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# The Cosmos According to God

*In this section you will see statements that look like poor reasoning. For example, statements like “The Bible says Satan will be chained in the bottomless pit, so this pit exists,” are meant to be mere instruction and confirmation for readers who generally “believe the Bible,” but may not have studied cosmology and so may question what God says about it in His Word. The intent is not to reason in a circle, as “The Bible is truth; therefore, only truth is in it.” This information will be presented simply, verse-by-verse.*

## THE PRE-CREATION DEEP

*The King James Version of the Bible does not use the word ocean. It uses seas for the waters that lie in the valleys of the earth and the deep for waters that surround creation.*

**Gen 1:2, 6-7** - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face [*surface*] of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters... 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament [*expanse*] 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.

- **The deep** is the water tha existed before creation that surrounds creation including above and around the firma-

ment, and around and below the earth, but not the waters that are under the firmament called seas in the KJV.

- **The deep**, Strong's H8415, *tebowm*, means *an abyss* (as a surging mass of water), especially the deep (the main sea or the subterranean water supply),

but it is also the source for the oceans (KJV, *seas*):

**Isa 51:10** HCSB - Wasn't it You who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the sea-bed into a road for the redeemed to pass over? [*This refers to the Hebrews coming out of Egypt over the floor of the Red Sea and informs us that water is connected to the great deep. See the next section on the fountains of the deep.*]

- This English word, *deep*, is also used for the Greek word, *ábyssos*, Strong's G12, *abyss*, meaning a hellish place without a bottom, also translated in KJV as pit or bottomless pit.

## FOUNTAINS OF THE DEEP

**Gen 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. (Also **Gen 8:2**)

- Fountains of the great deep allow water to enter and exit the earth and seas from below sea level. (See p. 9.)

**Psa 78:15-16** - He clave [*split*] the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths. He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

- After the children of Israel left Egypt, they were in the wilderness for forty years. While there the Lord gave them

water out of a rock. This verse tells us that the water came from the great deep.

**Prov 8:28** - When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep.

- These three verses indicate that water rises and falls at different places by coming from the fountains of the great deep. This may explain the tides. The theory is that the pull of gravity of the moon on the oceans creates the tides. This cannot be true as the gravity from the said 87 times greater mass of the earth would always overpower the gravity of the moon. Also, the tides do not follow the moon.

## CREATION OF THE COSMOS

**Genesis 1** states, In the beginning God created the heaven (sky with lights) and the earth. (The sea goes with the earth since it is in the valley of the earth.) Interestingly, Genesis 1 and the next creation verses do not say God created darkness, the deep, the heavens (plural), or the underworld but only what can be normally seen by man.

**John 1:1-3** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Here Scripture is telling us that all things were made by God, so He at some time also did create the heavens (plural) and the place of the dead under the earth including “hell” and paradise (paradise being in the earth only before Christ’s resurrection, 2Cor 5:8). The name of this place of the dead in the Old Testament Hebrew is *sheol* and in the New Testament Greek is *abys*.

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Darkness and the deep existed, and “the dry” was in the deep before creation, but it was unformed and empty. Here are the six days of creation:

**Day 1**—Light, called Day, and divided it from the darkness, called Night

**Day 2**—An expanse (KJV: firmament), called Heaven (singular), in the waters to divide the waters under the expanse from the waters above the expanse

**Day 3**—The waters under the firmament gathered together called Seas revealing “the dry” called Earth (The word *land* is not in the original Hebrew text.); plus grass, herbs with seeds, and fruit trees with fruit their first day

**Day 4**—Two great luminaries (the greater sun and the lesser moon) and the stars put in\* the expanse of the heaven (singular)

\*Whether *in* is interpreted *within* the material of the expanse, or *in* the space created by the expanse, as “in a tent,” all these are smaller than the earth.

**Day 5**—From the waters monstrous creatures, swiftly gliding creatures & birds

**Day 6**—From the earth livestock, crawling creatures (like reptiles), wildlife & humanity

**Neh 9:6** - Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

- God made the **heaven** (singular), also called the **firmament, expanse, dome, vault** and **vaulted dome**, with its sun, moon and stars. This word for heaven is also sometimes translated **sky** in KJV. (Planets are wandering stars.)

- God made the heavens above heaven including where the angels are and the heaven of heavens where His chambers (rooms) are. A search for *heavens* at blueletterbible.com yields 126 KJV verses. Distinguishing them as to the sky with its clouds, the firmament with its luminaries, the place of angels and the place of God's chambers is difficult. Perhaps this is because what is above the solid firmament is outside the created cosmos we know, so we are trying to fit extra-dimensionality or nonodimensionality into the three dimensional framework we experience.
- He made what is below the firmament: the earth with all its created things and the seas with all its created things.

**SIX DAYS OF THE CREATION WEEK**

**Day–Habitat**

1<sup>st</sup>–Day & Night

2<sup>nd</sup>–Heaven (sky) & seas

3<sup>rd</sup>–Earth & food plants

**Day–Inhabitants**

↔ 4<sup>th</sup>–Sun, moon & stars\*

↔ 5<sup>th</sup>–Birds & sea creatures

↔ 6<sup>th</sup>–Land creatures incl. people

\*Planets are not in the Bible; they are wandering *stars*, pp. 79, 80.

**John 1:1-5, 9-10** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 9 [That] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

- The Word, God, the true Light who created the cosmos is Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah. He not only is God, but is with God, so God is a complex unity. (See p. 138.)

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## CREATION BY COMMAND

**Psa 33:6** - By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

## CREATION THROUGH GOD'S HANDS, BREATH, POWER, WISDOM AND INTELLIGENCE

**Gen 2:7** - And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

- **Formed**, Strong's H3335, *yâtsar*, the squeezing into shape, to mold into a form; especially as a potter

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

**Psa 104:2** - Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

- At creation God spread out the heavens as a *curtain*. The heavens will one day be rolled up like a *scroll* (Isa 34:4, Rev 6:14). These are very different from infinite 3D galaxies extended in all directions from a spherical earth.

**Isa 42:5** - Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it.

- Shaping of a globe is not mentioned.

**Isa 51:13** - And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth.

**Jer 10:12** - He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion [*intelligence*].

## THE BIBLICAL COSMOS: THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS GOD'S THRONE

**1Sam 2:8a** - 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

**Job 26:9** - He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

## GOD'S TEMPLE

**2Sam 22:7** - In my distress I [*David*] called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

**Heb 8:5** - Who [*Old Testament priests*] serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed [*showed*] to thee in the mount [*Mount Sinai in Arabia*].

## GOD'S CHAMBERS

**Psa 104:3** - Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind.

**Psa 104:13** - He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

## WATERS ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT

**Psa 104:3** - Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters [*the great deep above the firmament*].

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

- Waters were still above the heavens in David's time, so the firmament was not removed during the Great Flood in Noah's time.

## THE EXPANSE, FIRMAMENT OR HEAVEN

### WHY IS THE SKY BLUE?

**Job** (37:18) calls the sky [*by ext., firmament*] strong, and as a molten looking glass. **Ezekiel** (1:1, 22-26) saw the heavens opened and visions of God as a man upon a throne above the firmament. **John** (Rev 4:6) was caught up to heaven and saw a sea of glass like crystal before the throne of God. **Moses with Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and 70 of Israel's elders** (Exo 24:9-10) went up and saw the God of Israel with something like a pavement made of sapphire stone as clear as the sky beneath His feet. **Isaiah** (66:1), **Matthew** (5:35) and **Luke** (Act 7:49) say the earth (covered by the firmament) is God's footstool. Is the sky, and so the oceans, blue because the firmament is a paved work made of clear sapphire?

## THE CIRCUIT OF HEAVEN

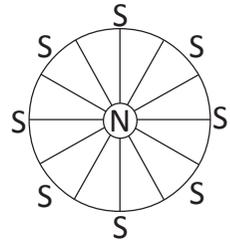
**Job 9:8-9** - [*God*] Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth [*walks*] upon the waves of the sea.\* 9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

- **Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades**—These three are a star, a constellation and a star cluster that were created by God (Psa 19:1-6, p. 80), not ancient astronomers' imaginations.

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\* Did you notice the Creator who alone spread out the heavens is the One who walks on water? John 6:19 (H)CSB - After they [*Jesus' disciples*] had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea. He was coming near the boat, and they were afraid.

- **Chambers**, Strong's H2315, *cheder*, an apartment (usually literal like an inner apartment of a tent or house for a bed chamber or storehouse). These chambers are the twelve "houses of the zodiac" (chambers of the Mazaroth) including their constellations seen in the south. (On the planar [flat like a plane] earth north is at the center, and south is at the circumference.) God calls them apartments in the tent He made as Isaiah showed:



**Isa 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

Biblically and historically these chambers have been called signs because **the sun moves** through each one yearly:

**Gen 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

**for signs, and for seasons**, better: as signs for the appointed times (the Feasts of the Lord, Lev 23, which are both historical for Israel and prophetic of Messiah).

**Job 22:14b** - He [*God*] walketh in the circuit **of heaven**.

- **Circuit**, Strong's H2329, *chung*, a circle, translated in KJV as *circle*, *circuit* and *compass*. So God does not walk in all directions over the outside of the supposed multiple galaxies surrounding a tiny, insignificant globe, but in the circle, or circuit, of heaven, the firmament.

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- **the circuit of heaven** tells the prophetic Bible in the stars (See p. 84.):

**Psa 19:1-6** - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth [*shows*] his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 [There is] no speech nor language [*but by images*]; their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words [*names*] 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.

- ***The sun... runs a race*** means the *sun* moves.
- ***From the end of the heaven*** illogically locates the sun beyond the galaxies on the globe earth model.

**Job 26:13** - By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

- ***Garnished***, Brightness, translated *garnished* (decorated).
- ***Heavens***, plural, *may* refer to the two sets of lights: regular stars moving together; and the “planets” (Gr: *planetai* [*astéres*], wandering [stars]), sun and moon moving independently.
- ***the crooked serpent*** is the constellation of “the Bible in the sky” of Psalm 19 that represents the serpent of Gen 3, also described in Rev 12:

**Rev 12:9** - the great dragon that was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

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

- **Sky**, Strong's H7834, *shachaq*, powder
- **Molten**, Strong's H3332, *yatsaq*, participle [*verb used as adj.*], be firmly established as something cast in a mold is
- We have not been taught this firmament still exists, but that stars and galaxies are light-years away. The Creator says the “powder”—the material that became the firmament—was liquified, fused and spread out powder that made a firmly established strong material.

**Job 38:32** - Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus [*Great Bear*] with his sons?

- **Mazzaroth**, Strong's H4216, *mazzarab*, the 12 signs of the Zodiac and their 36 associated constellations

**Isa 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.

- Rolling a firmament (like rolling a tent) makes sense; rolling together light-years of outer space does not.
- The sun, moon (size, p.22, #47) and all the stars falling down from the firmament to a flat earth makes more sense than galaxies of stars many times larger than the earth falling every direction as “down” to an insignificant, relatively tiny earth in an insignificant solar system.
- **As the leaf...as the falling fig** indicates that the host of heaven is now attached to heaven, the firmament.

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- When the firmament rolls away, the phenomenon of perspective must disappear so all people on the earth can see past the former vanishing points at once into the heavens when Jesus comes from there.
- Another verse, **Rev 6:14**, says the firmament will depart as a scroll, so it will be rolled up and removed.

**Jer 31:35** - Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night... The LORD of hosts is his name

- **Ordinances... stars**, Strong's H2706, *chôq*, an enactment; hence, an appointment (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage). These ordinances are the days, weeks, months, etc., &/or the prophetic appointments in “the Bible in the heavens.” (pp. 84, 92; example for moon: Rev 12:1.)
- **Hosts**, Strong's H6635, *tsaba*, a mass of persons (does not imply human persons; in this context *hosts* are angels.)

## PURPOSE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST

**Gen 1:14-16** - 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.

- **for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years**

**Signs**—Strong's H226, *owth*, a signal (literally or figuratively) as an omen, warning or miracle like an eclipse. These were not originally the signs of fortune telling astrologers,

but prophetic signs of God who knows the end from the beginning.

**Isa 46:10** - Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

**Seasons**—Strong’s H4150, *mow’ed* (*mo’ed*), properly, a set appointed time: specifically, a festival [the Feasts, *mo’ed*, of the Lord given in Lev 23]

The Feasts (appointed assemblies) of the Lord are the prophetic, divine appointments of major events that were to happen in the lives of both the children of Israel and the Messiah. For example, the Feast of Weeks (“Pentecost”) was the day God wrote His Law (Ten Commandments) on the stone tablets for the children of Israel (Exo 20) as well as the day the Holy Spirit wrote the Word in the fleshy tablets of the hearts of Christ’s waiting believers (2Cor 3:3, Act 2).

**Days**—cycle of darkness and light: the sun for a light by day (Also Jer 31:35)

**Years**—**Psa 19:4-6** HCSB - Their [*the sun, moon and stars*]’ message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a groom coming from the bridal chamber; it rejoices like an athlete running a course. 6 It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to the other end; nothing is hidden from its heat.

In one year **the sun moves** in a complete circular course through the chambers (houses, signs) of the zodiac with their God-given constellation and star

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names that tell the story of redemption from Genesis 3:15 through the book of the Revelation (the revealing) of Jesus Christ, the last book in the Bible.

**Psa 147:4** - He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by [their] names.

- Daniel of the Bible book of Daniel became head of the Chaldean astronomers (magi) in Babylon, so the magi knew his prophecies of the messiah's coming in Dan 9:24-27. We read of the coming of "wise men" (magi) from the east to see the young child, the messiah, in Mat 2:1. E.W. Bullinger's *Witness of the Stars* details these star names known to the Chaldean magi so the reader can see God's prophetic messages in the Bible in the night sky. (See p. 92 and details at [www.returntogod.com/Science/stars.htm](http://www.returntogod.com/Science/stars.htm).)

## SUN, MOON & STARS GIVE THEIR OWN LIGHT

**Gen 1:16** - 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.

- *Lights*, in Strong's is H3974, *ma'owr*, properly meaning a luminous body or luminary  
This word is also used specifically as a chandelier; abstractly as light (as an element); and figuratively as brightness, i.e. cheerfulness. It is translated in KJV as bright, light.
- Luminaries, like the chandelier specifically indicated in Strong's definition, give light rather than reflect it. The Scripture teaches that the lights in the sky are all luminaries giving their own light, including the moon.
- To say that the meaning given as abstract, *light (as an element)*, should be accepted for the definition of the moon

is to twist Scripture to match current scientific thought as if *light as an element matches a spherical, rocky reflector*.

**2Pet 3:15b-16** - our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest [*twist*], as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

The Bible does not teach falsehoods. The Bible is precise. Trying to defend God by twisting His Word to fit modern science teaching is not necessary; let God's Word stand as it is precisely originally written. (You can see the intent of the original language at Tools next to each verse at [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com).) If the Word of God, protected by God over the millennia, contradicts current science teachings, each person may make a decision: "believe or beLIEve." If the book of Genesis were not trustworthy, the rest of the Bible would not be trustworthy.

**Isa 13:10** - 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.

- This verse shows that the stars, the sun and also the moon cause their own light instead of reflecting light from any of the others. Reflection is passive, not causative.

**Isa 30:26** - Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

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- The light of the sun is said to be 33.3 times more than the light of the moon, so the light of the moon will increase 33.3 times while the light of the sun will increase only 7 times. The changes in the moon and sun are not equal, so the moon does not reflect the light of the sun, but gives its own light. Remember also Why Question #63, p. 24: “Why is the light of the sun golden, warm, drying, preservative, antiseptic, able to make a thermometer read higher than one in the shade and able to decrease the combustion of a fire, while the allegedly reflected light of the moon is silver, cool, damp, putrefying, septic, able to make a thermometer read lower than one in the shade and able to increase combustion of a fire?”

**Mar 13:24** - But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not **give her** light,

- The New Testament agrees with Gen 1:16 and Isa 13:10 that the moon *gives her own* light, not reflects sunlight.

## SUN MOVEMENT OVER THE EARTH

**Job 38:12** - Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

- The place where dawn springs up, or sun rises (“rises” according to the phenomenon of perspective) changes over the course of the year. (See *chambers*, pp. 78 - 79.)

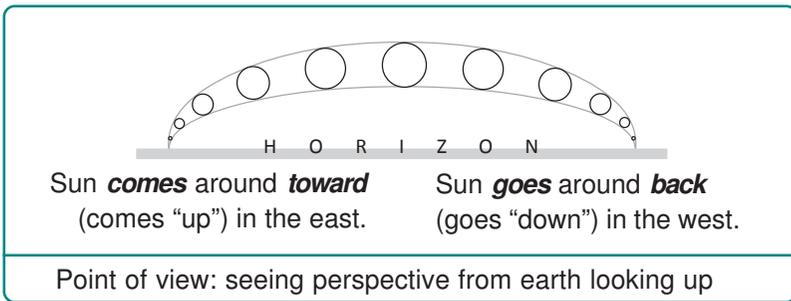
**Job 38:14** - It is turned as clay to [*under*] the seal; and they stand as a garment.



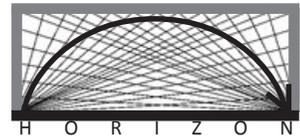
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- As the shapeless clay takes form under the pressure of the seal, and as a shapeless, folded garment takes form when the wearer puts it on, so the earth, shapeless during the darkness, takes form in appearance with the impress upon it of the dawning light.
- The cylindrical seal rolls are turned, but only the unmoving, flat clay and not the seal is compared to the earth here.

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



- **The sun** is moving; the earth is stable—not rotating.
- Half of the sun’s circuit is invisible because of the phenomenon of perspective. The sun does not actually go below the level of the ground one is standing on. Sun circuit **lines of perspective** rise up from and go down to the horizon. (See p. 33.) As the sun comes closer, it *only appears to be* higher and larger.
- **His** is used for the sun here (and Psa 19:4-5, bridegroom) as *her* is used for the moon (Mar 13:24).



**Josh 10:12-13** - '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. 10 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.

- Joshua did not command the earth because the earth is fixed, and the sun revolves *over* it within the firmament.
- If God had stopped a 1,000 mph rotating sphere, imagine the devastations on earth from the inertia!

## **STARS – LIVING CREATURES OR MERELY STONES OF FIRE PERCEIVED AS POINTS OF LIGHT?**

**Eze 28:14-16** - Thou [*Lucifer, who became Satan, the devil*] art the anointed cherub [*spirit being*] that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise [*peddling, trade*] **they** have filled the midst of thee with violence\*, and thou hast sinned; therefore, I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

- **Stones**, Strong's H68, *eben*, literally, a built thing.

**Stones of fire** are something made (built) of fire. If stars are something built of fire as they appear to be, and stars

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\* or You became filled with violence within. See next page.

are angels, then the stones of fire are angels. The book of Hebrews agrees that angels are spirits and flames of fire:

**Heb 1:7** - And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

- Hebraic parallel poetry shows that spirits, the animating essence of a life, are a flame of fire.

\***They**, in some translations, refers to the stones of fire (rebellious angels?) causing the violence within Lucifer.

**Job 38:6-7** - Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- Hebraic parallel poetry shows that morning stars are sons of God.
- **For joy**, Stars have the emotion of joy, a quality of a living being. Mere personification of sound (“sang... shouted” likely would have excluded “for joy.”)

**Rev 1:20a** - The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand... The seven stars are the angels of [*messengers to*] the seven churches.

- **Mystery** is Strong’s word G3466 meaning a secret or “mystery” (related to the silence imposed upon people initiated by steps into religions with secrets)
- Some stars are angels. Angels carry a message in some way. The term *angel* could designate their function rather than who or what they are. (See note on next page.)

**Psa 147:4** - He [*God*] telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by [*their*] names.

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- Stars are individually named which indicates they are more than mere objects.

**Rom 8:38-39** - For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (also **Eph 3:10** - the principalities and powers in heaven)

- Stars have distinctive functions: angels are messengers, principalities are rulers, and powers are fighting forces.

**Mar 13:25** - And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

- **Powers**, Strong's G1411, *dynamis*, force or miraculous power

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

**Neh 9:6** ...and all the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

- Stars worship God. Inanimate objects do not worship.

**Rev 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. (also **Mat 24:29**)

- In the globe earth model we are taught, the stars are said to be much bigger than the earth. If only one fell to the earth, the earth would be enveloped and incinerated. This is not reasonable in the light of Bible prophecy.
- In the globe earth model we are taught the sun is a small star. According to [sci.gallaudet.edu/Science/relative sizes](http://sci.gallaudet.edu/Science/relative%20sizes)

the sky has 200 to 400 billion stars. The sun could not stay in the sky with this many bigger stars passing by to the earth from all directions. This is not reasonable in the light of Bible prophecy either.

- In the globe earth model we are taught the stars are light-years away. According to earthsky.org a light-year, the distance light travels in one year, is well over 6 trillion miles. The sun is about 93 million miles away. Proxima Centauri, one of the closest neighbors of our sun, is 4.22 light-years away. *If* stars *could* fall as fast as light can travel, the *closest* stars would take 4.22 years to fall to earth. This is not a reasonable amount of time in the light of Bible prophecy, which was found to be perfect, pp. 35 - 41.

**Rev 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

- Again, in the globe earth model we are taught, the stars are said to be much bigger than the earth. If only one fell to the earth, it would envelope and incinerate the entire earth, not harm only one-third part of the rivers and the fountains of waters.

**Rev 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.

- The pronoun, **him**, refers to *star*, not *angel*. The bottomless pit is under the surface of the earth, so an angel descending from heaven to earth with the key to this pit makes the supernatural mystery of stars as living creatures reasonable. (Compare with Rev 20:1-3, p.124.)

## THE PROPHETIC HEAVENS OF PSALM 19

**Psa 19:1** - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth [*shows*] his handywork.

- The parallel structure of these two statements of Hebrew poetry reveals *heavens* and *firmament* are synonyms.

**Psa 19:2** - Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

- The heavens or firmament with the sun, moon and stars, have a message, the divine plan of the ages, and a calendar for the message. E.W. Bullinger's book, *The Witness of the Stars*, details the meanings of the constellations and their individual stars from the names known to Daniel. Daniel was the head of the magi, the wise men, or astronomers, in Babylon in the Bible book of Daniel. The Creator put the stars in the heavens and named them (Psa 147:4) to reveal to mankind the knowledge of His plan and prophecy before the Bible was written. The star pictures and names match the Bible story from the first prophecy of Jesus Christ to be born of the seed of a woman (virgin) in Gen 3:15 to His second coming in power and glory in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. (See [www.heavendwellers.com/hd\\_witness\\_of\\_the\\_stars.htm](http://www.heavendwellers.com/hd_witness_of_the_stars.htm).)

**Psa 19:3** - [There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard. [*With* where, voice *is figurative for message.*]

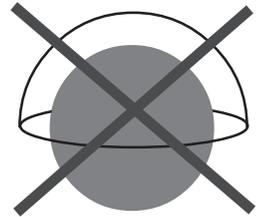
- **Where** is not inserted for comprehension in all translations: Young's Literal Translation (YLT): There is no speech, and there are no words. Their voice hath not been heard.

**Psa 19:4** - 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.

- **Line**, Strong's H6957, *qav*, cord, especially for measuring, *perhaps* for measuring time as the sun travels through the chambers (houses, signs); or *perhaps* as (H)CSB translates the word, it refers to their message, which is parallel to *words*, as in a line of words.
- **Their** and **them** refer to the **words**. *The Witness of the Stars* by E.W. Bullinger gives and explains that the constellation names and star names are the words that tell the story of the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ.
- **Tabernacle** – The sun moves around in the space of a tabernacle made of the firmament. A Biblical tabernacle is a portable sanctuary like a tent (in the shape of a hemisphere rather than a sphere).

Tents are placed over flat ground.

The tent-like firmament cannot be placed over a spherical earth because the interior space would be filled by the earth instead of the



sky, the firmament would not cover the entire earth, and the firmament would not have a place for its foundations.

**Psa 19:5** - [*The sun*] which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

- The Lord Jesus Christ is the bridegroom in the New Testament. He is the one who fulfills the meaning of the story line of the original constellation and star names in the prophetic heaven as the next verse says:

**Psa 19:6** - 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.

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- **His** (the sun, vs. 4) **going forth**, a going out: specifically, dawn
- **Circuit**, a revolution of the sun in its course
- **The end of the heaven** and **the ends of it**, the extremity or from the whole of what is between extremities. The sun moves around a course going back around to its starting point, not that the earth rotates and the sun stands still.

The (Holman) Christian Standard Version translates these Psalm 19 verses this way:

**Psa 19:1-6** (H)CSB - The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands. 2 Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge. 3 There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard. 4 Their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a groom coming from the bridal chamber; it rejoices like an athlete running a course. 6 It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to their other end; nothing is hidden from its heat.

- The athlete running a course fits the still, flat-surface earth model. The *sun* is the athlete racing around the circular course in the sky rather than the earth.

## FOUNDATIONS OF THE FIRMAMENT

**2Sam 22:8** - Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth [*angry*].

- **Heaven**, singular, means the firmament with its heavenly bodies, so the firmament has foundations.

- ***The earth...the foundations...***, Parallelism in Hebrew poetry establishes here that the earth *is* the foundation of the firmament called heaven.

## PILLARS OF THE FIRMAMENT

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

- **Pillars**, Strong's H5982, *ammud*, a column (as standing); also a stand, i.e. platform; translated in KJV as a pillar.

The pillars may rest on or be part of the foundation which is the earth (as steep, narrow mountains).

An *assumption* needs to be made in order to make a drawing of the cosmos. Let's *assume* these supports are mountains acting as both columns and pillars, as Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon suggests:

(1) *a column, pillar...* Used of the pillars of heaven (very high mountains), Job 26:11

**Amos 9:6** - It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop **in** the earth... The LORD is his name.

- **stories**, Strong's H4609, *ma'alab*, an elevation, ascent; figuratively, a thought arising (the idea of narrative, or story)

Online Hebrew to English translator: legend, myth, story (story as a narrative, not a level of a building)

TRANSLATIONS: *stories* (ambiguous: narrative or levels?): KJV, WEB; *lofty palace*: NIV; *upper chambers*: ESV, HCSB, RSV, YLT, DBY, NASB (or stairs); *chambers*: ASV, HNV; *home*: NLT

**Interpretation 1:** God builds His Gospel story in the constellations in the firmament. (See Bullinger, p. 84, 92.)

**Interpretation 2:** God builds His dwelling place (lofty palace, chambers) in the heaven.

Problem: God does not live in “the heaven” (singular) which is the firmament, so this interpretation is wrong.

- **troop**, Strong’s H92: *aguddâh*; from to bind: a band [*as a band of men; here, a band of constellations*], bundle, knot, arch

TRANSLATIONS: *troop*: KJV, WEB, YLT; *foundation*: NLT, NIV; *vault*: ESV, HCSB, RSV, ASV, DBY, HNV; *vaulted dome*: NASB

**Interpretation 1a:** God founded\* His troop, the constellations bound together with the firmament, in the earth.

**Interpretation 1b:** God founded\* His vault (the firmament, the dome) in the earth. ESV, HCSB, RSV, ASV, DBY, HNV, NASB

**Interpretation 2:** God founded His foundation in the earth. NLT, NIV \*put the foundation of

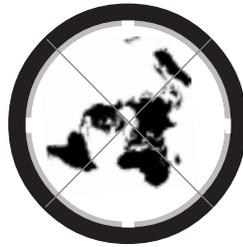
## QUARTERS OF HEAVEN

**Jer 49:36** - And upon Elam [*southern Persia*] will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither [*to which*] the outcasts of Elam shall not come [*go*].

- **Quarters**, Strong’s H7098, *qâtsâh*, a termination, translated in KJV as coast, corner, (selv-)edge, lowest. The outline of biblical usage at blueletterbible.com includes “1. end, and 2. from the whole of, from among (of what is included between extremities).”
- **Heaven**, Strong’s H8064, *shamayim*, to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the

clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): translated in KJV as air, heaven(s).

- Heaven, as the sky including the clouds and perhaps even higher, then, has four “quarters,” properly *terminations* (extremities). The diagram shows *one possible conception* of a top view of the cosmos with its firmament with an earth foundation (black), the circle of the bottom of the firmament (lighter gray) with four places for the wind to come in and four respective quarters in darker gray.



Page 108 has an image of another conception of the world with quarters.

## GATE OF HEAVEN

**Gen 28:12-13, 17** - And he [*Jacob*] dreamed, and behold a ladder [*staircase*] set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I [am] the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed... 17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

- Jacob’s dream teaches the concept of a place where God lives and the way to it—not that such a material staircase exists that can reach to heaven. **John 1:51** tells us that Jesus Christ is the figurative staircase necessary to get man to God that Jacob’s dreaming mind conceived:

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**John 1:51** - And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Jacob's reaction of fearful awe, though, is to his new reality—not to a figure—that God's heaven is closer than Jacob previously realized (vs.17). The same is true of the revelation of the actual size and structure of the Biblical cosmos: God's heaven is much nearer than we realized, and so His oversight seems more “up close and personal” than is understandable from the globe earth model with endless galaxies.

### DOORS OF HEAVEN

**Psa 78:23-25** - Though he [*God*] had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, And had rained down manna upon them [*the Israelites in the wilderness*] to eat, and had given them of the corn [*grain*] of heaven. Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat [*food*] to the full.

**Rev 4:1** - After this I looked, and, behold, a door [*gateway*] [was] opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard [was] as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

### WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

Some Bibles use the term *floodgates*. See also **Psa 104:13**, p.77.

**Gen 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.

**Isa 24:18** - And it shall come to pass, [that] he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

**Mal 3:10** - Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it].

- Both rain and blessings come through the windows of heaven.

## OPEN HEAVENS

These four instances of open heaven are incompatible with the outer space of the globe earth model:

**2Kings 2:11** - And it came to pass, as they [*Elijah and Elisha*] still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

**Mat 3:16** - And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.

**Act 7:55-56** - But he [*Stephen being stoned*], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

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**Acts 10:10-11** - And he [*Peter*] became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, 11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth.

## **DOMES ACKNOWLEDGE THE FIRMAMENT**

The Wikipedia article, “Symbolism of Domes,” cites Smith, Earl Baldwin (1950): *The Dome: A Study in the History of Ideas* and Melaragno, Michele G. (1991): *An Introduction to Shell Structures: the Art and Science of Vaulting*.

Smith writes that in the process of transforming the hut shape... into more difficult stone construction, the dome had also become associated with celestial and cosmic significance, as evident from decoration such as stars and celestial chariots on the ceilings of domed tombs. This cosmological thinking was not limited to domed ceilings, being part of a symbolic association between any house, tomb, or sanctuary and the universe as a whole, but it popularized the use of the domical shape. Michele Melaragno writes that the nomadic tribes of central Asia are the origin of a symbolic tradition of round domed tents being associated with the sky and heavens that eventually spread to the Middle East and the Mediterranean.

## **THE EARTH**

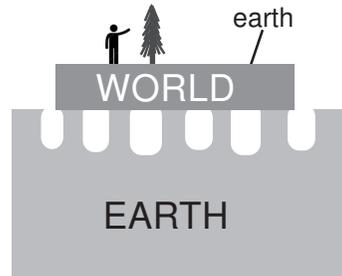
The earth and sea are considered together as one level because all the seas (oceans) occupy valley space of the earth.

Study the next section carefully because the word *earth* with its many meanings can cause misinterpretations.

## DISTINGUISH THE EARTH FROM THE WORLD

**Psa 90:2** - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

- **Earth**, Strong's H776, *erets*, the earth (at large, or partitively a land). Firm as opposed to the sea and sky: the earth, land [*or ground*]
- **World**, Strong's H8398, *tebel*, the earth (as moist and fertile and so inhabited [*as the habitable continents are*])



The concept of the inhabitable **world** on pillars of the **earth** (See also the image on p. 9.)

## STRETCHING OUT OF THE WORLD

**Psa 136:6a** - To him that stretched out the earth above the waters

- *Above the waters* indicates that *earth* here means the world, not the entire earth.

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

The second part of this verse is used by Christians who take only a quick look to prove the modern understanding of astronomy from the Bible is true. Let's look closer.

- **North**, Strong's H6828, *tsâphôwn*, properly, **hidden**, i.e. dark; translated [*interpreted*] in KJV as north(-ern, side, -ward, wind).
- **The empty place**, Strong's H8414, *tohum*, waste place, desolation [*the formless, void (empty) earth of Gen 1:2*]

- ***Stretcheth out the north over the empty place***– The flat earth model calls for north (true definition: the hidden) to be the center of the plane. The south with Antarctica is then all around the circumference of the planar, or flat, earth (diagram, p. 79). The empty, void place is the *unformed*, empty **earth** of Gen 1:2 over which God stretched (definition includes extended, bent, twisted, and slanted) the *landforms* toward the southern areas to *form* the mountains, hills, plains and valleys of the *formed world*.

The Scripture never says that God tucked the stretched-out earth under, shrank it in again below for the south and pinched it together thus making a spherical earth. To tuck, shrink and pinch is the opposite of *to stretch*.

- ***Hangeth the earth upon nothing***– *This second part of the verse alone is used to prove that the earth is a globe hanging in space on nothing.* Bible commentators and translators generally try to fit Scripture to the currently accepted science teaching on the globe and cosmos. An example, <http://biblehub.com/commentaries/job/26-7.htm>: Matthew Poole's Commentary with author's metacommentary bracketed: “**Upon nothing**– upon its own centre [illogical: A sphere cannot rest on its center.], which is but an imaginary thing [self-contradictory, p. 173: a globe has no center?], and in truth nothing [breaks Law of Identity, p. 173]; or upon no props or pillars [breaks Law of Non-Contradiction, p. 173, and just below], but his own power and providence [sounds nice, but does not make illogical inferences sound, p. 174, and makes God's power and providence “nothing.”].

God would never contradict His statements saying the earth is on foundations (pp. 109-113), so His intended meaning does not fit modern science. Consider these definitions:

- **Hangeth**, Strong's H8518, *talab*, to suspend (specially to a gibbet, a post with a horizontal for hanging the bodies of executed criminals as a warning); translated in KJV as to hang, to hang up.
- **Nothing**, Strong's H1099, *beliyamah*, nothing whatever.

These lines in Job 26 are lines of parallel-structured Hebrew poetry. Most translations of the Bible show poetry as prose (run together as normal text). The true definition of *north* (hidden) and the parallel structure (saying the same thing two ways in consecutive lines of poetry) show God's intended meaning does not contradict other statements in God's Word. You can see the relationship between Gen 1:2 and a reinterpreted Job 26:7.

**Gen 1:2** - And the earth was [*existed*] without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face [*surface*] of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

- **Was**, *existed* (Young's Literal Translation)
- **Without form, and void**, *waste, empty, desolate*

So **Job 26:7 reinterpreted** and showing the parallel meanings in the Hebrew poetry with font changes:

**First, the KJV:**

He STRETCHETH OUT **the north** OVER *the empty place*,  
And HANGETH **the earth** UPON *nothing*,

**Reinterpretation 1:**

He STRETCHES OUT **that which is hidden** OVER *the desolate, formless, void earth*,  
And SUSPENDS **the earth (land)** OVER [*where*] *nothing [is]*.

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Reinterpretation 1 using OVER for UPON more clearly suggests that the parallel meaning of *desolate, formless, void earth* is *nothing*. (Pillars and foundations are either not addressed or the world is suspended like a bridge on pillars. NIV uses OVER and SUSPENDS.)

### Reinterpretation 2:

HE STRETCHETH OUT **that which is hidden** OVER *the desolate, formless void earth,*  
And **DOES not HANG the earth ON** *anything.*

In this interpretation God did not hang the earth on anything because He set it on pillars as He said in **1Sam 2:8** and **Psa 75:3**, p. 111-113. To hang something means to attach it to something at the top, so to hang something on nothing is not to hang it. To hang something on nothing is nonsensical. God's Word is sensible and precise.

These reinterpretations infer four layers for the earth: (1.) the stretched and formed *world*; (2.) the earthen pillars of the inhabitable *world*; (3.) the empty, formless, already existing *earth* (with associated Sheol, p. 121, and Paradise, p. 125); and (4.) the foundations of the *earth*.

As an aside, the Old Testament did not distinctly describe the creation of Paradise (the moist, pleasant place of the righteous dead) or the dry, waste place known as "hell" (Sheol, not the Lake of Fire). *Perhaps* God's way of stretching the world over the earth explains their creation.

**Isa 45:18** - For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain; he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

- The Creator frankly denies the two closely related chance theories, the big bang and evolution. “Believe or beLIEve!”

### **SURFACE: A CIRCLE, NOT A SPHERE**

**Prov 8:27** - When he prepared the heavens, I [*Wisdom*] was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth...

- The compass inscribed the place for the earth on the surface of the deep, so this verse implies a circle—not a sphere—especially because of the word *face*, a plane.

**Isa 40:22** - It is he that sitteth upon [*remains above*] 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:

- **Circle**, Strong’s H2329, *chumg*, a circle. *Circle* literally means circle, not sphere.
- This verse has two statements about two different things. **Circle**, used in the first statement about the earth, is not being used in the second statement about the heavens; therefore, *sphere* is not implied in the first statement.
- **Spreadeth [the heavens] out as a tent**—Ancient tents did not have built-in floors like modern tents, but rather rugs were used, so they did not surround (as needed for a globe model), but merely covered like a dome covers.

#### **“The Ends of the Earth”**

The expression, *the ends of the earth* (KJV: 29 times), refers to extremities of *land* so it cannot be used to conclude that the entire earth is spherical or planar.

## Unused Hebrew Word for Heap or Ball

The Hebrew Scriptures do not use the word for ball or heap to describe the earth, but only *circle* indicating a plane. The word *ball*, however, is in the Hebrew Scriptures:

**Isa 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.

- **Ball**, Strong's H1754, *duwr*, from a word that means to heap up; can mean (1) all around, (2) a round heap like a burn pile or the general shape of a hemisphere or (3) a ball like a stone projectile.

This Hebrew word, *duwr*, can mean anything similar to spherical or heaped up, so this word could have been used instead of *circle* in Isa 40:22 if it were needed. Because we know the Bible is precise in its original languages, we know that God means what He says and says what He means. *Circle* means circle, not sphere.

## A CIRCLE OR A SQUARE—FOUR QUARTERS OR CORNERS OF THE EARTH?

What about the circle *vs.* square question, or circle *and* square question because two Scriptures mention “the four corners of the earth”?

Three questions guide the interpretation: (1.) the entire earth or the world? (Refer to p. 101.), (2.) exterior angles making corners or interior angles making quarters? and (3.) literal language or figurative language (idiom).

**Isa 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.

**Rev 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.

**1. Entire earth or the world?**

**Isa 11:12** – People would only be in the *world*, not the entire earth which includes area even outside the foundations of the firmament.

**Rev 7:1** – Sea and trees are of the world, but **Jer 49:36**, p. 96, “the four winds from the four quarters of heaven” indicates the *earth* by the firmament is meant.

**2. Exterior or interior angles?**

**Isa 11:12 Corners**, Strong’s H3671, *kânâph*, an edge or extremity; specifically (1) of a bird or army: a wing; (2) of a garment or bedclothing: a flap; (3) of the earth: a quarter [*idiom*]; (4) of a building: a pinnacle

A quarter of the earth indicates *interior* angles.

**Rev 7:1 Corners**, Strong’s G1137 (**Greek**), *gonia*, angle (interior or exterior), translated in KJV as corner, quarter

This doesn’t define exterior or interior angles, but “the four winds from the four *quarters* of heaven” of **Jer 49:36**, p. 96, interprets “four quarters of the earth” to be related to “the four quarters of heaven.”

**3. Literal language or figurative language (idiom)?**

Because the angles are *interior* angles indicating quarters, “the four corners of the earth” is figurative language (an idiom), meaning to or from extremities. This means we have no proof here for a square entire earth or world.

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Did the *world* originally have four literal corners before Noah's Flood and any other possible land shifters? According to the Bible two witnesses are required to confirm a claim. Unless another Scripture confirms that the world has four literal corners, we cannot say that they did or do exist. A circle fits pi, p. 44.

Does the entire *earth* including the Antarctic ice shelf outside the firmament have four corners? Scripture does not describe the Antarctic ice shelf outside the firmament, but only the firmament, and the world and underworld. Still, Isa 40:22 indicates only a circle, whether indicating *world* or *earth* (p. 101):

**Isa 40:22** - It is he [*God*] that sitteth upon [*remains above*] the circle of the earth

Interestingly though, this idea seems to be expressed in Buddhist and Hindi mandalas made from antiquity to current times. A mandala is a diagram representing the cosmos. Some indicate quarters as well as squares inside or outside of circles. (See cornerstone, p. 116.) Since the idiom meaning and the literal meaning of the words should not be the same, the intent of "four corners" seems to have been lost for a long time. (Find more on the square earth concept online including videos.)

**Chenrezig Sand Mandala**, 2008. See it in color as well as others at [wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandala](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandala). Note two places with four corners, four diagonal quarters, and *perhaps* the places of the "four winds of the earth" near the circumference.



## STABILITY OF THE WORLD AS A WHOLE

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

- **World**, Strong's H8398, *tebel*, the earth (as moist and fertile and so inhabited)
- The earth with its inhabitants cannot—and so does not—move. It neither rotates nor revolves around the sun.

**Psa 93:1** - The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded [*belted, encircled*] himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

**Psa 96:10** - 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.

- Again, God's Word directly tells us we live on a stable earth—just as our senses tell us. If the earth were rotating 1,000 mph at the equator and revolving around the sun 65,000 mph, we would surely experience that. Surely the gaseous “atmosphere” would have been spun off—like water off a wet tennis ball thrown with a spin—and left behind a long time ago. Some “scientists” have tried to explain this lack of sensation of movement by saying the air moves with the earth, but that is not possible because gasses do not stick to solids. Also the upper “atmosphere” would have to move faster than the lower “atmosphere” which is also not possible. The “atmosphere,” then, must be an “atmohemisphere” over a still, flat earth.

**Isa 24:1** - Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

- Why does the Bible say God will turn the world upside down if the world is stable, cannot be moved and does not rotate?

**Turneth it upside down** is an idiom peculiar to Hebrew, *`avah paniym*. At blueletterbible.com, you can see the KJV translation for the first word, *avah* as *turn*, is preceded by the mark indicating an idiom in the original language. The meaning of the idiom here is to twist, distort or ruin (its surface), and in Acts 17:6, to upset.

Several translations show the whole earth is surely stable:

KJV, ASV, YLT, DBY, WEB, HNV - turneth it upside down (the idiom translated literally so the meaning was lost);  
ESV, RSV, HCSB / NKJV, NASB - will twist / distorts its surface;  
NLT / NIV - devastates / will ruin its surface

**Gen 10:25a** - And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided.

- Why does the Bible say the earth was divided if it is stable and cannot be moved?

**Divided**—Strong’s H6395, *palag*, to split (literally or figuratively)

**Peleg**—Strong’s H6389, *Peleg*, the same as H6388\*; earthquake; Peleg, son of Eber.

\*H6388, *peleg*, a rill (a small channel of water, as for irrigation), translated in KJV as river, stream

An earthquake creating a small channel of water is far from the continental drift theory and too unremarkable for God to mention; however, Peleg lived at the time of the tower of Babel when the *people* of the earth were divided by abrupt language changes (Gen 11:1-9). *Earth* is likely a figure of speech (metonymy) for *people of the earth* who were divided by the new languages.

## INSTABILITY OF THE EARTH LAND FORMS

**Psa 18:7** - Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth [*angry*].

- The hills with their foundations, not the entire earth, were moved.

**Psa 99:1** - The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

- **Earth**, Strong's H776, *erets*, the earth or part of it
- **Be moved**, Strong's H5120, *nuwt*, to quake.  
*Quake* does not mean to rotate and revolve.

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

- Mountains and hills can move out of their places, but the world or earth as a whole will not move.

## INHABITABLE WORLD ON PILLARS OF EARTH

*The world on pillars allows free movement so it can quake and shake as the Bible says the land forms do.*

**1Sam 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.

- **Pillars**, Strong's H4690: *matsuwq*, something narrow, as a column or a steep, lofty mountain (See **pillars** below.)

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- **Of the earth**, Strong's H776, *erets*; the earth (at large, or partitively a land).  
The world is on pillars of earth (conception, p.101).
- **World**, Strong's H8398, *tébel*, the earth that is moist and therefore inhabited and including its inhabitants.



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- The world, the inhabitable part of the earth, is set on pillars. *Perhaps* these pictures show such pillars of earth.

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

- **Earth**, Strong's H776, *erets*, earth, land (all or part)
- **Pillars**, Strong's H5982, *ammmuwd*, a column (as standing); also a similar stand or platform (See **pillars**, above.)
- God makes earthquakes that move earth forms and make the pillars of the world tremble. Job 9:6 is not related to slipping, rotating or revolving around the sun.

**Psa 75:3** - The earth and all the inhabitants thereof [*the world*] are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.

- **Dissolved**, Strong's H4127, *muwg*, literally, to melt (to soften, flow down, disappear) or figuratively (to fear, to faint)

This prophetic psalm, seeming to indicate the pillars of earth and so the earth at large will survive, is given in the New Testament:

**2Pet 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.

- **Pillars**, Strong's H5982, *ammmuw'd*, a column (as standing); also a similar stand or platform

This verse is the third witness in Scripture that the earth (land) that makes up the inhabitable world is set on pillars.

## FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD

*The world has foundations as do the firmament and apparently the entire earth. (See comment beginning the next section.)*

**2Sam 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.

- **Foundations**, Strong's H4146, *moncadah* (always plural), foundations

The foundations of heaven (the firmament) in 2Sam 22:8 (p. 94) is this same word. Both are the earth.

- **World**, Strong's H8398, *tébéel*, the earth (as moist and therefore inhabited and including its inhabitants).

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- In the image “A Conception of the Biblical Cosmos” on p. 9 and in the parallel structure of 2Sam 22:16 the foundations of the world are the seabed under the pillars of earth that the world is set on.

**Psa 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.

## FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH

*The Bible use of two different words, **earth** and **world**, as having foundations should indicate that both the inhabitable world surrounded by seas and the entire earth have foundations. Interpreting the word **earth** is debatable, however, as p. 101 details, so this section and the last could actually be about the same foundations of the world.*

**Prov 8:29b** - *[I, Wisdom, was there]* when he appointed the foundations of the earth.

- **Foundations**, Strong's H4144, *moncad*, foundation

**Job 38:4, 6a** - Where wast thou *[were you]* when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding... 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?

**Isa 51:13** - And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and 35 laid the foundations of the earth

- These three Scriptures tell us that the earth has foundations (plural), but a molten-core, spherical, rotating and revolving earth could not have foundations (plural).
- The inside part of a thing like a sphere could not be its own foundation.

- No one has seen any evidence of the earth below the less than eight mile Russian Kola Superdeep Borehole of the 3,959 mile radius given by scientists. The inside of the earth, however, is alleged to be hot, liquid rock which could not make a reasonable foundation.

**Psa 82:5** - They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

- **Foundations**, Strong's H4144, *moncad*, a foundation
- **Out of course**, Strong's H4131, *monwt*, to waver

This phrase, *out of course*, to waver, relates to foundations (plural) under the earth; it has no relation to revolving around the sun.

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

- **Laid**, Strong's H3245, *yâcad*, to set (literally or figuratively); intensively, to found
- **Foundations**, Strong's H4349, *makown*, a fixture, a basis [base]; generally a place, especially as an abode.

A fixture is something securely fixed or attached in place, so the earth does not rotate or revolve.

- **Removed**—Strong's H4131, *mônwt*, to waver

God's original purpose is shown: the entire earth is fixed securely so it will not waver. This tells us that the alleged precession of the earth's axis (wobbling like a spinning top) and so the precession of the equinoxes (spring equinox moving through all the constellations of the zodiac every 26,000 years) do not occur.

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- **Forever**, Strong's H5769, *'owlam*, properly, concealed, that is, the vanishing point.

The earth as a whole will not waver, totter, slip or shake until the time that it vanishes (2 Pet 3:10-13).

**Isa 24:18b** - ...the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

- **Foundations**, Strong's H4146, *mowcadah* (pl.), foundations
- **Shake**, to undulate or quake—not indicating rotation or revolution around the sun

## CORNERSTONE OF THE EARTH OR WORLD?

**Job 38:6** - Whereupon are the foundations thereof [*of the earth, vs. 4*] fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof...?

- **Corner**, Strong's H6438, *pinnâh*, an angle. +
- **Stone**, Strong's H68, *eben*, a stone

Only one verse mentions this cornerstone; still, it seems to be a literal cornerstone. If *the earth* means the entire earth, the cornerstone should seem to be at its bottom (like one on a building) in the great deep. This creates the problem of a right angled corner being on a circular earth. Refer to p. 108. If *the earth* means the habitable world, the cornerstone should seem to be in the central north from which God stretched out the world. Refer to Job 26:7, p. 101. The north is too inaccessible by law to know.

## THE SEA

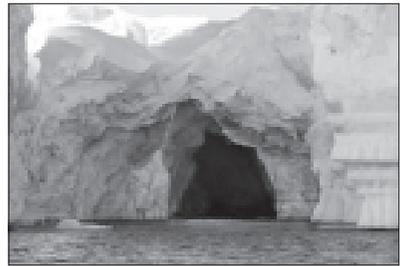
The KJV of the Bible uses the word *sea* for *ocean*. The *seas* are the waters occupying the valley space of the earth that God

gathered together to reveal “the dry” (land). This valley space is within the circumferential southern boundary known as Antarctica. (On the globe earth model Antarctica is said to be a continent rather than the surrounding boundary of the sea.)

## ANTARCTICA, THE BOUNDARY OF THE SEA, AND DOORS OF THE SEA

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

**Prov 8:29a** - When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment



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**Job 38:1, 4, 8-11 (H)CSB** - Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind. He said: 4 Where were you when I established the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 8 Who enclosed the sea behind doors when it burst from the womb, 9 when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its blanket? 10 when I determined its boundaries and put its bars\* and doors in place, 11 when I declared: “You may come this far, but no farther; your proud waves stop here”? \**[Also Jonah 2:7]*

- **Enclosed the sea behind doors**— The Antarctic ice cliffs—some even 100 meters/327 feet high—and exposed mountains encircling the earth at its circumferential

southern limits apparently are or have the doors that **enclose** (fence in, below) the sea. *Perhaps* these doors have to do with the passages from the Great Deep to the Sea which are the Fountains of the Deep (p. 72), and so are outside the view of humanity.

**Enclosed**, Strong's H5526, *çâkak*, properly, **to entwine** as a screen; by implication, to fence in, cover over, (figuratively) protect.

**Doors**, Strong's H1817, *deleth*, something swinging, i.e. the valve of a door; translated in KJV as door (two-leaved), gate, lid.

- **Clouds its garment**—Clouds covered this area at creation. God “enclosed the sea behind doors ...**when** He made the clouds its garment.” Clouds make **snow, not sand** as Strong's Exhaustive Concordance states in its definition of a word in Jer 5:22:

**Jer 5:22** - Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the **sand** [for] the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

**Sand**, Strong's H2344, *chowl*, sand (as round or **whirling particles**); translated in KJV as *sand*, but the root of this word is H2342, *chûml*, properly, **to twist or whirl** (in a circular or spiral manner)

Translated only as **sand**, but remember the definition of **enclosed** is to entwine, which means to interwind or interweave by twisting or

winding motion, so **whirling particles** here more likely means circumferential Antarctic **snow**. Sand does not stop proud waves. Also, sand does not entwine. Snowflakes entwine, and their hexagonal shape entwined by whirling would create the great strength of hexagonal honeycomb structures in the high Antarctic ice cliffs of great unknown depth.

**The bound of the sea**, boundary, singular: the one boundary encircling the sea is its outer circumferential ice cliffs.

**By a perpetual decree**—([H]CSB: enduring barrier)  
The Antarctic has a few mountains, but most of the top of the Antarctic ice cliffs is a level surface of snow as far as the eye can see which is surely a more “enduring barrier” than a low, narrow band of sand on a seashore.

- **Thick darkness its blanket**—The most southern area (south of 71 degrees south latitude) is totally dark from May 17 until July 23 according to the Royal Belgian Geographical Society as stated in *Expedition Antarctique Belge*, the record of the 1897-1899 Belgian National Expedition to Antarctica. The rest of the year has little light.

**Its blanket** figuratively refers to a swaddlingband (cloth wrapped around a baby). Antarctica darkness swaddles the entire sea.

- **Its boundaries and put its bars and doors in place**—**Bars**, a door-blocking crossbar between wall brackets. This may be a literal structure or a figurative expression for the strength of the Antarctic ice cliffs.

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- ***Come this far, but no farther; your proud waves stop here***—Christopher Columbus’ sailors could not have fallen off the edge of the flat earth.

## CHANNELS AND PATHS OF THE SEA

**2Sam 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. (**Psa 18:15** repeats this verse.)

- ***channels***, Strong’s H650, *aphiyq*, container, as in deeper areas that cut through shallower water on either side (depth contours)
- ***The channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered*** tells that us the seabed under and around the inhabitable world (the continents) is the foundation of the world, and that it has channels.

**Psa 8:8** - The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas.

- ***paths***, Strong’s H734. *ôrach*, a well-trodden road (literally or figuratively) [likely related to the great ocean currents]

## THE UNDERWORLD

**Rev 4:11** - Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- The creation account in Genesis does not detail the creation of the underworld under the world and seas. God created everything so at some point He created the underworld. *Perhaps* the explanation for paradise with water is

**Psa 136:6a** - To him that stretched out the earth above the waters,

and the explanation for “hell” without water is

**Gen 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.

The word *land* is not in the original. Other words for “hell” like *abyss* and *bottomless pit* may speak of the conformation of “the dry” that appeared and then was covered with the world (continents, p. 101):

**Job 26:7a** - He stretcheth out the **north** over the empty [*void, desolate, waste*] place.

## **SHEOL/THE ABYSS FOR UNRIGHTEOUS PEOPLE**

**Deu 32:22** - For a fire is kindled in mine [*God's*] anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell.

- **Hell**, Strong's H7585, *Sheol* - Old Testament word for the place of the dead
- **Fire, burn** and **the lowest hell** tell us that hell is a real burning place of punishment with levels (of torment).
- **God's anger kindles hell fire** tells us that God's grace (divine influence) and mercy (unmerited favor) will end, and the time of His justice will come for people who reject free justification by His Son's sacrifice because sin offends Him and harms his highest creation, humanity.

**Psa 55:15** - Let death seize upon them, [and] let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness [is] in their dwellings, [and] among them.

- **Hell**, Strong's H7585, *Sheol* - Old Testament word for the place of the dead

**Mat 10:28** - And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- **Hell**, Strong's G1067, *géenna*, a valley of Jerusalem where dead animals and refuse were burned, used figuratively as a name for the place of the dead

**Act 2:31** - He [*David*] seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh [*body*] did see corruption [*decay*].

- **Hell**, Strong's G86, *Hades*, properly, unseen; the New Testament word for the place of departed souls

## **THE DEEPEST ABYSS/BOTTOMLESS PIT FOR EVIL SPIRITS AND FALLEN ANGELS**

**Gen 1:2a, 9** - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. ... 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry appear: and it was so.

- A bottomless pit is not possible in a spherical earth, but it is possible under a flat earth over the primordial deep.

**Luke 8:31** - And they [*demons*] besought [*begged*] him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

- **The deep**, Strong's G12, *abyssos*, depthless, i.e. specially, infernal (hellish) abyss; translated in KJV as deep, (bottomless) pit.

## NAMES FOR THE PLACES OF THE DEPARTED

Key to KJV: **NAME** - **Figurative Names** - *descriptive names*

- I. Old Testament (Hebrew) name: **SHEOL**
  - A. For the unrighteous
    1. **Abaddon**—in Job & Proverbs; named after the Destroyer
      - a. **destruction** (Prov 15:11)
    2. **Pit**
      - a. **dungeon, grave, hell**
      - b. **cistern, fountain, well** (were used for prisons)
  - B. For the righteous—**Abraham's Bosom**—called by Jesus before the New Covenant and the Church age (Luk 16:22)
- II. New Testament (Greek) name: **ABYSS**
  - A. For the unrighteous
    1. **Hades**—named after the god of the dead
      - a. **grave, hell**
      - b. **Tartarus** (2Pet 2:4), a level (Deu 32:22) of the Abyss
    2. **Gehenna**—named after a valley with a burning trash dump
      - a. **hell**
    3. Other names
      - a. **outer darkness** (Mat 8, 22 & 25 parables)
      - b. **deep** (Luk 8:31)
      - c. **bottomless pit** (Rev 20:1)
  - B. For the righteous
    1. **Paradise** (Luk 23:43)—Occupants now in the heavens with Jesus (Eph 4:8, 2Cor 12:4)
    2. **heart of the earth** (Mat 12:40)

Paradise is separated from Hades/Gehenna by **a great gulf** (Luk 16).

- III. Post-Millennial hell: **THE LAKE OF FIRE** (Rev 19-20), the place burning with sulfur where SHEOL / THE ABYSS & its damned occupants (angels & people) will be cast forever at the end of the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ, **everlasting fire** (Mat 25:41)

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- The demonic beings in the man understood that the abyss, that depthless, hellish pit, exists and that they would be condemned to it, so they begged to be allowed to go into a herd of pigs (which then ran into a lake and drowned).

**2Pet 2:4** - For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

- ***The angels that sinned***, the fallen angels that did not stay in the position they were assigned by God, but procreated with women. This created giants contrary to the plan encoded in DNA for humanity by the Creator.

**Gen 6:4** - There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God [*angels, each individually created: "sons"*] came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare [children] to them, the same [became] mighty men which [were] of old [*of eternity*], men of renown [*shame*]. [*Exo 3:8: Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, etc. More in The Book of Enoch, available online.*]

- **Hell**, Strong's G5020, *Tartaros*, the deepest level of the abyss

**Rev 20:1-3** - And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan [*a fallen angel*], and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years [*millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth*] should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

- **The bottomless pit**, Strong's G12, *abyssos*, depthless, i.e. specially, infernal (hellish) abyss; translated in KJV as deep, (bottomless) pit.

### **THE GATES OF HELL/DEATH/HADES/THE PIT**

Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures say that the local authorities conducted their business at the gates of the cities. Jesus spoke figuratively of the gates of hell as the authority of Satan, yet other Scriptures also speak of such gates as literally real. Since anyone in hell would want to escape, hell likely has gates with locks as the previous verse indicates.

**Job 38:17** - Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

**Isa 38:10a** (H)CSB - I said: In the prime of my life I must go to the gates of Sheol.

**Mat 16:18b** - I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (spoken by Jesus Christ).

- **Hell** is Strong's word G86, *Hades*, named after the god of the dead. If *gates* is used literally, then hell exists. If *gates* is used figuratively, then all the authority of the god of the dead will not have power over Jesus' Church, the body of born again, faithful Christians.

**Rev 1:18** - I [*Jesus*] [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

- **Hell**, Strong's G86, *Hades*, properly, unseen; the New Testament word for the place of departed souls

## ABRAHAM'S BOSOM/PARADISE FOR RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

**Mat 12:40** - For as Jonas [*Jonah*] was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

- Jesus, as the Son of man (a human being), said He was to go to the heart of the earth for three days and three nights so it is a real place, and He was there that long. (See <https://gracethrufaith.com> > Solving the Three Day Three Night Mystery.)

**Luke 16:22** - And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried.

**Luke 23:43** - And Jesus [*on the cross*] said unto him [*the one of the two criminals crucified with Jesus who acknowledged his sin and Jesus' innocence and future kingdom*], Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

- **Paradise**, Strong's 3857, *parádeisos*, a park, i.e. specially, an Eden (place of future happiness, "paradise")

**Paradise/Abraham's Bosom is wherever Jesus is and Satan is excluded.**

**Eph 4:7-9** - But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he [*Jesus*] ascended up on high [*after His resurrection*], he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 Now that he ascended, what is it [*how could that be*] but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

- **He led captivity captive**—Jesus descended into **the lower parts of the earth** to introduce Himself and His Gospel

to the faithful who had believed in the then *coming* Messiah before the Church Age. After that He rose to heaven leading them to be with Him in Paradise.

Only the unrighteous dead and some fallen angels (and evil spirits/demons?) are left in the underworld.

**2Cor 5:8** - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

- During the Church Age the faithful who die go to the presence of Jesus.

**2Cor 12:2-4** - I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, ... such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, ... 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

- ***The third heaven...up into paradise***—Paradise is now in the third heaven where Jesus is. (The first heaven is the sky; the second heaven is the firmament.)

**Rev 2:7** - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

- This tree of life was in the Garden of Eden when the first couple, Adam and Eve, sinned. To keep them from eating from it and so living forever in their fallen state, they were banished from Eden and this tree. The faithful overcomers will live forever in the paradise of God whether it is in the third heaven now or on the eternal new earth to come (pp. 131-132, 152).

## THE GREAT GULF BETWEEN HELL & PARADISE

**Luk 16:23, 26** - And in hell he [*the former rich man*] lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus [*the former beggar*] in his bosom... 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence [*here*] to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that [would come] from thence [*there*].

- These verses tell us of the two distinctly different places where the dead were and of the great gulf keeping them apart before the resurrection of Jesus. The rich man in Hades in torment was begging for water from Lazarus in Abraham's Bosom. Lazarus formerly had been begging for crumbs and full of sores at the rich man's gate.

## THE LAKE OF FIRE

**Mat 25:41** - Then shall he [*Jesus Christ*] say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

- **Angels**, Vine's Expository Dictionary: (from *angelo*, "to deliver a message"); a **messenger, guardian or representative** sent by God, man or Satan

**Rev 19:20** - And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone [*sulfur*].

**Rev 20:10, 14-15** - And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. ... 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake

of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The Lake of Fire is surely real and the future and final habitation of all rebellious angels and people who do not worship and live for God.

## THREE BIBLE PROBLEMS FOR THE GLOBE EARTH

### THE *DOWN* PROBLEM

**Job 28:24** - For He looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven [*firmament*].

- **Under** indicates one direction: down. If God were looking “down” at a globe, His down from above toward China is up from below toward Chile—illogical. Seeing the ends of the earth under the whole firmament makes the surface of the earth a plane, not a sphere.

**Psa 102:19** - For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth.

- **Looked down**—On a spherical earth model God’s throne would have to be everywhere outside the supposed multiple galaxies, and so He would have to look from all directions to one tiny planet in one tiny solar system. On a planar earth model, however, looking down from a place means looking in one lower direction—“down” as we know the word to mean.

**Mar 13:24-25** - But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give **her** light, And the stars of heaven shall **fall**, and the powers [*angelic fighting forces, p. 90*] that are in heaven shall be shaken.

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- Stars cannot fall with the spherical earth model of cosmology because **fall** means to descend to a lower place, but lower would be higher, and vice-versa, on opposite sides of a globe. Expecting stars to “fall” down, up and sideways toward a tiny, insignificant spherical earth in a small solar system in a galaxy among galaxies makes no sense. (See the last comment for **Rev 6:13**, pages 90-91.)

### EVERY EYE SEEING JESUS RETURN PROBLEM

**Rev 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.

- ***Every eye shall see Him***—Jesus will be coming as a physical person, not a dimension-free spirit. From this we know not everyone on a spherical earth would be able to see Him—like those upside down Australians—but everyone on the flat earth will be able to see Jesus coming without any earth curvature hindering the view.

**Rev 6:14a** - And the heaven [*singular, indicates the firmament*] departed as a scroll when it is rolled together. (Also **Isa 34:4**)

- These two verses tell us that when Jesus returns and the firmament rolls away like a scroll, the phenomenon of perspective, that makes things appear to become smaller and closer to the horizon as distance increases, will apparently end. This will allow long-range vision without a vanishing point (p.32).

### THE ECLIPSES PROBLEM

**Rev 6:12** - And I beheld when he [*Jesus*] had opened the sixth seal, and, lo [*see*], there was a great earthquake; and the sun

became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood [*eclipse called a “blood moon”*].

- Two eclipses visible at the same time mean the globe earth model explanation for eclipses does not work.
- Frederick H. Cook in *The Terrestrial Plane*, ©1908, wrote:

Now, according to the “globular [*globe*] theory,” a lunar eclipse occurs when the sun, earth, and moon are in a direct line; but it is on record that since about the 15<sup>th</sup> century over 50 eclipses have occurred while both sun and moon have been visible above the horizon.

—[http://library.tfes.org/library/frederick\\_henry\\_cook\\_-\\_the\\_terrestrial\\_plane.pdf](http://library.tfes.org/library/frederick_henry_cook_-_the_terrestrial_plane.pdf)

## COMING CHANGES IN THE COSMOS

After the Church Age Jesus Christ will reign on earth as King for 1,000 years (called the Millennium). After the Millennium a new heaven and a new earth will replace the old, and the City of God, the New Jerusalem, will descend to earth. This recreated cosmos with no sea, sun or moon will exist for eternity. “That which is perfect” (1Cor 13:10) will have come.

## NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

**Isa 65:17** - For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

**2Pet 3:10-13** - 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 [*“works therein” may*

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*indicate just the world, not the entire earth]* shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

### **NO SEA**

**Rev 21:1** - And I saw a new heaven [*firmament*] and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

### **NO SUN OR MOON**

**Rev 21:23** - And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

**Rev 22:5** - And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

### **THE CITY OF GOD IN HEAVEN TO DESCEND TO THE NEW EARTH**

**Heb 11:16** - But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

**Rev 21:10-11** - And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having

the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

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We live on the stable flat earth under the firmament. This cosmos is a gigantic clock, Biblical lunar calendar (p. 180) and book. The sun tells us the time, and its changing circuit diameter over the earth coming to solstices and equinoxes produces the seasons. The moon tells us the days by its phases with the first day at the just visible new moon and mid-month at the full moon. The moon also tells us the month by its full circuit over the earth from longitude to the same longitude or from alignment to a star to the same alignment. By their ancient names the constellations and stars tell the Bible story of redemption through Jesus Christ. The “planets” are wandering stars which sometimes move retrograde (backward) and stop awhile, while regular stars all move as one in the firmament and so maintain the constellations. The sun, moon, and regular and wandering stars produce the signs foretelling great events, the only well-known one being “the star of Bethlehem” for Jesus’ birth. As God said in **Gen 1:14**, the lights in the firmament divide the day from the night and are for signs, seasons (feast days), days and years. In **Exo 12** God gave “New Year’s Day,” and in **Lev 23** He gave the set, appointed times based on His *lunar-solar* calendar that are called the seven feasts of the Lord which are both historical dates for the Israelites and prophetic dates for Messiah/Christ. Our *solar* calendar and education cause us to ignore all this and lead us to accept a false cosmos and so unbelief about the Creator and the Bible.

