

B'reisheet and Biblical Cosmology

B'reisheet is translated in English: In the beginning

I will not be commenting much today because of the nature of nature of this topic

I will limit comments to clarifying what the scriptures are stating

What is Cosmology?

It is defined by Meriam Websters Dictionary as follows:

1. a branch of [metaphysics](#) that deals with the nature of the universe
2. a theory or doctrine describing the natural order of the universe
3. a branch of [astronomy](#) that deals with the origin, structure, and space-time relationships of the universe

also : a theory dealing with these matters

There is no word in Hebrew for Universe

In order to encompass all of created existence the phrase: "Heavens and Earth" is generally used.

To understand what was created let's read most of Genesis 1

Genesis 1-8

1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2**The earth was without form, and void; and darkness **[a]**was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

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

Notice that light was created on the first day and the Sun Moon and stars are not created until day 4.

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

The Herew Word For Firmament is Raqia:

*And is translated in various English versions as "firmament," "dome," or "expanse," is defined in the Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon as "**extended surface, (solid) expanse (as if beaten out)**";...2.) the vault of the heaven, or 'firmament,' regarded by the Hebrews as solid, and supporting 'waters' above it". This lexicon, considered a standard reference for Biblical Hebrew. The word "raqia" is derived from the root "raqa," meaning "to beat, stamp, beat out, spread out, stretch,"*

The Septuagint Greek translates firmament as Sterioma.

Stereoma is defined as 'a solid body, a support, strength, firmness,' and is used to mean a foundation, something immovable and solid.

What does the bible have to say this firmament?

Job 37:18

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

Amos 9:6

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

Psalms 148:4

Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens!

Psalm 19:1

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

Yahovah's Throne sits and walks upon this firmament:

Isaiah 66:1

Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

Matthew 5:35

And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King.

Acts 7:49

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?

Job 22:14

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

Ezekiel 1:22

The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures *was* like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads.

Ezekiel 1:26

And above the firmament over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it

Revelation 4:6

Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

According to scripture, the earth is covered by a solid dome. Above that dome is water and Yahovah's throne.

The dome has physical gates in it holding back the waters above:

Genesis 7:11

11In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

Genesis 8:2

2The springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained.

Notice that the flood gate and rain water are 2 separate things

Back to Genesis 1

9Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so. **10**And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it* was good.

11Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. **12**And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it* was good. **13**So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14Then God said, "Let there be lights **in** the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; **15**and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. **16**Then God made two great **[d]**lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also. **17**God set them **in** the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18**and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it* was good. **19**So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Notice:

1. The lights are IN the firmament

Psalms 19:4 speaks to the fact that the sun does not reside in space

Psalms 19:4

Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

- 2. There are 3 light sources. In the Hebrew, these are all separate luminaries*
- 3. They each produce their own light*
- 4. The objects were placed in the firmament for a reason*
 - a. Separate day from night*
 - b. Divide light and darkness*
 - c. The sun rules the day*
 - d. The moon rules the night*
 - e. Give light*
 - f. And mark signs and seasons be for signs and seasons*

The bible describes an enclosed system where man lives and an external space where Yah and the hosts of heaven reside.

But what is the earths shape and action?

Isaih 40:22

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;

Most commentators use this verse to demonstrate that the earth is a ball or globe.

The word for circle in Hebrew is:

Chug and is used to describe a circle, circuit or vault

Had Isaiah meant this to mean a ball or globe he would have used the word he used in:

Isaiah 22:18

He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots *Shall be* the shame of your master's house.

The word used here is Kadur; it shares no root or association with Chug

Isaiah meant what he said and said what he meant.

Since it's not a ball, does the earth spin?

Scripture indicates that the earth is fixed and the luminaries move:

Job 9:7

who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars;

Joshua 10:12-13

12, At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." 13. 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 Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

Habakkuk 3:11

The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear.

Isaiah 38:4-8

[4](#)And the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying, [5](#)"Go and tell Hezekiah that this is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: 'I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. [6](#)And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.[a](#) [7](#)This will be a sign to you from the LORD that He will

do what He has promised: 8I will make the sun's shadow that falls on the stairway of Ahaz go back ten steps.'"

So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had descended.

Psalms 93:1

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

1 Chronicles 16:30

Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved.

Psalms 96:10

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

Job 38:4

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.

I would challenge all of us here with this statement. Tell Yahovah, if you have understanding!

Psalms 104:5

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

Isaiah 48:13

It was my hand that laid the foundations of the earth, my right hand that spread out the heavens above. When I call out the stars, they all appear in order."

1 Samuel 2:8

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

Job 9:5-8

I was only going to include the pillars of verse 6 but 5-8 were just too good

5Yahovah moves mountains without their knowledge
and overturns them in His anger.

6He shakes the earth from its place,
so that its **pillars** tremble.

7He commands the sun not to shine;b
He seals off the stars.

8He alone stretches out the heavens
and treads on the waves of the sea.

Psalms 75:3

When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah

Yeshua was given an opportunity on earth to witness the cosmology of the earth:

Matthew 4:8

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

How far can you see on a ball earth?

What do the end times have to say about the makeup of the Universe?

Speaking of the future evil world ruler, Daniel witnessed the following:

Daniel 8:10

It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them.

Matthew 24:29

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:25

and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Revelation 7:1

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

We read on Sukkot that the following will occur

Isaiah 11:12

He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 60:20

Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Genesis 1:27,

[27](#) So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. [28](#) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [\[h\]](#) moves on the earth.”

[29](#) And God said, “See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. [30](#) Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird

of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* [ii](#)life, *I have given* every green herb for food”; and it was so. [31](#)Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-4

[1](#)Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their array.

[2](#)And on the seventh day Elohim completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

[3](#)And Elohim blessed the seventh day and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made.

[4](#)These are the births of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that יהוה Elohim made earth and heavens.

I realize that only a few of you will be able to sleep tonight.

So I leave you with this:

This is only a sample of what Yah’s work has to say about the world we live in.

The narrative has been changed for one reason and one reason along. To obscure to hide the existence of Yahovah.

We do not live in an ever expanding infinite cosmos with alien beings from an infinite number of other inhabitable planets.

We do not live on a globe spinning at 1000mph

The earth is not traveling thru space around the sun at 66,600mph

I didn’t make that number up

The globe is not tilted on its axis at 23.4 degrees or 66.6 degrees from the equatorial axis.

I didn’t make that number up either

Scripture says we live in a place created by Yahovah especially for us.

He sits right above us and sees our every action

He loves his creation so much that he gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever would believe in Him would inherit everlasting life.

Those same believers will also inherit this special place and live in Yahovah's Kingdom forever.