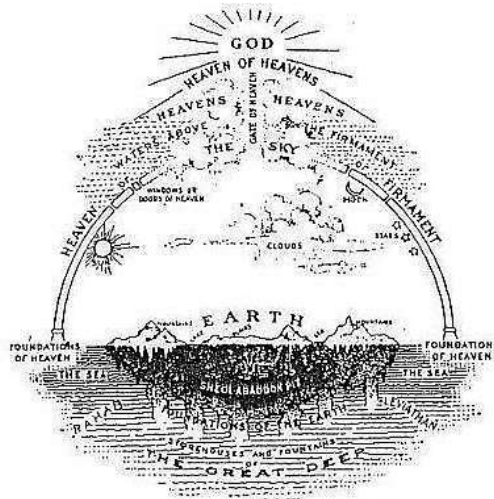


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The *War* in Heaven and the Firmament



THE ANCIENT HEBREW CONCEPTION
OF THE UNIVERSE

TO ILLUSTRATE THE ACCOUNT OF CREATION AND THE FLOOD

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WHAT you're looking at is the world we live in according to Scripture. That arch in the sky isn't a rainbow, neither. If it were, it would have *seven* colors though. We call it the firmament, and it's a solid structure. You were probably hoping I'd say space. *Deep space*. Proof that what I'm showing you is wrong is the fact that you watched an astronaut on TV once. Must not have seen the bubbles. You will tell me it was an ISS astronaut performing acrobatics ~~against a green screen~~ in zero gravity. Must not have seen the wires then. And I know what you're probably already thinking. *No*, the firmament is not poetry. Even if it were though, you can't just start spitting out rapping rhymes whenever you want to make twaddle up. That's not how the Bible works. Here, I'll give you an example.

There's a solid rooftop in the sky
 The FIRMAMENT—and that ain't no lie
 Only a fool *seeks* to dethrone on High
 You're delusional, to think you can fly
 Heaven will stop you, *gansta*, if you try

Those are lyrics from my *failed* attempt at being a rapper rather than a writer. Vanilla Flat. Good thing I had a backup plan and invested in a meaty typewriter. But even then, me and my suburban homeboys weren't just shoveling poppycock, you see. Because you can't give witness from the heavenly courtroom—or any courtroom for that matter—and decide to flip genres simply to seed a lie. Kind of like that story I just invented about being a rapper. And anyhow, the drawing is crude, but I like it that way. I cried the first time I saw it. *What*, I'm not allowed to cry sometimes? After 35 years of indoctrination, a man is granted permission to show some emotion when the Truth finally passes a note to the teacher and permanently excuses him from the Jesuits.

Also, the word *firmament* is not a bad translation on the part of King Jimmy's crew. That one comes up often. *Sure*, there's bad translations in the Masonic 1611, but this isn't one of them. Its Hebrew counterpart is *rāqia'* (רָקִיעַ). That's raw-kee'-ah, as phonetic spellings go. *Strong's 7549*—for all the fact checkers out there. Its definition is as follows.

רָקִיעַ **noun masculine** Genesis 1:6 extended surface, (**solid**) expanse (as if *beaten out*; compare Job 37:18); — absolute ר' Ezekiel 1:22 +, construct ר' Genesis 1:14 +; — ^{m5} στερέωμα, ^{m9} firmamentum, compare Syriac below $\sqrt{\text{above}}$; —

1 (flat) *expanse* (as if of ice, compare רָקִיעַ הַקָּרָח), as base, support (WklAltOr. Forsch. iv. 347) Ezekiel 1:22, 23, 25 Ezekiel 1:26 (supporting י's throne). Hence (CEzekiel 1:22)

2 the **vault of heaven**, or ‘firmament,’ regarded by Hebrews as **solid**, and supporting ‘**waters**’ **above** it, Genesis 1:6,7 (3 t. in verse); Genesis 1:8 (called הַשָּׁמַיִם; all P), Psalm 19:2 הָרָקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם (“” Daniel 12:3; also יְרֵכֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם Genesis 1:14,15,17, הַשָּׁמַיִם יְעַלְקֵנִי רַחֵם Genesis 1:20 (all P). *יְזַזֵּנִי רַחֵם Psalm 150:1 (suffix reference to י)).

The process of *beating* the same as making a dish or a bowl. By violently hammering out a lump of metal. You will tell me Yahuah was simply *spreading out* the vacuum of space, complete with hundreds of billions of galaxies, each one containing an added millions or billions of stars and planets to go with them, all of which is held together by ~~Kabbalah~~ gravity. How adorable. Also, black holes. Lots and lots of holes.

This is how Scripture describes *spreading out* the firmament.

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

Iyov (Job) 37:18 [Cepher]

That is to say, precisely as a blacksmith would design his cosmology. When you hear *rāqîa*, think *firm*. As in—firmament. Most translators of Scripture happen to be NASA fanboys and so they’ll prefer to have you imagine an *expanse*, but that’s slithery misdirection. *Go ahead*. Keep banging your head against that molten looking glass and see if you can land a rover on Mars. It can’t be done. *Space is fake*. Better just keep watching the Television then.

Our first meeting with the firmament arrives in Genesis. It’s the second day of creation, and *goes* as follows.

<p>⁶ And Elohiym said, Let there be an <i>expanse</i> [רָקִיעַ] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.</p>	<p>And on the second day he created the <i>expanse</i> [רָקִיעַ] in the midst of the waters, and the waters were divided on that day half of them went up above and half of them went down below the <i>expanse</i></p>
<p>⁷ And Elohiym made the <i>expanse</i> [רָקִיעַ], and divided the waters which were under the</p>	<p>[רָקִיעַ] that was in the midst</p>

<p>expanse [rāqîa' לְרָקִיעַ] from the waters which were above the <i>expanse</i> [rāqîa' לְרָקִיעַ]: and it was so. ⁸ And Elohiym called the <i>expanse</i> [rāqîa' לְרָקִיעַ] Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.</p> <p>Bere'Shiyth (Genesis) 1:6-8 [Cepher]</p>	<p>over the face of the whole earth. And this was the only work Elohiym created on the second day.</p> <p>Yovheliym (Jubilees) 2:4 [Cepher]</p>
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Well, isn't that something? The second day of creation was entirely devoted to creating the firmament. Sounds important. Why do you *suppose* there was such a need to separate heaven from earth? That's where Yahuah's throne is, of course—*physically* above the firmament. But we'll get to that. I thought our prayers were that the kingdom of heaven would come down to Earth. Isn't that the will of our Father? It *is*. So then, why did heaven and earth separate? Something must have happened.

The funny thing about Truth is, once you accept it at face value, entire storehouses of knowledge, *formerly* hidden, become readily available for the taking. Pride handicaps a man like nothing else. Something did happen, and we've already covered it, but only in part. Tohu. Meaning, "formlessness, confusion, emptiness, and **unreality**." The world was created from the state of *tohu*. I'm willing to bet Satan had something to do with it. But rather than succumbing to a bet, let's comb the catacombs of Scripture for answers.

Ab! Here he is. The history of Satan *explained*.

¹³ **You have been in Eden the garden of Elohiym;** every preccious stone was your **covering**, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and

gold: the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes were prepared in you in the day that you were created.

¹⁴ You are the anointed Keruv that covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of Elohiym; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

¹⁶ By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore, I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of Elohiym: and I will destroy you, O covering Keruv, from the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you.

¹⁸ You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic; therefore, will I bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you.

¹⁹ All they that know you among the people shall be astonished at you: you shall be a terror, and never shall you be anymore.

Yechezq'el (Ezekiel) 28: 13-17 [Cepher]

Best to keep him out of heaven then. Or as Yahusha HaMashiach so eloquently put it:

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.