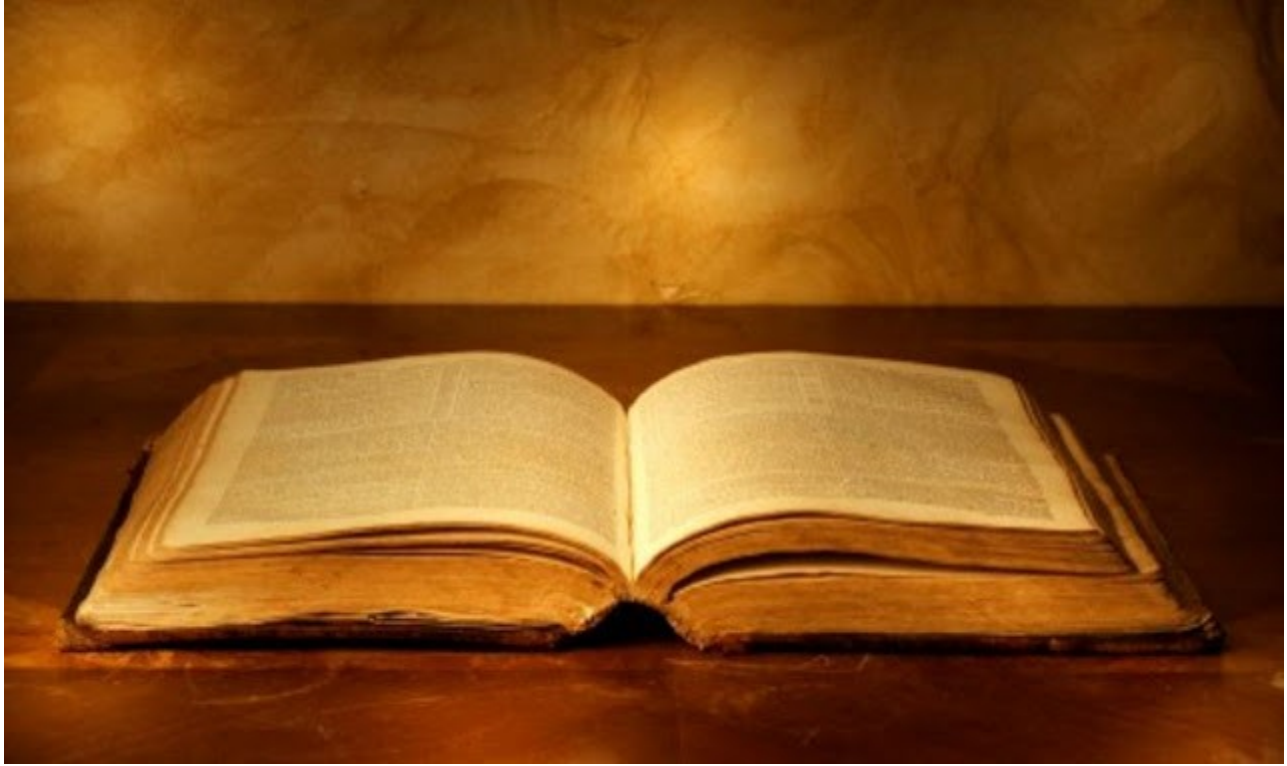


The Biblical Flat Earth: The Teaching From Scripture



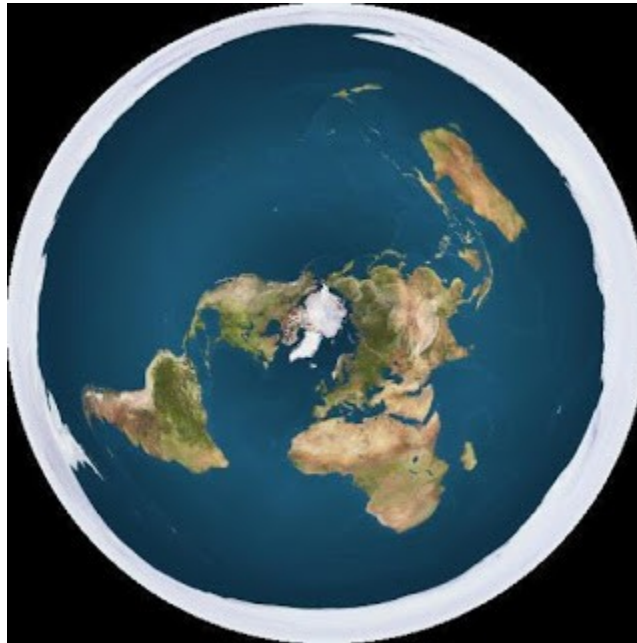
As a Christian, the flat earth begins and ends with Scripture. While the evidence continues to mount, and has, for the flat earth, I must begin by saying, "the Scriptures told you so."

Just like so many people have been deceived regarding evolution, the big bang, and heliocentrism, so to have many been duped into believing that we are on a spinning ball. The ramifications of these lies have wide sweeping effects upon every sphere of life and society. I would like to begin with the most controversial verse in Isaiah.

"It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in" Is. 40:22

I recall in my apologetic days, that when atheists would make fun of the Bible, they would constantly bring up this verse. The typical Christian response was to point out that the word circle here is, in fact, proving that the earth was a ball. I remembered even then thinking that didn't seem right to me. We all know what a circle is and it is not a ball. In fact, the Hebrew word used in this verse is "khoog" (pronounced chug). The word literally means, circle, circuit, and compass. In all of these words, none of them conjure up a picture of a ball. Furthermore if the earth were a ball, and God wished to communicate that here, then it would have required using the Hebrew word "dure" (pronounced dur). The Hebrew definition for dure is, a circle, pile, or ball. Isn't that interesting? If the shape of the earth was intended to be conveyed as a "ball" then the Hebrew word "dure" would have been the word used

as found in Isaiah 22:18, "He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a BALL into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house." It wasn't used there. What we were given instead was the Hebrew word "khoog."



As you can see above, the flat earth depictions are exactly that, a circle. Furthermore, notice that in the verse that man is dwelling in the earth. The Hebrew word here is "yashab" and literally means to "sit down," and by implication means to dwell, to remain, and to settle. It would be quite difficult to sit down, remain, and settle upon a spinning ball, wouldn't it?

Another interesting verse for me is when Jesus is taken up to a high mountain by Satan and shown the kingdoms of the world.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. - Matthew 4:8

Notice that this mountain was "very high." In the Greek here, the word for high is "hupselos" and means literally high or lofty. Add to that the Greek word "very" which is "lian" and we now have a very intentional description of this.

If the world is a ball, the higher one goes the less one would be seeing of the earth because the curvature would constantly be falling and you would have to look further and further down, however. If the earth were flat, then the higher you go, the more you see while the horizon stays at eye level. The horizon rises to the eye. It seems to me that Jesus was taken to very high mountain and could literally see all of the kingdoms of the world.

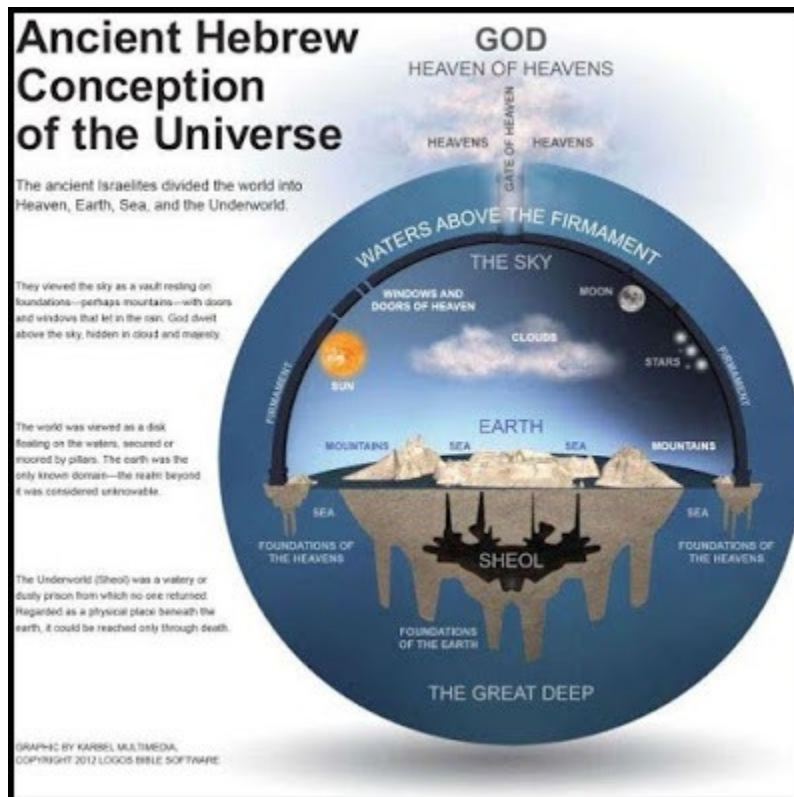
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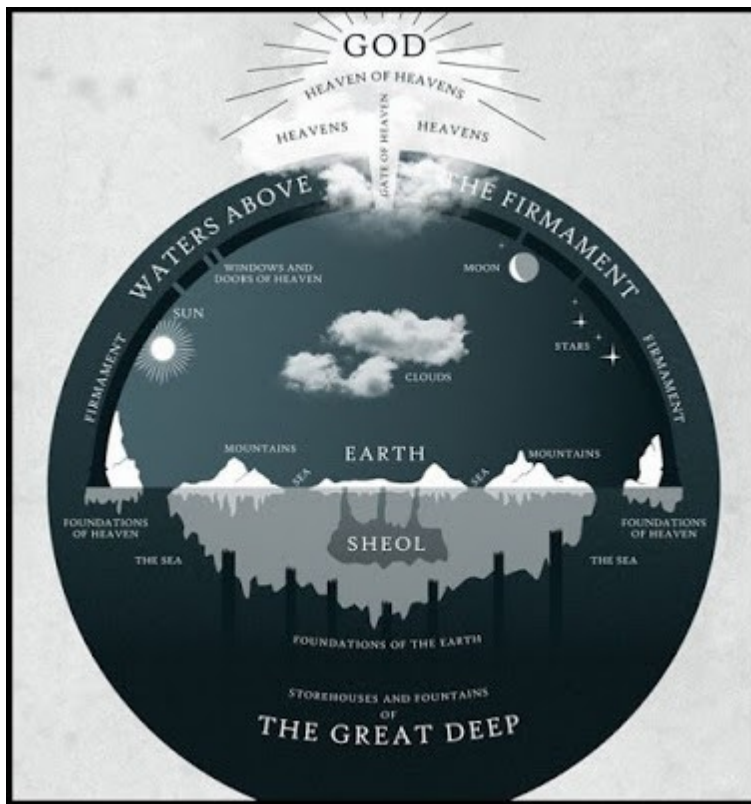
speaking symbolically. To that I would ask, what were the kingdoms a symbol of if not of real literal kingdoms? Was Satan a symbol as well? What about Jesus? Was He a symbol too? Obviously that sort of interpretation for this particular verse does not work at all.

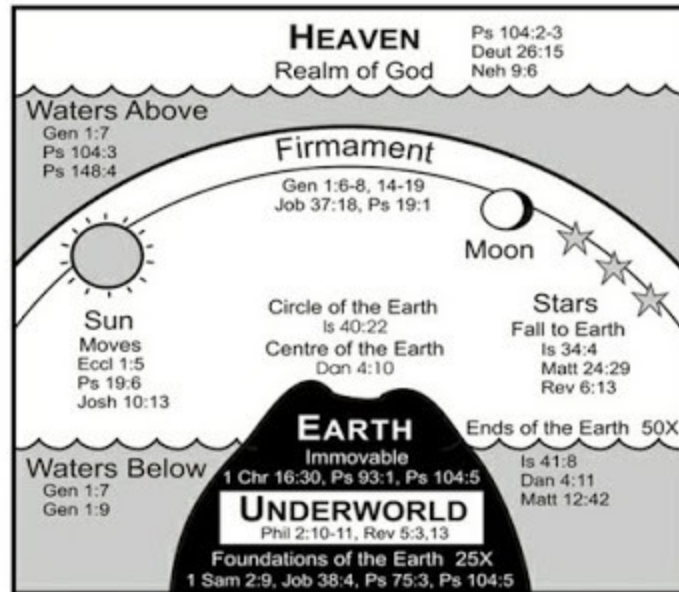
Another interesting example from Scripture is found in Joshua 10 where God caused the "sun to stand still."

"And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day." - Joshua 10:13

If the sun is the center of the universe and the earth is orbiting around it, then for this event to occur, it would have to have been the earth standing still, not the sun, however. If the earth is flat and the sun and moon rotate above us, it would make perfect sense for the sun to stand still in order to prolong the day here.







The Teaching Of Scripture Regarding The Firmament:

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. - Genesis 1:6

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. - Genesis 1:14

Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. - Job 9:8

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

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

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

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

Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am

the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself. - Isaiah 44:24

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

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

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. - Jeremiah 10:12

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. - Zechariah 12:1

The Teaching Of Scripture Regarding The Waters And The Heaven of Heavens Above:

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. - Genesis 1:6

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. - Deuteronomy 10:14

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

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

Revelation 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Teaching Of Scripture Regarding The Earth Being Immovable:

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 10:13

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

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

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. - Psalms 96:10

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

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

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. - Isaiah 45:18

The Teaching Of Scripture Regarding The Flat Earth:

And upon Elam 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 the outcasts of Elam shall not come. - Jeremiah 49:36

Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. - Ezekiel 7:2

The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth. - Daniel 4:11

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

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. - Matthew 4:8

And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth. - Acts

10:11

I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me. - Acts 11:5

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

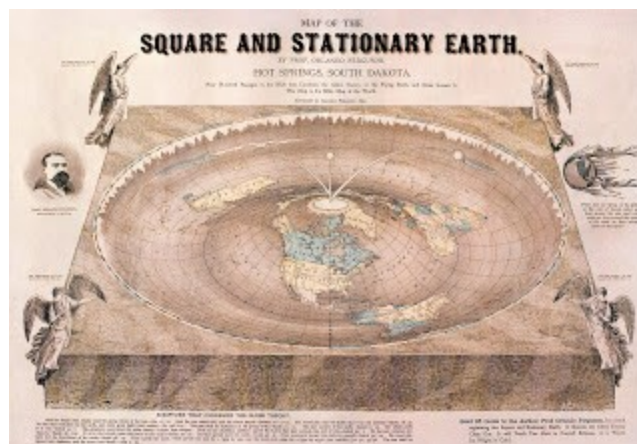
And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. - Revelation 20:8

The number of verses that teach the earth is a round spinning ball orbiting the sun? 0

Some would argue that these verses were meant to convey the sun from our perspective. I would have to ask: why would the standard of truth and the Sovereign God wish to communicate the truth of the earth He created from OUR perspective? This sort of reasoning is what led to many false teaching regarding the creation account. For them, they start with the presupposition that evolution is true, and then reason that God only communicated the creation account through poetic symbolism and yet the same ones would use the "circle" reference as anything but a symbol.

The Scriptures are the source and standard of truth and would not be if the information that is being communicated is based merely upon man and his "perspective."

Also, the verses which speak about the "four corners" of the earth only makes sense in respect to the flat earth. If the earth were a ball there wouldn't be one corner, let alone four. Yes, I recognize that the "four corners" could be merely an "all encompassing" reference, however. It still stands as a mental thorn in the minds of those that wish to believe we are on a spinning ball.



Finally, I wish to say that, as Christians, we stand upon the Word of God on these matters. If one believes that they should begin with this evil system and use the Bible as a footnote, you have already been defeated.

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - Jesus Christ (John 8:32)