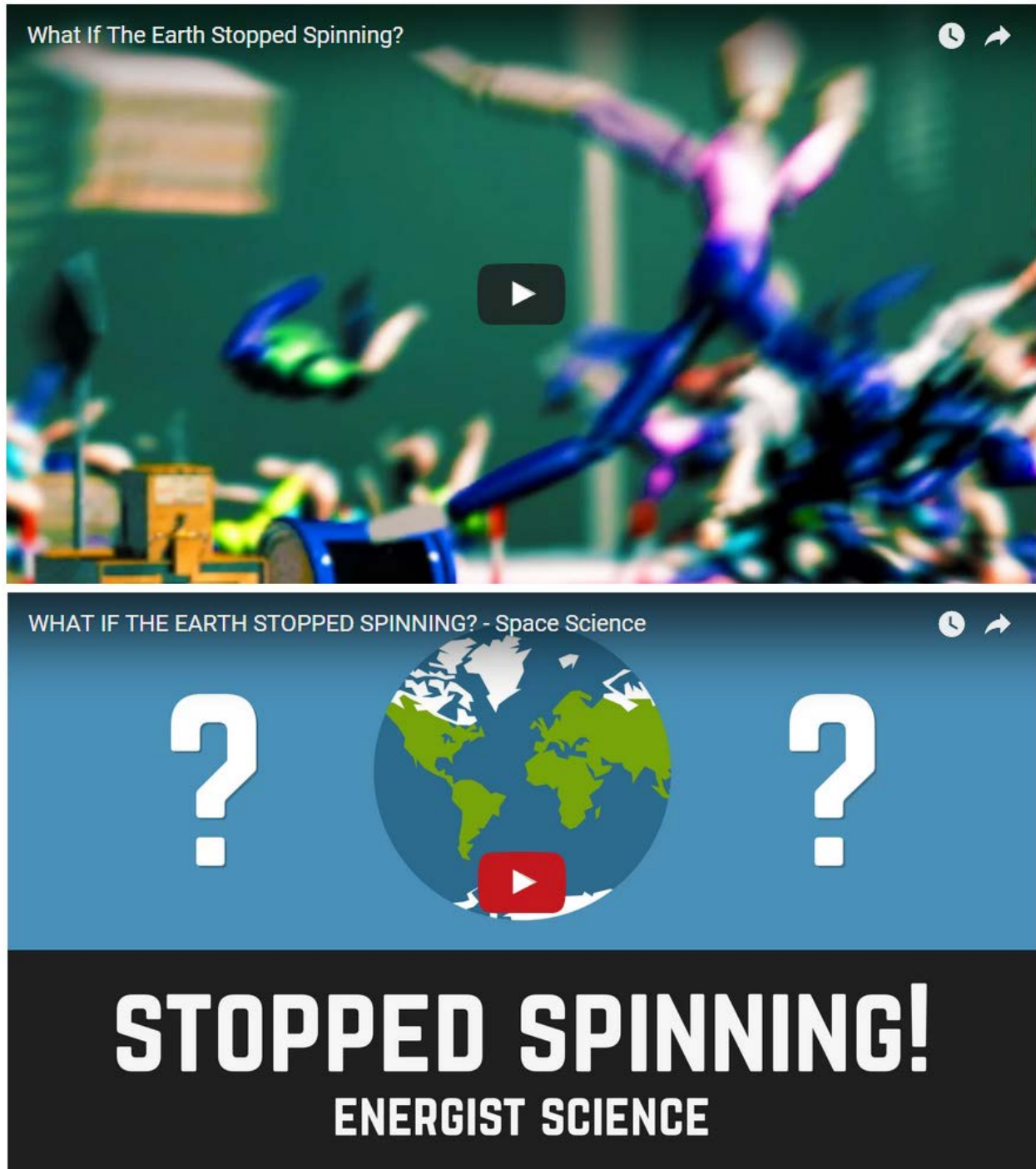
So, my friend Zach Bauer just made a video attempting to refute what the above text actually says, stating that it is all a “perspective issue” from the Earthbound observer’s point of view.



Now, to be fair, I have made some of the exact same arguments myself. But there are several problems I now have with this view:

1. The text says Joshua commanded **the sun and the moon**, not **the Earth** to stand still. He took LEGAL authority with his words. Words mean things, but even more so in a legal framework. If one is going to take legal authority over the natural world, then the words used should be quite accurate and very definitive. YHWH did not say, *"Oh well, I know my servant is an ignorant moron, so I'll do what is necessary to make his command come true. I know what he **meant to say**, so I'll go ahead and stop the Earth and suspend a host of post-Copernican 'laws' in order to make it happen."*
2. Yes, if you stop the Earth in the current post-Copernican model, the sun would appear to stop in the sky. However, the text says the moon stopped too. This presents another problem for anyone who refuses to simply take the Bible at its word. The moon is allegedly in orbit around our world, both [spinning itself \(in a fashion that just so happens to keep the same "face" pointed toward us all the time\)](#) as well as moving around us. So, for Joshua's command to work as stated (and understood in the post-Copernican model of the cosmos), YHWH would have had to stop the Earth and the moon. And if He stopped the moon, but didn't stop its rotation too, then how could it remain in sync with the same face pointed toward us precisely as it is?
3. If the Earth stops rotating, [Newton's orbital laws of motion](#) would have to be suspended. In short, you would lose "gravity." The magnetic field would also collapse and you would have to deal with 1,000 mile wind-shear as the atmosphere would continue to spin even if the Earth stopped, in accordance with the Law of Inertia. The same would be true of the oceans, which would have to totally flood the whole Earth in accordance with the same law. I see no evidence of the Isrealites being drowned in this encounter.
4. The Earth (allegedly) spins and is as Zach believes heliocentric, meaning it is going around the sun. But if the sun stood still, there would have to be a suspension of both our orbital movement as well as our rotational movement in order to keep the sun specifically over one location *"upon Gibeon."* So, where do we see any evidence that the Earth then spun back up to 1,000 mph, and proceeded to move back into its heliocentric orbital speed of 67,000 mph around the sun?
5. If the moon is allegedly in charge of the tides of our seas, then we'd also have significant tidal issues as it ramped back up to speed doing its thing after being stopped from doing it by Joshua's command.

But since Zach and others like him prefer to agree with modern, monkey-man science over what the Scriptures actually say, I'll direct such people to the same monkey-men they trust to explain many of the same problems I just gave above:



And in the case of Hezekiah and the sun dial going *backward*, things get even worse!



Isaiah 38:

¹ In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

² Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord,

³ And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

⁴ Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying,

⁵ Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

⁶ And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

⁷ And this shall be a sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken;

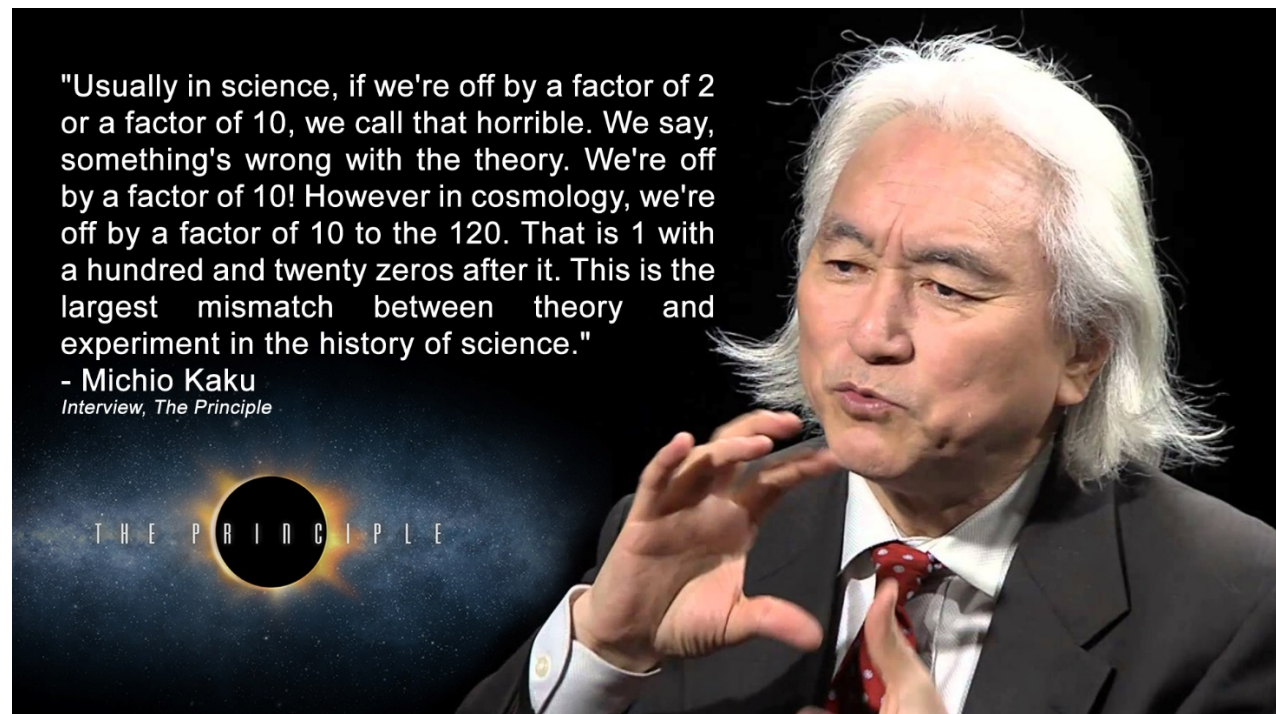
⁸ Behold, **I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.**

Here you would have the Earth stop rotating. Then start rotating *backward*, then reversing again and ramping back up to 1,000 mph again. Really?? Do you have any idea how badly that would jack up all of the oceans, rivers and lakes?? Of course, you could say, “Well, it’s called a ‘miracle’ for a reason Rob. God just made it all work out that way, with no accompanying issues, which would have to occur according to our monkey-man science.” Sure. You could use that argument. Or... you could just simply agree with what the Bible says!

At no time whatsoever does the Bible in any way, shape or form even remotely support a spinning, heliocentric ball Earth concept. The sun doesn’t even show up until Day 4 of Creation for crying out loud, showing the singular importance of the Earth over the sun. The sun is here to support life on the pre-existing, *stationary* Earth. The Earth was here first in the Biblical model and – according to Moses – the sun, moon and stars were *later* placed over us **inside the firmament** (dome-like, metallic enclosure) that separates the waters above from the waters below. But in the model Zach supports, the firmament is gone and all importance is shifted to the sun and everything quite literally “revolves” around it instead of Earth. The problem for those who want to hold on to both the Bible and monkey-man science is that in Scripture we always see the Earth as center stage, not the sun and it is to the Earth that everything else in the cosmos remains subordinate. You cannot hold onto both the Bible and monkey-man science as they are most certainly diametrically opposing (pardon the pun) viewpoints.

Zach then goes on to talk about the various transits in front of the sun and the moons of Jupiter and such. So what?? Big deal. That doesn’t conflict with anything in the geocentric model (whether the Earth is flat or round is also irrelevant in that argument). Naturally, Mercury and Venus would have to be wayyyy smaller in order for the Flat Earth model to be true, but again, so what? Where does the Bible give us any scale to work from? Oh yeah, we trust NASA and Atheistic monkey-man science more. Right. I forgot. Sorry. Regardless, yes, Joe Blow can buy a telescope and observe all of these things for themselves. In fact, I have done just that many times in my youth. I was glued to my 300x telescope and have seen a lot of this stuff myself... but it does not prove heliocentricity.

Zach then attempts to debunk *The Principle* and cites the complaints of Kate Mulgrew and others who were in the film (such as Lawrence Kraus), who incidentally hate God and spend their whole careers doing all they can to discredit the Bible. So, it is no big surprise why they would be upset with the message of *The Principle* and having their name associated with it. To say they were “misrepresented in the film” is simply ridiculous though. They were fairly and accurately presented, giving their views on the evidence. They just didn’t like the conclusions the film makers came to as a result of that evidence and thus didn’t want their names associated with the project. Yet, you have Michio Kaku basically stating that they *know* they have *no clue* what they are talking about:



The above is not taken out of context. It was not skillfully manipulated through editing. The man said those words on camera! But I must say it is nothing short of shocking that Zach (a man I truly do love and respect) is taking the sides of men who quite literally hate God and are proud to state as much *frequently* as abundantly evident in their consistent disdain for all things Biblical:



The Kate Mulgrew argument is probably the most absurd. She read the script (for 3 weeks no less) and was the freaking **narrator** for crying out loud! So she knew exactly what she was getting into. How could you not? If you are the narrator, you have a script. If you can read and comprehend what you are reading, then you know exactly what it is you are talking about and there can be no surprise. For the other side of Zach's argument regarding criticism against the film makers of *The Principle*, please **be sure** to watch:



Forgetting ***The Principle*** and Flat Earth altogether, if you are still interested in the geocentric argument, please watch this video:



- Rob Skiba

Dr. Michael Heiser does NOT believe the Earth is flat! No kidding. Never said he did.

by [Rob](#) | Jun 9, 2016 | [Bible](#), [Blogs](#), [Facebook Notes](#), [Flat Earth](#)

As you may know, I've produced a few videos showing the Biblical worldview of the Earth as flat, circular, set on pillars and under a dome, within which the sun, moon and stars were placed on Day 4 of Creation. This indisputable fact is best illustrated by the following graphic from Logos Bible Software:

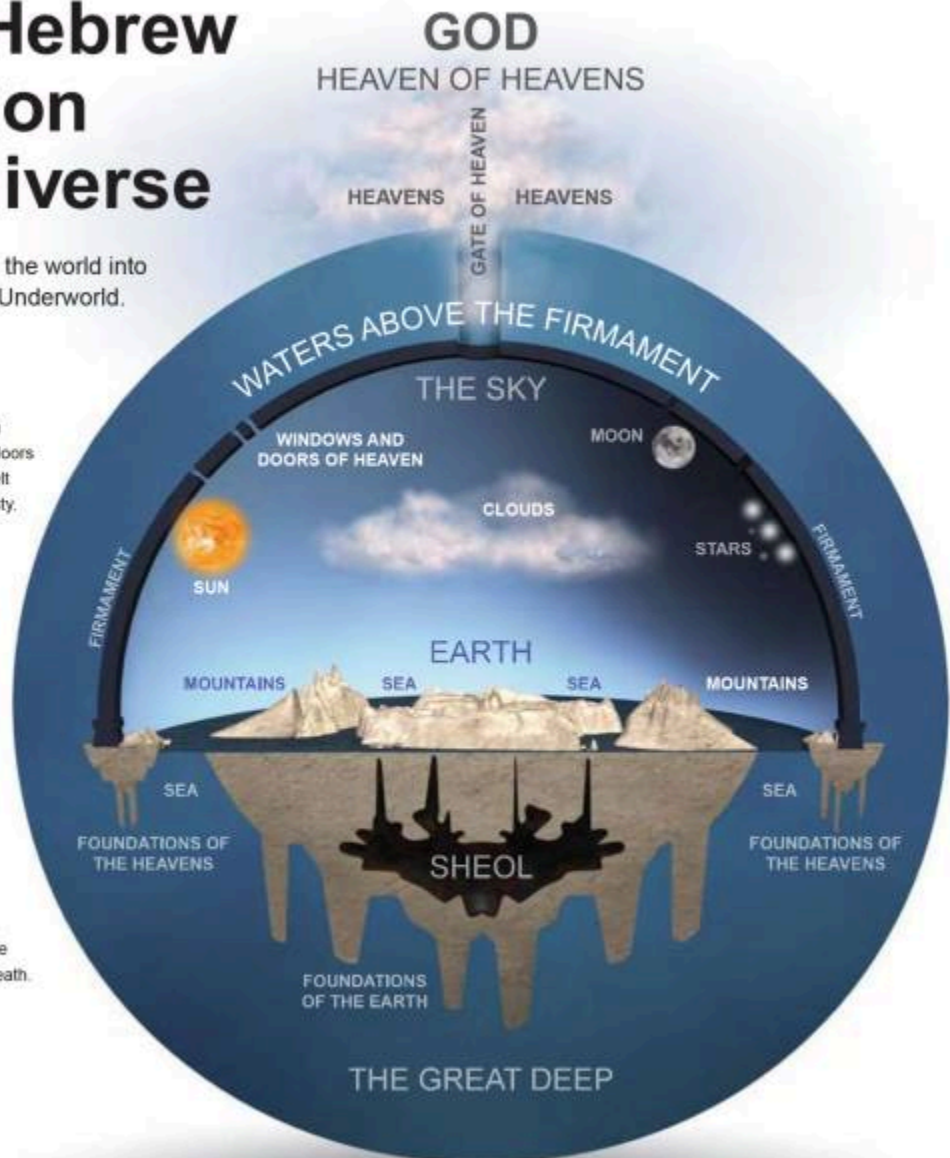
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Around this time last year (2015), while searching to confirm that the above graphic was indeed from Logos, I stumbled upon some writings and a video by Dr. Michael Heiser. This was at a time when I was

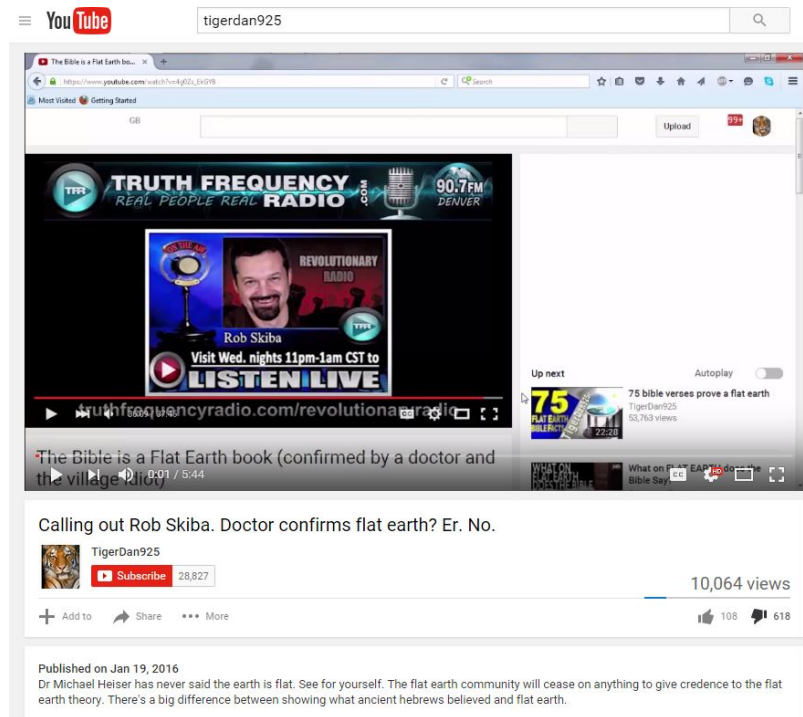
receiving a *ton* of flack for even suggesting that the Bible was a “Flat Earth book.” Much to my surprise, I saw that someone of Heiser’s academic stature fully agreed with everything I had been saying. So, I included some clips of a lecture he gave on the subject in one of my presentations to prove the point. Shortly after that, I was publicly threatened by the good doctor. He accused me of being unprincipled, dishonest and worse. Funny, how academics can cite the work of other academics all day long, but when a so-called “village idiot” does the same, they blow a fuse.



Well, after I posted my latest video last night (6/8/16), which included the same clips in question, many began sending me the link to Dr. Michael Heiser’s rant/blog against me (Note: although he didn’t mention my name, he did threaten me directly in a comment on a post by Doug Hamp that he was going to write what he did before he did so. Therefore it is quite obvious that some of his statements were aimed at me). Here’s the link if you have not read it:

<http://drmsb.com/christians-who-believe-the-earth-is-really-flat-does-it-get-any-dumber-than-this/>

If you’ve actually seen my video, you will immediately recognize that he obviously did not, because it really does appear like he was giving a knee-jerk response – likely based on gossip and half-truths sent to him by others. Perhaps for good reason. For instance, a YouTube user named *TigerDan925* posted a video totally taking my video out of context and absolutely misrepresenting both myself as well as my use of Dr. Heiser’s work in that video.



Notice the title of TigerDan925's video reads, **"Calling out Rob Skiba. Doctor Confirms flat earth? Er. No."** and in the description he says...

Dr Michael Heiser has never said the earth is flat. See for yourself. The flat earth community will cease on anything to give credence to the flat earth theory. There's a big difference between showing what ancient Hebrews believed and flat earth.

Thankfully, as you can see, he got over 600 thumbs-down ratings and reading through the comments for that video, I was pleased to see that many very quickly caught on to the fact that he was falsely accusing me and totally misrepresenting everything about my video – the title of which is in the screenshot above from the beginning of his video, clearly stating that the video in question was labeled **"The Bible is a Flat Earth book (confirmed by a doctor and the village idiot)."** The whole point of that video was to show what the **Bible** says about the subject. Some of the users who commented on his page called TigerDan out on his error, leaving comments like:

Tiger, I dont think Rob ever said Heiser was a flat earther. He said Heiser admits the Bible supports a flat earth and that's why the ancient Hebrews believed accordingly. My goodness I just watched all 37 minutes and 45 seconds of Rob Skiba's video. It seems to me TigerDan... that you are "misunderstanding all you see". Rob Skiba's video containing an excerpt of a lecture by Michael Heiser is about posing the challenge of... IF YOU TAKE THE BIBLE LITERALLY... YOU HAVE TO COME TO THE CONCLUSION, THAT THE EARTH IS ON PILLARS, IT'S DOMED, GOD IS ABOVE THE DOME, THE SUN AND MOON ARE INSIDE THE

***DOME AND THE STARS CLOSE** (not sure if they're inside or not, but I think they are). That's what Rob's video is about. Why are you going on about this??? You are misunderstanding what was presented in that video. Come on man!....*

But this is how slander, gossip and bearing false witness *often* leads to other problems. So, is that what happened with Dr. Heiser? Judging from his opening statements, it certainly sounds like it:

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Posted by DrHeiser | Feb 8, 2016 | Fringe Bible Interpretation, NakedBible | ★★★★★



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So “those who follow” his work were sending him “items.” Did he actually view those items? I can only guess, but I’m inclined to think not. Furthermore, some of his claims and questions against the Flat Earth model have long been addressed by many in that research community, indicating the man has not spent any real amount of time looking into any of it. At any rate, please note that Dr. Heiser only affirms the whole reason I cited his work in the first place by the following statements from his blog:

*“I and other OT scholars (e.g., John Walton; see below) have written articles about the pre-modern cosmology of the biblical writers — about how **the biblical text describes a round, flat earth, complete with a covering dome, to which were affixed the stars** (which in turn were thought to be divine beings, or under the power of divine beings).”*

Yep. And that’s exactly what I was saying! When people thought I was crazy, I showed that other generally well respected Biblical scholars who were being brutally honest with the text (something MANY Christians – and Creationists in particular – are not being) were saying *exactly* the same thing I was. He goes on...

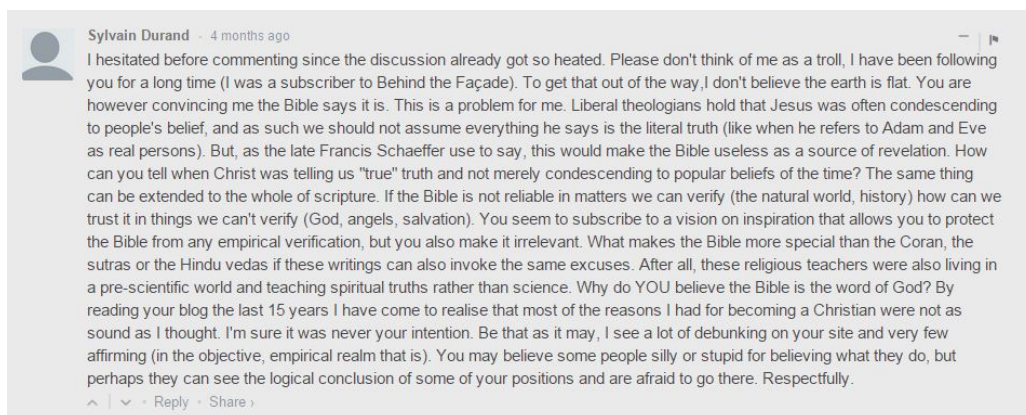
*“My position is straightforward. **The biblical writers do indeed describe a flat round earth** (with other features the flat earthers skip; see below). They wrote about the world this way because they lived at a time before knowledge of the natural world was sufficient to demonstrate otherwise. But I don’t believe the earth is really flat “because the Bible tells me so.” The knowledge the biblical writers had of their physical surroundings isn’t a truth proposition for biblical theology. Anyone who uses my work to prop up this idea without providing a disclaimer that I reject modern flat earth thinking is unprincipled and deliberately dishonest.”*

No one was being “unprincipled and deliberately dishonest.” His *whole* view (including his personal **denial** of the cosmology put forth by the Biblical writers – which he so eloquently demonstrated in his presentation) was totally, completely, fairly and accurately included in the clips of his speech that I used. My only point was to show that **the authors of Scripture** believed the world was flat – not that Heiser, myself or anyone else living today does. In each case where his work was cited, it was in the *context* of proving that **the Biblical authors did believe it was**.

Toward the end of his rant, Heiser then posts a link to the *exact* source video I showed. SMH. *Uh gee, I wish Ida thunka dat.*

Of course, even highly credentialed academics apparently fall prey to “condemnation *before* investigation is the height of ignorance” every now and then too (perhaps more often than any of them would be willing to admit). But if he had actually taken the time to see how he was **accurately** represented in my work, he never would have lashed out as he did. By the way... you don’t need to include a disclaimer, when the source used states all that needed to be said in the first place.

All that aside, and skimming past all the derogatory slurs and hate displayed in the comments section of that blog, this user’s comment really caught my attention and it sums up my problem with Dr. Heiser’s take and the whole issue in general:



Indeed. If we go the route Dr. Heiser takes, we effectively nullify Divine inspiration and might as well toss out any notion of Biblical inerrancy too. What we end up with is a hodge-podge of writings left to us (apparently) by ignorant sheep herders and fishermen, that we can pick and choose passages from as we wish, forcing whatever beliefs we want onto or out of them. As the Francis Schaeffer quote states, the Bible becomes totally useless as a valid source of revelation. If it's all just metaphor, symbolism and poetry as many a ball Earth advocate would have us believe, then why even read the thing? What possible value is there in a document that is so obviously prone to error and "idioms" that could lead to any number of outlandish theories concerning our existence in time and space and our purpose here now and in the future? If our origins are incorrect, how can we trust anything concerning our final destination? If the Beginning is all jacked up, how can we trust any prophecy concerning the End – especially since Isaiah said the End was declared from the Beginning (Isaiah 46:10)? When Isaiah, Yeshua, Peter and John told us that *all of the stars* are going to fall to the Earth in the Last Days, were they full of it? Were they speaking in cryptic language, spewing idioms and "poetry" we have no frame of reference to understand? Who determines what is literal and what is poetic? Science? Dr. Heiser and others would seem to indicate that to be the case. I think Sylvain Durand leaves a very valid set of observations concerning this issue in the above comment (which, at least as of this date, was never answered by Heiser).

In conclusion, it should be painfully obvious to anyone who actually saw my video(s) that I never even so much as insinuated that Dr. Michael Heiser believes the Earth is flat. Rather, only that he *confirms* the fact that ***the Holy Spirit inspired authors of Scripture*** clearly did. But thanks to gossip, slander and busy-bodies who love to bear false witness, misunderstandings abound on social media. This does not help anyone in their quest to understand what it is that the Bible is trying to tell us, and how we are to believe it, and such activity only serves to cause more division and strife among the brethren.

- Rob Skiba

The Doctrine of Accommodation?

by Rob | Aug 22, 2016 | Bible, Blogs, Flat Earth, KJV Only, YHWH |

In response to the whole Flat Earth Debate, I've been seeing more and more "scholars" defaulting to the [Doctrine of Accommodation](#) as a method to explain away the problem of what the Scriptures clearly describe concerning the shape and nature of our world. This is perhaps most notably true of people like those from Logos Bible Software, who while fully recognizing, acknowledging – and in fact, boldly proclaiming – the cosmology of the Biblical narrative in diagrams such as the one depicted below, will then turn around and fully endorse the modern "scientific" worldview and defend it against what they **know** the Scriptures teach.

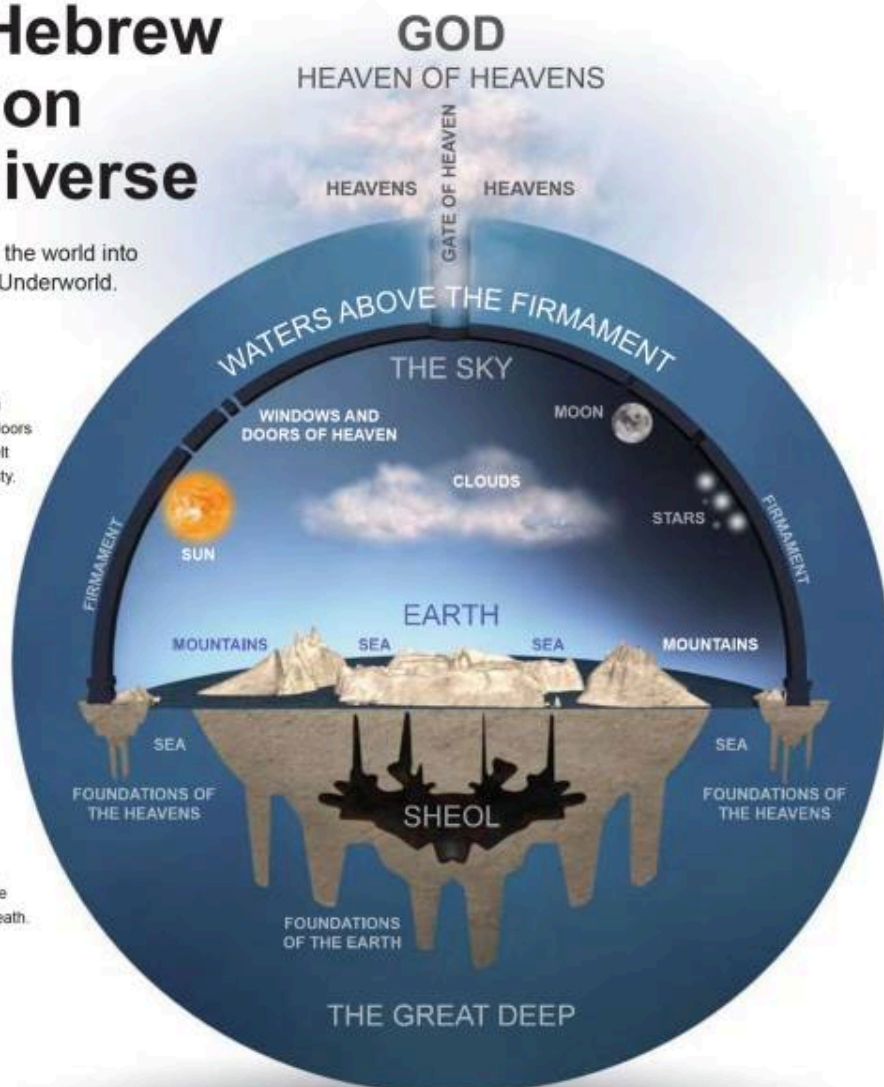
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But as I see it, there are major problems with this doctrine. For starters...

***Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*

***Psalm 119:160** Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*

***Psalm 8:1** O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.*

***Psalm 138:2** I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*

According to the above Scriptures, we are told that **God does not lie**. We are told that His word is “true from the beginning.” We are told that even though His name is excellent and His glory is above the heavens, **He has magnified His word above His name**. This leads to a massive problem for all of you who claim the Bible as your (literal) source for truth and yet still cling to the spinning, heliocentric, globular model of our world.

In response to this problem, “theologians” came up with the ridiculously absurd doctrine of “accommodation,” which states that YHWH accommodated the ignorance of man, and used it to get a “theological message” across, rather than deal with the lies they apparently believed. John Calvin is generally credited with coming up with this concept in response to the discoveries in the natural sciences of his day – most notably that of Copernicus’ theory of heliocentrism, which clearly conflicted with the obvious, geocentric model of Scripture. The concept of accommodation thus became an alternative method of Bible interpretation, in contrast to the tradition of literal Biblical interpretation. The rationale generally goes something like this:

Accommodation (or condescension) is the theological principle that God, while being in His nature unknowable and unreachable, has nevertheless communicated with humanity in a way which humans can understand and respond to. The concept is that scripture has accommodated, or made allowance for, the original audience’s language and general level of understanding. Thus, Divine accommodation means that the infinite God has accommodated various truths about Himself and the world in such a way that they can be comprehended by the finite human mind.

– Paraphrased from [the Wikipedia entry on Accommodation \(religion\)](#)

This makes YHWH an accomplice in those lies by not correcting them, but rather instead effectively **endorsing them** by describing His creation in the same **exact** terms upon which the alleged lies were based. This doctrine therefore puts YHWH in agreement with lies instead of being the alleged source for truth upon which we can and should place our trust to combat them.

So, here's the problem: If the spinning, heliocentric, globular model of our world is true, then **Divine inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture is demonstrably false and all such notions must therefore, of necessity, be forever abandoned**. So, which "sacred cow" are we willing to let go of in order to maintain our beliefs? You can't have both. A choice must be made.

And if you attempt to go the route that Scripture does in fact, somehow support a spinning, heliocentric, globular view of our world (as many are now trying to do), at best, you will only demonstrate the extreme levels of cognitive dissonance you are suffering from and telegraph how little research you have actually done on the subject for all to see (please don't do that), or at worst, you will be blatantly lying through your teeth.

The video thumbnail features a title "The indisputable Biblical case for a Flat Earth cosmology" at the top. Below the title, it lists several Bible verses: Job 28:24, Job 28:1-7, Job 28:13, and Genesis 1:9-10. At the bottom, it asks "WHICH ONE IS A BETTER FIT FOR WHAT WE ARE READING HERE?" and shows two images: a globe on the left and a flat Earth model on the right. The flat Earth model is labeled "YHWH'S TERRAPLUM" and "A FLAT EARTH MODEL OF THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE".

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lies believed by ignorant sheep herders and fishermen? Could not statements that YHWH is true and He cannot lie also be an “accommodation” of the fallacious ideas of finite men about what an infinite, Holy and perfect God *should* be? How would you even know what is being “accommodated” and what is not?

The Apostle Peter said:

***2 Peter 1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Along similar lines, the Apostle Paul said:

***2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

In Romans 3:4, Paul also said that we should “let God be true, but every man a liar.” Well, how can we do that if YHWH Himself accommodates the lies? If, as Peter states, “holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” and they wrote those words down, then how can we trust Yeshua when He said that the Holy Ghost leads us to **all truth**?

***John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

The Apostle John said that we have no need of a (human) teacher, but that the Holy Spirit should be our teacher:

***1 John 2:27** But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, **and is truth, and is no lie**, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

How can we trust the “anointing” (of the Holy Ghost) to teach us “all things” that are supposedly “truth,” wherein there “is NO lie” if the Holy Ghost of YHWH accommodates the lies of those who are inspired to write Scripture? Indeed, [people like Dr. Michael Heiser](#) and others like him reduce Divine inspiration to little more than cosmic indigestion and promote ideologies that obliterate any notion of the inerrant nature of Scripture by advocating such insane doctrines as that of Accommodation.

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What Mike Thinks

I'm appalled that people who follow Christ are this dumb (or so easily led astray into embracing beliefs that are demonstrably contrary to reality). This level of willful ignorance dishonors God. The stupidity of modern flat earth belief is transparent in today's world. Space flight (really, flight between hemispheres), satellite communications, space photography (any photography showing the earth's curvature), etc. show the idea to be utter nonsense. And that's before getting into the nuts-and-bolts science. Yet some people think they need to believe it to have a "true" Bible. This is mindless, simplistic literalism at its worst. (Well, maybe it can get worse ... keep reading).

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I can already hear the comeback. "Let God be true and every man a liar!" Let me just say God isn't a liar. He knows (and knew) the earth is a globe. It just happens that the people he chose to produce this thing we call the Bible didn't know that. And God couldn't have cared less. The writers God used to produce the Bible were not inspired to write about things of the natural world that were beyond their own worldview and knowledge base. And to argue (as normal 24-hour day creationists do) that God gave them advanced scientific knowledge, or that such advanced knowledge is encrypted in the biblical text, means that what they wrote could never have communicated that important knowledge to their original audience (or any audience prior to recent centuries). These approaches are absurd and undermine the communicative purpose of the Bible. What we read in Genesis (and elsewhere) reflects a common ancient Near Eastern

perspective about cosmology with one crucial difference: the credit for creation is given exclusively to the God of Israel against all other gods. That is its truth claim with respect to creation. That Israelite cosmology is quite consistent with wider ancient Near Eastern cosmology is easy to demonstrate.¹ That God chose people of a certain time, a certain place, with a certain (limited) knowledge base was up to him. We dishonor His choices when we impose our questions and our context on the biblical writers. Precisely the same limitations would be in place if God chose a scientist today to write Genesis 1000 years from now people would chuckle at how primitive he/she was (“Can you believe this is what they thought?”). This is why the Bible intentionally transcends science discourse — science always changes with new discovery and knowledge. Who the creator was never changes.

If the “Creator never changes,” then He continues to accommodate lies according to this absurd rationale. Furthermore, this whole idea of the Biblical explanation of Creation reflecting “*a common ancient Near Eastern perspective about cosmology with one crucial difference: the credit for creation is given exclusively to the God of Israel against all other gods. That is its truth claim with respect to creation,*” has YHWH effectively taking credit for being the *cause* of Creation, while simultaneously endorsing the (according to Mike) erroneous method for *how* He did so, which was apparently in *perfect alignment* with the “false” cosmology of the Ancient Near East.

Personally, I have never in my life been given any reason to doubt the truth of Scripture. Never. Time and time again, the Bible has proven to be a “living Word,” which has not once let me down. It has always proven itself to be 100% true in every detail and thus completely trustworthy to be my “compass” in a world filled with lies. Therefore, you are free to believe whatever you want, but for me, to imagine that the Scriptures would in any way accommodate those lies in an effort to convey truth is an unthinkable, logical fallacy and a patently absurd idea.



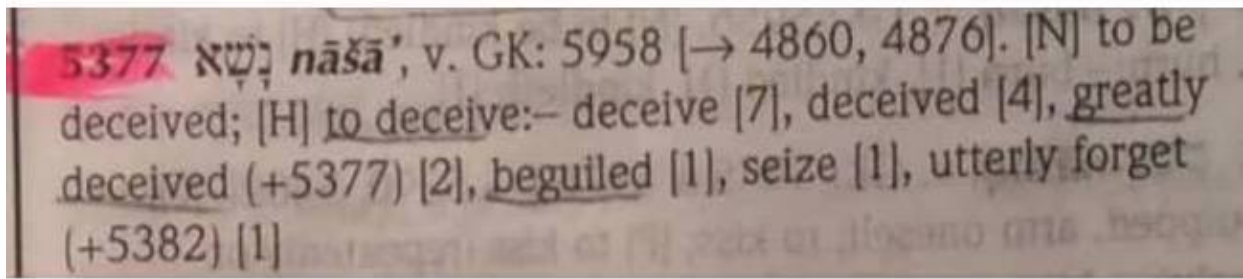
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NASA in Hebrew

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I've been seeing an interesting meme being passed around these days concerning the Hebrew word נָשָׂא:

NASA in Hebrew means "to deceive"!



Not sure what the source is for this pic, but in the above case, the word is not pronounced “naSa” but rather “nâSHâ” (with the “sh” sound as opposed to the “s” sound). And indeed, Strong’s defines this word as: *Strong’s # 5377 – naw-shaw’; a primitive root; to lead astray, i.e. (mentally) to delude, or (morally) to seduce:—beguile, deceive, × greatly, × utterly.*

Interestingly enough, the word is first introduced in Genesis 3:13...

*And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent **beguiled** me, and I did eat.*

The word “beguiled” in the KJV comes from this Hebrew word, which as seen above means “greatly deceived.” Eve was deceived by a נָחָשׁ (Hebrew: “nachash” translated as “serpent”). I created the following graphic early on in my investigations concerning NASA, and of course others have done similar renditions, noting the NASA “swoosh” looks an awful lot like a serpent tongue...



Probably just a coincidence. Anywho...

In both cases (“nachash” – serpent and “nawshaw” – deceived) the Hebrew letter shin is pronounced with the “sh” sound because you will notice that there is a tiny dot above and to the right of the letter shin. This dot is what tells you how it is to be pronounced. When the dot is above and to the left of the shin (as in **שָׂטָן** which is the Hebrew word for Satan), it is pronounced with the “s” sound. Interestingly enough, there is a Hebrew word that is pronounced “nasa” and it is spelled the same way as “nawshaw” but with the dot over the top left of the shin:

◀ 5375. nasa

Strong's Concordance

nasa or nasah: to lift, carry, take

Original Word: נָסָא

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: nasa or nasah

Phonetic Spelling: (naw-saw')

Short Definition: lifted

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. root

Definition

to lift, carry, take

This word first appears in Gen. 4:13...

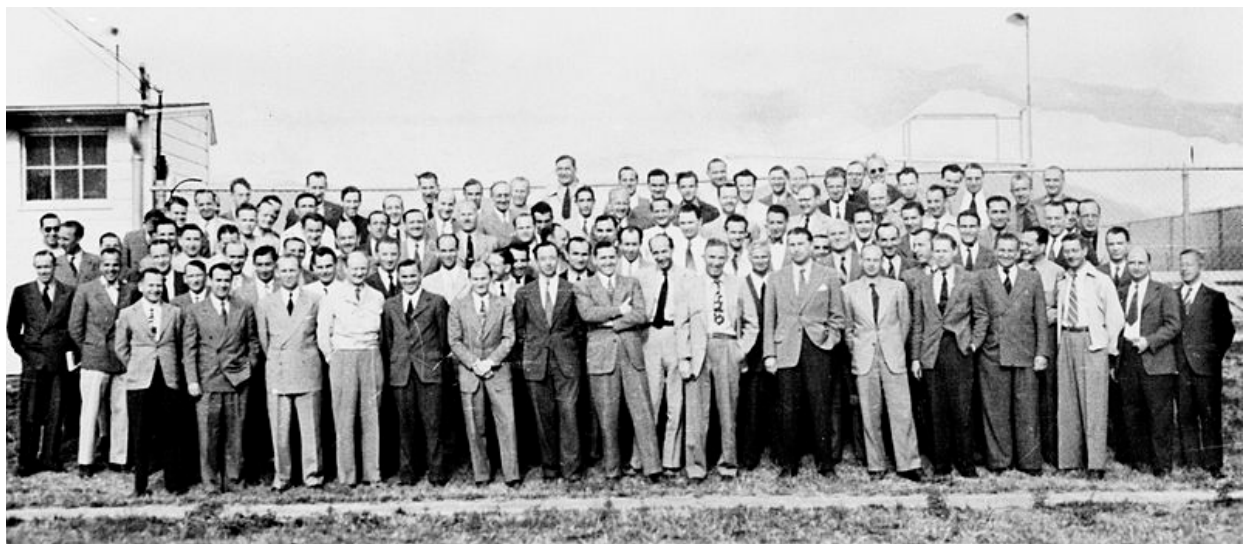
And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

How interesting the context in which both first appear: נָשָׂא (nawshaw) in reference to Eve being deceived by the serpent and נָשָׂא (nasa) in reference to Cain's punishment after killing his brother Abel. What I find most intriguing however is that in the original writings, there were no vowel or pronunciation markings over and under the letters. So, in the text, they would both appear exactly the same way, spelled as nun-shin-aleph. Thus, it would not at all surprise me if NASA knowingly pulled a fast one on us.

It is a well known fact that the Illuminati always puts their real intentions out "in plain sight" for all to see. But only those with eyes to see will. Why do they do this? Because I believe there is a law in Scripture that states all intentions of the Supernatural must be made known to the natural man. Even YHWH has bound Himself to this law:

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

So, is NASA telegraphing something with their name and serpentine-like logo?



NASA is notorious for having Freemasons, Nazis and occultists in its ranks – especially during its founding. These types also tend to be Kabbalists and mystics heavily into gematria.

***Gematria** /qə'mei.tri.ə/ (Greek: meaning geometry) is an Assyro-Babylonian-Greek system of code and numerology later adopted into Jewish culture that assigns numerical value to a word or phrase in the belief that words or phrases with identical numerical values bear some relation to each other or bear some relation to the number itself as it may apply to nature, a person's age, the calendar year, or the like.*

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gematria>

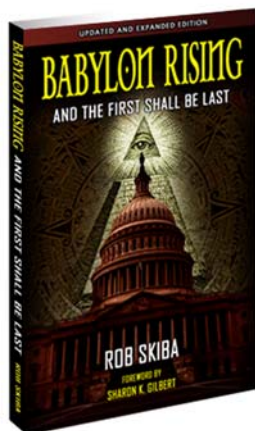
Now, if there is a counterfeit, there must be something real that has been copied. Hence, I do believe that YHWH does speak to us through His Hebrew language, which certainly has a lot of inherent meanings – numerical and otherwise. For instance:

Hebrew Alphabet

Print	Final	Paleo	Ancient	Letter	Pronunciation	Value	Basic Meaning
א		𐤀	𐤁	Aleph	Silent letter B as in Bethlehem V as in Vine	1	GOD, Creator, first, strength, leader, LORD, King, sovereign
ב		𐤂	𐤃	Bet Vet		2	house, temple, tabernacle, in, tent, body, dwelling, universe
ג		𐤄	𐤅	Gimmel	G as in Give	3	to lift up
ד		𐤆	𐤇	Dalet	D as in Door	4	door, path
ה		𐤈	𐤉	Hey	H as in House	5	reveal, show, behold, grace, mercy, what comes from, spirit
ו		𐤊	𐤋	Vav Waw	V as in Vine W as in Wine	6	join, nail, secure, establish, man
ז		𐤌	𐤍	Zayin	Z as in Zion	7	cut, pierce, weapon
ח		𐤎	𐤏	Chet	CH as in BaCH	8	fence, inner chamber, gate, separate, protect
ט		𐤐	𐤑	Tet	T as in Tall	9	surrounds, twists
י		𐤒	𐤓	Yod	Y as in Yes	10	work, hand, activity, deed
כ	ך	𐤔	𐤕	Kaf	K as in King CH as in BaCH	20	open, cover, give, close, crowning accomplishment
ל		𐤖	𐤗	Lamed	L as in Levi	30	rod, authority, tongue, teaching
מ	ם	𐤘	𐤙	Mem	M as in Mother	40	water, chaos, disorder, strength, mighty, Messiah
נ	ן	𐤚	𐤛	Nun	N as in Now	50	life, activity, action
ס		𐤜	𐤝	Samech	S as in sun	60	support, turning aside, twisting, protection
ע		𐤞	𐤟	Ayin	Silent letter	70	eye, see, understand, insight perceive
פ	ף	𐤠	𐤡	Pey	P as in People F as in Fast	80	mouth, speak, open
צ	ץ	𐤢	𐤣	Tsade	TS as in BaTS	90	To pull, a hook, desire, harvest
ק		𐤤	𐤥	Qof	K as in King	100	what is final, what is behind, last, least, final, future
ר		𐤦	𐤧	Resh	R as in Royal	200	highest, most important, person
ש		𐤨	𐤩	Shin	SH as in Shape S as in Sun	300	consume, destroy
ת		𐤪	𐤫	Tav	T as in Time	400	cross, covenant, truth, perfection, sign, ownership, seal

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Looking at the chart above, we see that the numerical value of the nun is 50, the numerical value of the shin is 300, and the numerical value of the aleph is 1. Therefore the word (however you choose to pronounce it) has a total value (or “weight”) of: 351 – which for some can mean 3+5+1=9 – a number loved by the believers in esoteric symbology for a variety of reasons I don’t have time to get into here, but cover in my book, [Babylon Rising: And The First Shall Be Last](#). Other words with the same “numerical weight” of 351 include “out of man” and “of your country (land/earth)” ([among many others of course](#)).

[GR] >Full Text Hebrew/Greek Bible Gematria Database

The Number 351

Factors: 351 = 3 x 3 x 3 x 13

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All the Words in the Bible with Sum = 351

Text	Strong's	First Occ.
מַאִישׁ	H0376 'iysh / man	Gen 2:23
מֵאֶרֶץ	H0776 'erets / land	Gen 12:1
נָשָׂא	H5375 nasa' / (bare,	Gen 13:6
אַמְרָפֶל	H0569 'Amraphel / Amraphel	Gen 14:1

What I found exceptionally interesting when I did the above search, were the top 4 results. “Out of man” from [Genesis 2:23](#) “because she (Eve) was taken **out of man**” + [Gen. 12:1](#) where Abraham is told to “get thee out **of thy country**” + [Gen. 13:6](#), which says, “And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together” (combined with the first use of “nasa” as found when Eve said the Serpent had “beguiled me” in [Gen. 3:13](#)) + the name Amraphel, who was Nimrod’s title in the Genesis 14 War (see [Jasher 11:6](#)) Again, if you’ve read my book [Babylon Rising: And The First Shall Be Last](#), you know what I think about Nimrod and who I believe him to be in a Last Days context. OK. Hold these thoughts...

We are told that NASA is the abbreviation for **N**ational **A**eronautics and **S**pace **A**dmistration. However, in my research, I’ve found that NASA loves to make up acronyms to fit ulterior motives. Take the Osiris-Rex program for instance:



This supposedly stands for “Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security and Regolith Explorer,” however we know that Rex also means “king” (in Latin) and Osiris is the “king of kings” (according to the Egyptian pyramid texts) of the Underworld. So, while they dazzle us with interesting double-speak and acronyms, their actions, history and track record of associating themselves with pagan deities and the occult betrays them.

Indeed. NASA loves to honor their pagan gods, while [recently declaring a ban on the name of the true King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus](#) (Yeshua). They do all they can to discredit the Biblical account of our origins and right from the start, they declared their allegiance to the pagan gods of Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. Now we have King Osiris. [In Chapter 4](#) of my book, [Babylon Rising: And The First Shall Be Last](#) I go into a lot more detail about all of this. Here is a sampling:

In his [S. Douglas Woodward’s] second Power Quest book, he notes that the numbers 33 and 19.5 repeatedly pop up in NASA’s chosen extra-terrestrial landing sites as well as relative to NASA’s various locations on the Earth.

Ominously, it isn’t just location, but it is the place in the heavens where select stars reside at the exact moment of a landing or ‘take off’. Oftentimes, it is the rising of Sirius, the star of Isis, which may be at this angle relative to a spacecraft or a NASA location (specifically, shining above or below the equator of that remote moon or planet — or even above Mission Control in Houston), at the moment when the spacecraft lands on these distant bodies. The consistency of this phenomenon (which [Richard C.] Hoagland notes throughout his story every time it occurs — and that is frequent) argues persuasively that these choices are conscious and not chance. Hoagland calls this ‘the Ritual Alignment Model’ and he explains how the key elements relate to Egyptian cosmology: “Only five stellar objects in the entire sky have any significance in our version of the ancient Egyptian cosmology; the three belt stars of Orion, representing Osiris [also Apollo in Greek and Roman cosmology]; Sirius, representing Isis; and Regulus in Leo, representing Horus [the son of Isis]. And only five narrow bands of stellar altitude (19.5 ° above and below the horizon, 33° above and below the horizon, and the horizon itself) have any significance.”

—S. Douglas Woodward[34]

In other words, both Woodward and Richard C. Hoagland are saying that NASA's decision makers are intentionally ritualistic in their planning. Woodward goes on to point out that the "only gods of interest are Osiris, Isis and Horus, who are indeed the primary characters in the Egyptian story of 'resurrection'."

Who else is obsessed with the number 33 and the rituals of Osiris that pertain to resurrection? Of course, the Freemasons—and NASA certainly has employed/recruited many of them into their programs. Almost with tongue in cheek, Woodward gives some "random factoids" concerning the use of the number 33, noting that Werner Von Braun conducted his first V2 rocket tests in America at "Launch Complex 33" in White Sands, New Mexico (it is the only launch complex there). The landing strip at Kennedy Space Center is labeled "33." During the Apollo 11 mission, at 33 minutes post touchdown, Freemason Buzz Aldrin performed a Masonic ritual as Regulus was at 19.5° below the horizon as viewed from the moon's perspective.[35] And then there's this interesting observation courtesy of Jay Weidner:[36]

Nephtys – Sister of Isis

Ausir – One of the Egyptian forms of the name Osiris

Set – Osiris' brother

Aset – One of the Egyptian forms of the name Isis

What intrigued Woodward in his research concerning NASA also intrigues me, and that is this odd marriage of Freemasonry with Nazi beliefs within the organization. Generally speaking, the Nazis were quite opposed to the Freemasons. As Woodward points out, Hitler and his occultists were adherents to the Norse mythology, which dealt with Thule, Hyberborea, Odin, Thor, the Valkyries and so on and not on the mythology of Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome, which, for the most part, shared gods of a common origin. The gods of Freemasonry stem from Semitic cultures and many of their rituals deal with the Jewish Temple of Solomon. Thus, there is also a rather solid connection between Freemasonry and Zionism, so it's not much of a stretch to understand why Hitler and company would stand opposed to it. While I am very interested in the Nazi side of NASA, I think it best to keep our attention on the Freemason side of our space program, for it is the most obvious, and has the most bearing on our thesis here.

Later in this chapter, I go on to explain the Osiris-Rex program:

Guess what the new space program is called. Orion! With a planned first flight into low Earth orbit (in 2014), NASA claims:

Orion will be able to travel to the moon, Mars or an asteroid. Orion also could carry crews or supplies to the space station. Orion will launch on top of a huge rocket. NASA is building this rocket. It is called a

heavy-lift launch vehicle. It will take Orion farther into space than people have been before. Orion will use energy from the sun, which is called solar energy. Orion has solar panels that look like round wings. They will get power from the sun when Orion is in space.[51]

Then in 2016, NASA intends to launch the OSIRIS-REx (king Osiris), a space probe designed to explore and take samples from the “Bennu” asteroid. Yeah, I’m sure the names are all coincidental. OSIRIS REx supposedly stands for “Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security and Regolith Explorer”. Do you get the sense that they are trying to force an acronym just for the sake of honoring their god(s)? OSIRIS-REx is scheduled to arrive at the Bennu (remember, the Bennu is the ‘soul bird’ of Osiris, that is the Phoenix, which represents resurrection) in 2018. The plan is to analyze the asteroid and in 2019, to take samples from it to bring back to earth. In the on-line promo video,[52] they reveal hopes of recovering DNA, which will be returned to Earth by 2023! At time, while hovering above the earth, the space probe will eject the ‘space seed’ in a tiny return vehicle, sending it here for further study. Most working NASA probably don’t realize it, but I think it is clear, this organization is occult to the core and right from the start, it was and is all about the worship of pagan deities under the guise of science.

What's the point in bringing all of this up? Well, going back to the original meme that caught my attention and given the fact that NASA has proven time and time again to be obsessed with the occult, Freemasonry and other esoteric disciplines, and that they are being exposed more and more for the frauds they really are, I don't think it is just a coincidence that their acronym "NASA" just so happens to have a very interesting connection to one Hebrew word, which (regardless of how it is pronounced) has the same numerical "weight" as "out of man" and "of your country" and can have the meanings of to be lifted up and to greatly deceive. So are we talking about something along the lines of "out of men of your land they are lifted up to greatly deceive"?? Along the same lines, looking at the letter meanings in the chart above, the nun-shin-aleph can represent something like:

“The activity of destroying God.”

This seems to be the sole purpose of NASA.

- Rob Skiba