

“PLANET”?? EARTH (AND SEAS)

“And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas...”

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And God called the dry land Earth

“Planet Earth”: this is a common expression of the modern world. All walks of life use this expression not knowing that its meaning is highly significant and important. Most are not aware of where the word “earth” comes from or who gave us the word “earth” to describe what the human race dwells upon.

The word “earth”, from which the expression “Planet Earth” derives, comes from the word of God (the Bible), initially through the writings of Moses in 1500BC:

“And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good” –
Genesis 1:10

The above scripture written by Moses, accounts that the definition of the Earth is the “dry land”. The waters of the world are called the Seas. Wherever we read in the scripture about the earth, it is always referring to the dry land or the inhabitants of the dry land. God has given the definition from the beginning.

The expression “Planet Earth” unwittingly defines both the dry land and the waters of the world as “Earth”, this is an error. But why is this error so important and highly significant? Because it is a grave error of eternal consequences if one is to apply the “Planet Earth” expression to scripture. Many have scoffed and mocked the biblical passages stating “the ends of the earth”, “the four corners of the earth” and “the midst of the earth”. As the Earth is a planetary sphere, they argue, the surface of the Earth cannot have ends, corners or a middle.

They also argue that such passages teach that the world is flat, therefore God and the Bible cannot be believed. Furthermore, those who subscribe to the belief that the earth is flat are also in error as the above biblical passages do not teach a flat earth either.

Unfortunately, the “Planet Earth” expression has caused both sides of the debate to be deceived, are you one of them? As the earth is only the dry land and not the seas, with your further reading it will be shown that the earth (dry land) of a certainty has ends, corners and a middle. It will also be shown that the writers of scripture thousands of years ago, tell many things about the world where one can only conclude that they were given from the true and eternal God that created all things.

Below are examples of the scriptural distinction between the earth and seas, the earth being the dry land:

“For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it”. - Exodus 20:11

“Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.” – Psalm 135:6

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

Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of 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. – Nehemiah 9:6

“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever.”
- Psalms 146:6

“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:”
- Acts 4:24

“And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.” - Acts 14:15

“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” - Revelation 7:2,3

“And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,”
- Revelation 10:2

“And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the

things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:” - Revelation 10:6

“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”
– Revelation 14:7

Furthermore, the below scriptural account of the destructive flood in Noah’s day (2344 BC) defines the earth as being the “dry land” and the “face of the ground”:

“And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.”
– Genesis 7:21-23

Notice that God told Moses specifically that it was all creatures in the dry land (earth) that died in the flood, the creatures in the sea did not all die. In addition, there were no sea creatures on the ark.

It is clear from the very beginning of scripture in Genesis (written in 1500BC) to the end in Revelation (written in 90AD), the definition that God gives of Earth is unchanged: it is in reference to only the dry land.

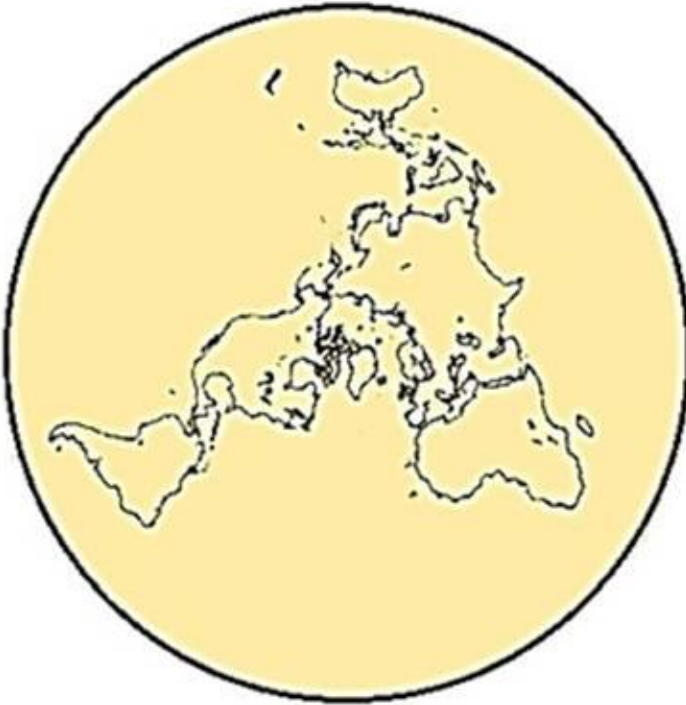
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WHAT GOD AND THE WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE
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The earth was one land mass

“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.” – Genesis 1:9

The above account from Moses states that when God created the world, He gathered the waters under the heaven to “one place” and made the dry land appear. Thus if the waters were gathered by God to only one place in the beginning, it follows that the dry land must have been only one land mass in the beginning.

Moses also wrote that 101 years after the flood, the earth (dry land) was divided, thus indicating the earth (dry land) before this was once all joined together. When we look at a world map we notice that the continents fit together like a puzzle (this is detailed at length in the next chapter). Indeed the earth (dry land) was once one land mass as the scripture indicates. How did Moses know this when he wrote Genesis in 1500BC, thousands of years before a world map was completed to confirm this? The answer is that God is true, the Son of God (who later became Jesus Christ) authored Genesis to Moses in Mount Sinai.



The earth (dry land) joined as one land mass

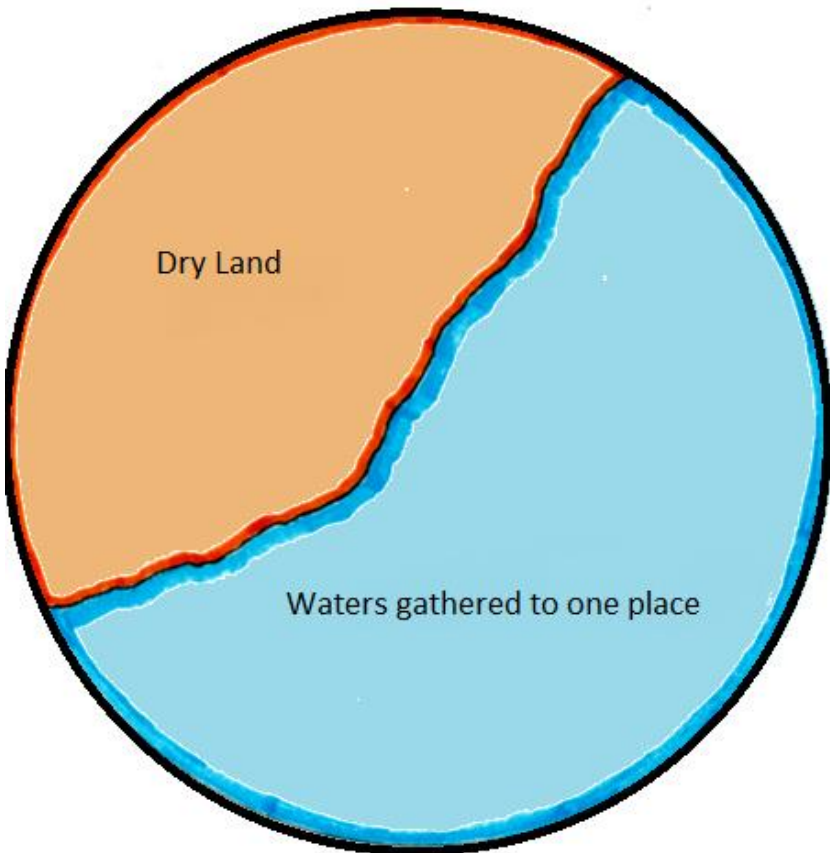
“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:” – 2Peter 3:5,6

The above scripture written by Peter (an apostle of Jesus) in about 70AD is yet another example of how God defines the earth as the dry land. Peter writes that when God created the world, the earth was “standing out of the water and in the water”. Therefore the earth cannot be both the dry land and the water, it must be the dry land only. In fact, Peter was no doubt writing of the times that we live in where the modern day “Planet Earth” expression is causing ignorance

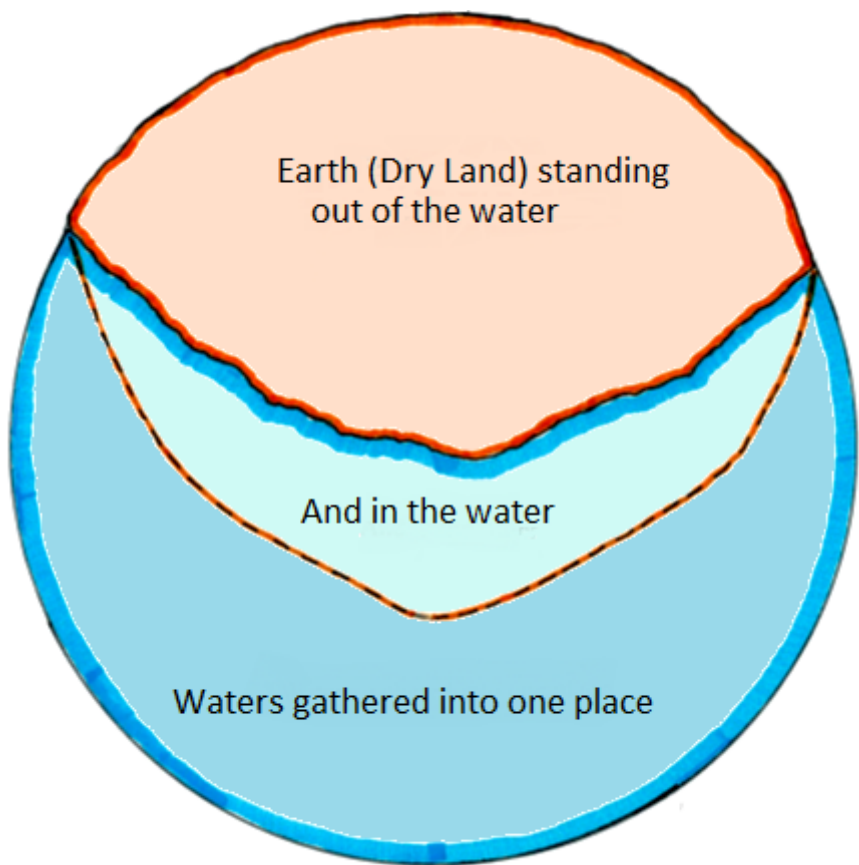
of the scriptural distinction between the earth (dry land) and the water.

Peter's writing of the earth (dry land) "standing out of the water and in the water" indicates that when God created the earth (as one land mass), the earth was wholly bordered by the sea, which is also true today, even though the earth is various land masses. The waters could have only been gathered to one place (whilst bordering all the earth) if God created the world spherical. For Peter's writing to indicate a flat world, the waters could have only surrounded all the earth if the waters were gathered in all directions, which doesn't fit the command of God for the waters to go to "one place" (the diagrams on the following pages illustrate).

Another interesting point of note regarding Moses' writing in Genesis 1:9 is that in the creation of the world, the dry land was fully immersed in water, as God said "let the dry land appear out of the waters". For the dry land to be fully immersed in the waters suggests that the majority of the world is water. Today, a complete map of the world shows that the world is about 70% water and 30% dry land. For most of history, the abundant water in the world via the great oceans was not known, man feared to sail far from the coastline for fear of sailing over the edge of the world. Yet Moses writings thousands of years ago indeed suggests that the majority of the world is water. How did Moses have this knowledge so long ago? Jesus, the Son of God showed him.



Waters gathered to one place on Spherical World



The Earth (Dry Land) standing out of the Water and in the Water

The days the earth was divided

“And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother’s name *was* Joktan.” - Genesis 10:25

“And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother’s name *was* Joktan.” - 1 Chronicles 1:19

Those who are learned in the scripture agree that when the same event is mentioned twice in scripture, it is of significant importance. The above scriptures are certainly the case, both tell of the days of a man who was given the name Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided. The days of Peleg were 239 years (2243BC to 2004BC). Peleg was born 101 years after the flood. Some believe that these writings refer to the division of the peoples of the earth, which has some plausibility. However, with God defining the earth as the dry land, it is certain that Moses’ writing of the divided earth is referring to what is called “continental drift”. The continents did not drift apart over millions of years, but God divided them into their existing locations over the 239 years of Peleg’s life.

Nor were the continents formed as a result of the flood in Noah’s day. The earth was one land-mass before the flood and was still one land mass for 101 years after the flood waters abated. For those 101 years after the flood, the pairs of each animal kind scattered from the ark throughout all the earth (dry land), bred and multiplied. This would not

have been possible if the continents were formed as a result of the flood. For example, the land bridge to Australia theory is not plausible when we consider how awkward moving animals such as koalas and wombats came to be in far-away Australia. Northern Australia was once joined to the east coast of Africa and Arabia, and with the west coast of India. The land of India has always been where it is located today. For the 101 years after the flood, Northern Australia was actually not that far away from Mount Ararat in Turkey where the ark came to rest. The diagram below demonstrates how the continents were all joined together before the earth (dry land) was divided. How did Moses know in 1500BC about continental drift, 3400 years before this was known through a complete world map? The Son of God (who later became Jesus Christ) authored the words to Moses in Mount Sinai. Also consider how great the power of God is to cause the earth to divide into continents. Scientists cannot explain what or who caused continental drift, but Moses told the answer thousands of years ago.

The first division of the earth (dry land) appears to have taken place at the Sinai Peninsula. This impacted the whole one land mass at the time. The Red Sea was divided into what is known today as the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba. The division of the Gulf of Aqaba caused all of Asia, Australia and Antarctica (all one land mass) to move slightly east, with the west coast of Australia and Antarctica dividing from the east coast of Africa (and vice versa). The division of the Gulf of Suez caused all of Africa, Europe and the Americas (all one land mass) to move slightly west. According to scripture, the mount of God is mount Sinai and the division of all the earth began in the Sinai area. Is this not compelling that God is true and His word is truth?

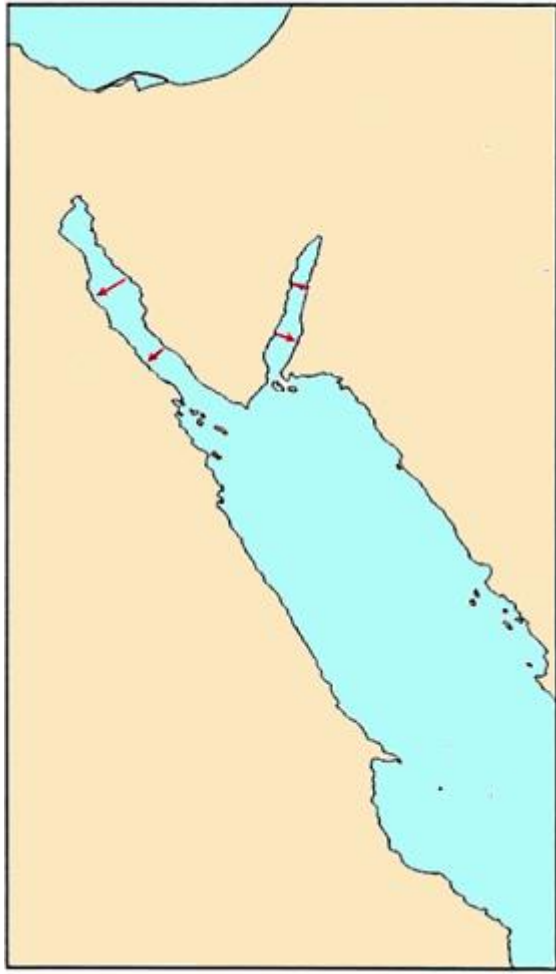
Regarding the western land mass, North America, and then South America divided from Europe and Africa respectively and moved west, thus the Atlantic Ocean formed. It is most important to know that the lands around the Gulf of Mexico today were once joined to the north-western lands of South America (Peru, Ecuador and Colombia). The ancient cities of the Maya and Aztecs in Mexico and Central America were joined geographically with the Inca cities in Peru and were the one civilization! The great structures and cities of these areas could be the remnants of the one large civilization that was destroyed in the flood of Noah's day. Then, 101 years after the flood, what was left of the destroyed civilization was divided geographically. It is also plausible that the location of Easter Island off the north-west coast of South America and its monumental statues can be explained by this division.

It is plausible that God raised up the enormous mountain ranges (called today the Andes and Rocky mountains) on the west coast of North and South America so that these continents could move westward and not be inundated with water. This may explain why the cities of the Inca are found so high up in the Andes in Peru.

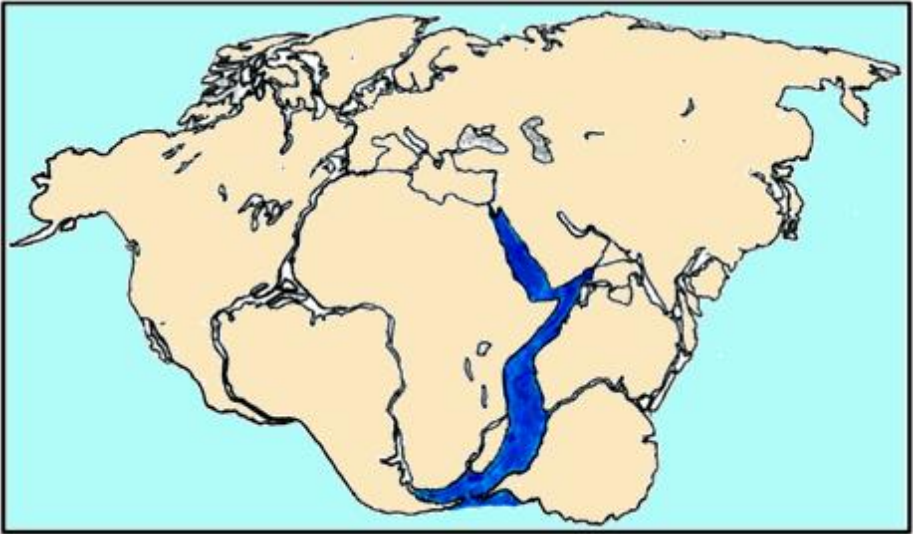
Greenland was joined to North America when it was divided from Europe and then was divided from North America. Europe was then divided by God into a number of peninsulas and islands.



The Earth (Dry Land) before it was divided



Division of Sinai



The beginning of the divided earth at Sinai

Regarding the eastern land mass, the first and foremost point is that the land of India has always been in the location it is today. India is/was not a sub-continent. Australia was joined in-between where the east coast of Africa and the west coast of India are today. The Thai peninsula was joined to where the east coast of India is today. The Himalayas were formed because of these great divisions, not because India was a sub-continent. The Himalayas were also raised up by God to keep the races of people divided (mountain ranges such as the Caucasus, the Alps and the Pyrenees are also examples).

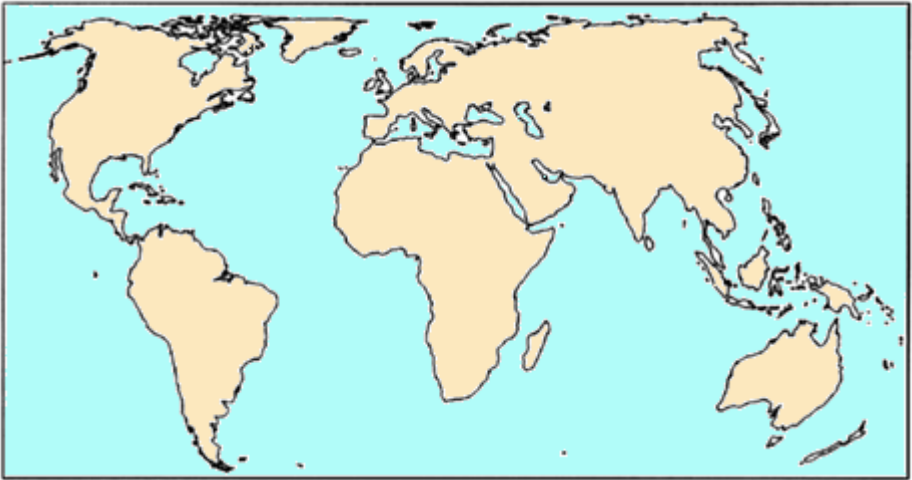
The west coast of Australia and part of the coast of Antarctica divided from the east coast of Africa. In addition, the north coast of Australia (Papua New Guinea/Irian Jaya being joined) divided from the south coast of Arabia, Iran, Pakistan and the west coast of India and Sri Lanka. Thus the Indian Ocean was formed. Australia and Antarctica were joined at this point and moved south-east and towards the South Pole, at the same time turning in an easterly clockwise direction. It is possible that the large mountains of New Zealand (which was joined to south-east Australia at that point) were raised up so that the south-east movement could occur and not be inundated with water.

At some point during its south-easterly movement, the land mass of Australia and Antarctica divided. Southern Australia (called the Great Australian Bight) was divided from northern Antarctica. The large mountains of Papua may have been formed by God so the move north would not inundate Australia with water. Australia rested below the islands of south-east Asia which probably had already been divided at that point. Asia was divided by God into a number of peninsulas and countless islands. It appears that Antarctica was initially joined to South Africa and the “horn” of South America. That which is called the Antarctic Peninsula was possibly joined in between the two.

Europe, Asia and Africa were the vastly inhabited continents when the earth was divided, being divided with respect to the Sinai Peninsula. Anywhere east of the Sinai is Asia, to the west and south of the Sinai is Africa and to the west and north of the Sinai is Europe. It also appears that Europe, Asia and Africa were divided with respect to Noah’s three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. There is scriptural evidence that Shem is Asia, Japheth is Europe and Ham is Africa. Australia was also

inhabited at the time of the continental division, but with a very small number. North and South America became inhabited a number of years after their division via the Bering Strait.

Thus we have the division of the one land mass initially into eastern and western land masses and then into continents.



The earth (dry land) after it was divided

However, there is further abundant evidence of the earth being divided by looking at the division of the continents themselves into peninsulas and islands. Starting in Europe, it is clear that God divided Greece from Turkey into a peninsula, and thus opening up the Black Sea, which was an enclosed sea after the flood. Similarly Italy was

divided from the Balkan countries. Before these divisions the Mediterranean Sea was a lot smaller and an enclosed sea, remaining after the flood. Spain was probably divided from Italy and quite possibly was also divided from Libya in northern Africa. These divisions caused the Mediterranean to expand and thus it was called the Great Sea in ancient times. The islands of the Mediterranean no doubt were divided from the European mainland. God divided Britain from northern France and the Netherlands and then Ireland was divided from Britain. It is clear that the Scandinavian peninsula was divided from the European mainland.



The division of the Mediterranean lands



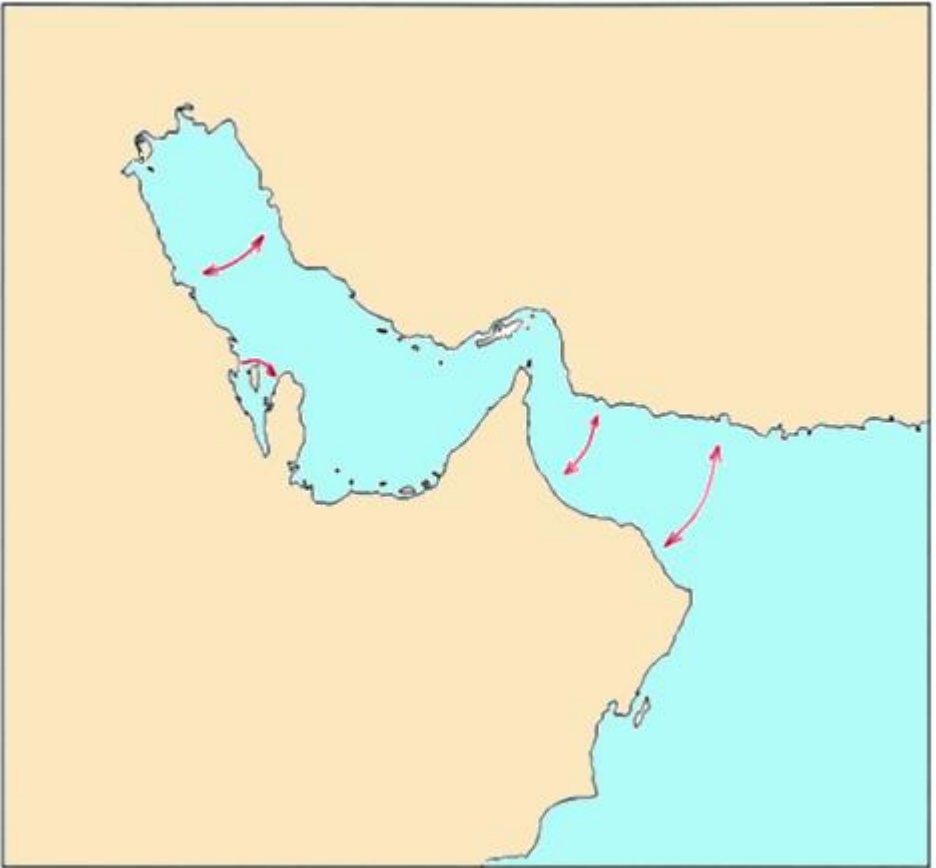
Division of Scandinavia



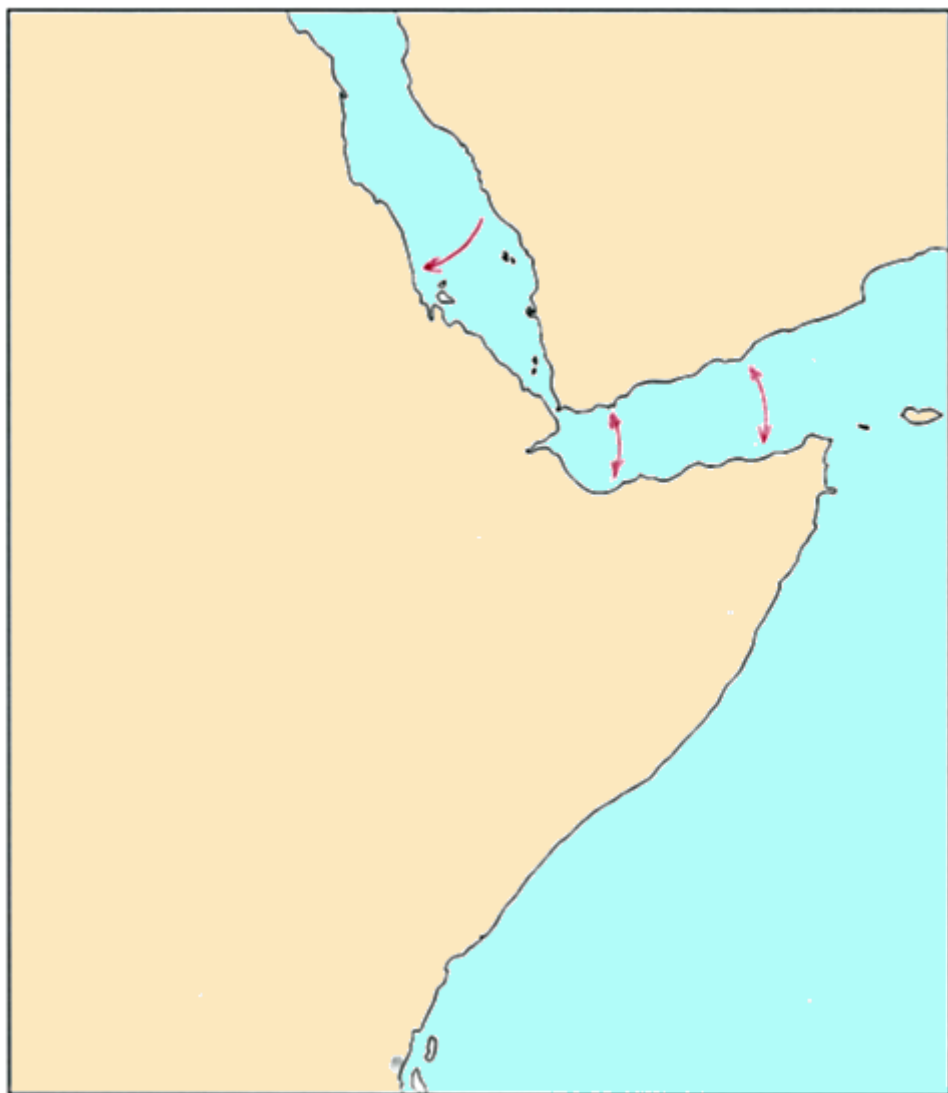
Division of Great Britain

In Asia, the foremost division by God was the Arabian peninsula which was divided from Iran and thus opening up the Persian Gulf which was an enclosed sea left after the flood. It appears the Red Sea was opened up when God caused the initial division of the Sinai peninsula, with the Arabian peninsula dividing from north-east Africa. The Caspian Sea has always remained an enclosed sea from the days of the flood. It is no coincidence that the Black Sea, the Mediterranean, the Red, the Caspian, the Persian Gulf all surround Mount Ararat where the ark of Noah came to rest. There is nowhere else in the world that has vast inland seas like these. They are no doubt a witness to the world from God that the flood really occurred. The biblical account of the flood is true as the Son of God told Moses in Mount Sinai.

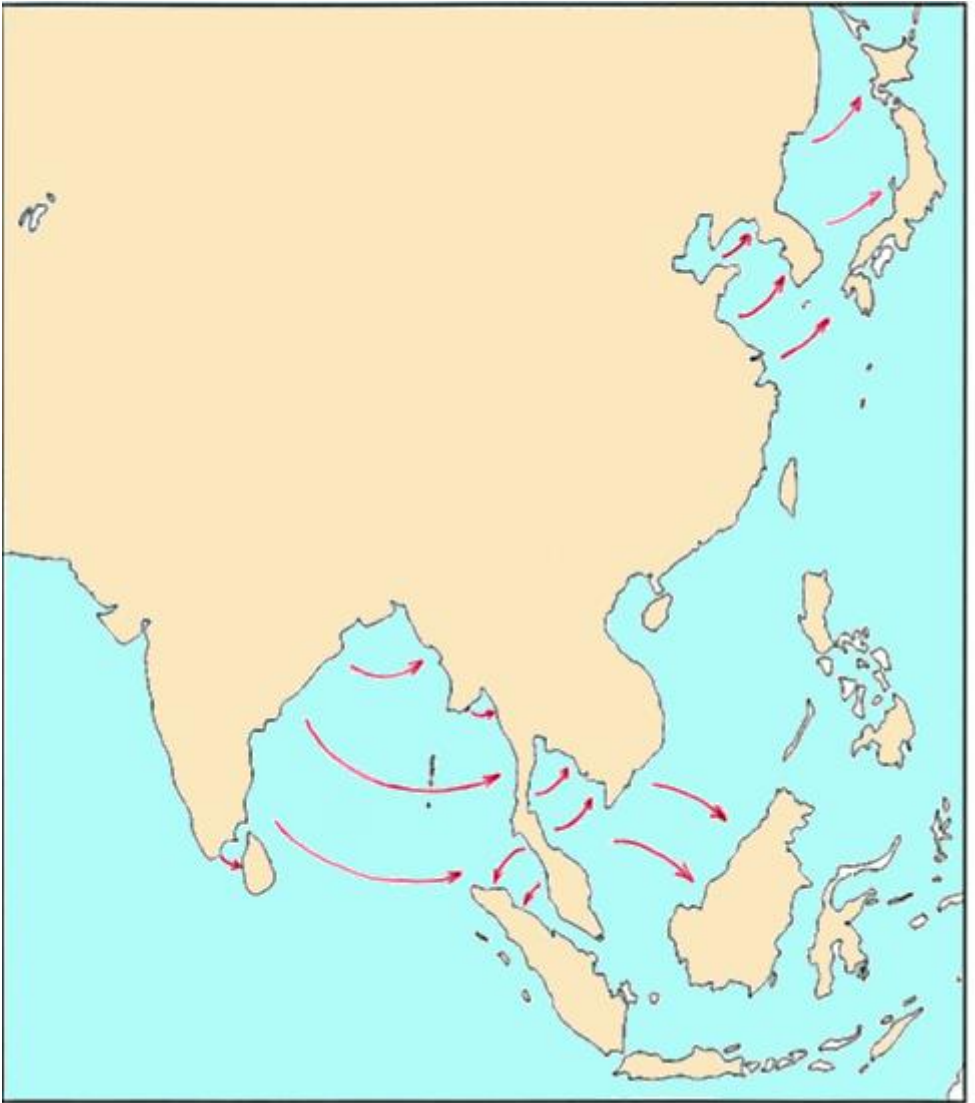
Sri Lanka was divided from the Indian mainland. The west coast of Thailand and Malaysia were divided from the east coast of India, which is further evidence that the land of India has always been in its present day location. Northern Sumatra was divided from the Malaysian peninsula. Borneo was divided from the Thai mainland. The islands of Japan were divided by God from the east coast of China or Russia, as was the Korean peninsula divided from the north-east coast of China. South-east Asia was divided by God into a complex multitude of islands.



Division of Persian Gulf

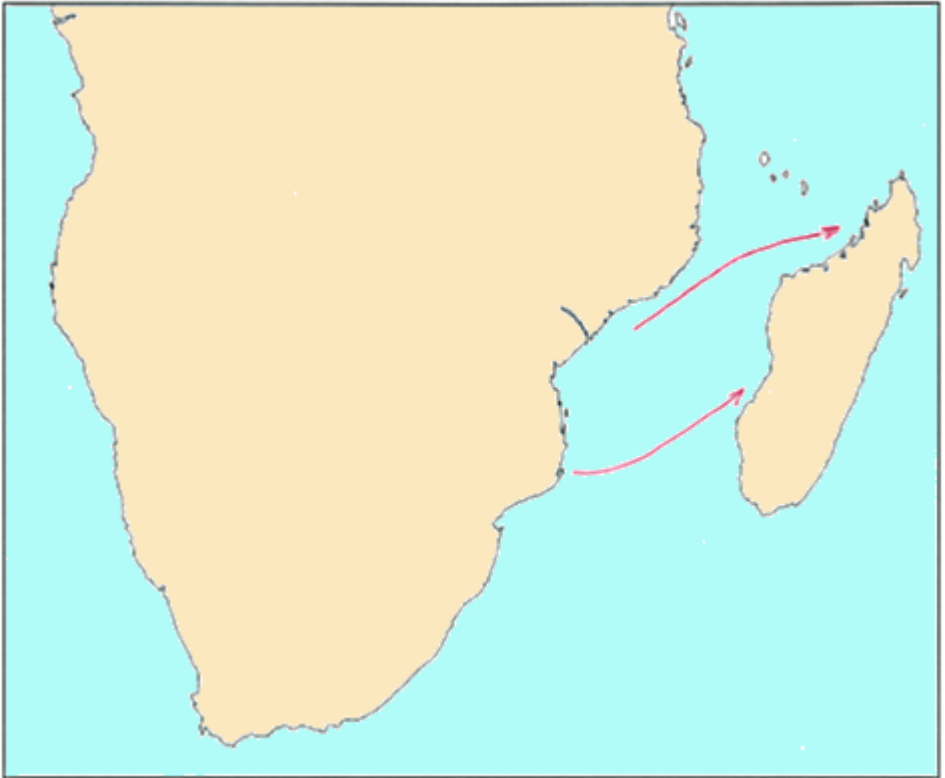


Division of the Horn of Africa



Divisions of South and East Asia

In Africa, the one clear division by God is the island of Madagascar from the east coast of Africa. This occurred after the continents of Australia and Antarctica divided from east Africa.



Division of Madagascar from mainland Africa



Divisions of North America

In North America, western Greenland was divided from north-eastern Canada. Northern Canada was greatly divided into a multitude of islands. It appears that the Alaskan peninsula was divided from the west coast of North America. The Baja peninsula was divided from the west coast of Mexico. The Florida peninsula was divided from the south coast of the USA.



Division of Australia

For Australia, it is evident that God divided New Zealand from the south east coast. Papua New Guinea/ Irian Jaya was divided from the north coast of Australia. The island of Tasmania was divided from the south coast of the mainland.

The dividing of the earth (dry land) could truly be a lifelong scientific study. Suffice though, is the knowledge that there is abundant geographical evidence proving that indeed the earth was divided. God declared thousands of years ago to Moses what the world and continental maps show us today. Isn't it time to acknowledge His truth and to receive the Son of God, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour of your soul?

The ends of the earth

Thus we know that the earth is the dry land and that the earth was divided. It is understood where all the continents come from and that the earth was initially created one land mass. With this wisdom one is able to determine where the ends of the earth (dry land) are. As previously written, scripture has always taught that all the earth (dry land) is surrounded by the sea. Thus, the ends of the earth are obviously where the dry land meets the sea, but where? For example, why isn't the east coast of the Americas the end of the earth? Because we know that the east coast of the Americas was joined to the west coast of Europe and Africa. It is clear from the movement of the continents that the ends of the earth run along what is known today as the "Pacific Rim", which is highlighted on the diagram below. The ends of the earth to the north include Russia, Scandinavia, Greenland and Canada and the ends of the earth to the south are in Antarctica. However, the ends of the earth at the Pacific Rim are the most pertinent as this is the habitable parts of the ends of the earth.

The scripture has always taught that the earth (dry land) has ends, the earth does not continue on unbounded. The discovery of the spherical world in the 15th century AD conclusively proved that the earth does not continue on unbounded, just as it was written in scripture thousands of years prior. In fact, the all-wise God has by necessity made the world a sphere for mankind to know that he has reached the ends of the earth (dry land). If the world was created flat, how would mankind know that he has reached the ends of the earth? It would be

the same as trying to find the end point on an ongoing straight line. If the world was flat how would mankind know that beyond the known sea there is not more land to be discovered, and then more land beyond the next known sea, and so on? Only a spherical world enables man to truly know where the earth (dry land) ends. The knowledge of the ends of the earth is a witness from God to the world that we are in the end times. Jesus said that once His gospel was preached to all nations, the end would come. Thus we know we are in the end times because we know that all the nations to the ends of the earth have had the gospel of Jesus Christ preached to them. The below scriptures show that God, through His prophets, has always taught the amazing truth that the earth does not continue unbounded, but has ends:

“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?”
– Proverbs 30:4

“*By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea:” - Psalms 65:5

“Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?” – Isaiah 40:28

“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.” - Psalms 72:8

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.” - Isaiah 45:22

“I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth” – Isaiah 43:6

“The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” - Isaiah 52:10

“O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things wherein there is no profit.*” - Jeremiah 16:19

“For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.” - Acts 13:47



The ends of the earth



The Ends of the Earth

The four corners of the earth

“And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” – Isaiah 11:12 (700BC)

“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 (90AD)

The scripture also teaches that the earth (dry land) has four corners. Now that the ends of the earth are known, it can be declared with some certainty that there are indeed four corners of the earth. Looking at the ends of the earth on a world map, the locations of the horn of South America, the southern tip of New Zealand, the western tip of Alaska and the far eastern tip of Russia appear to be the four corners (refer to maps below).

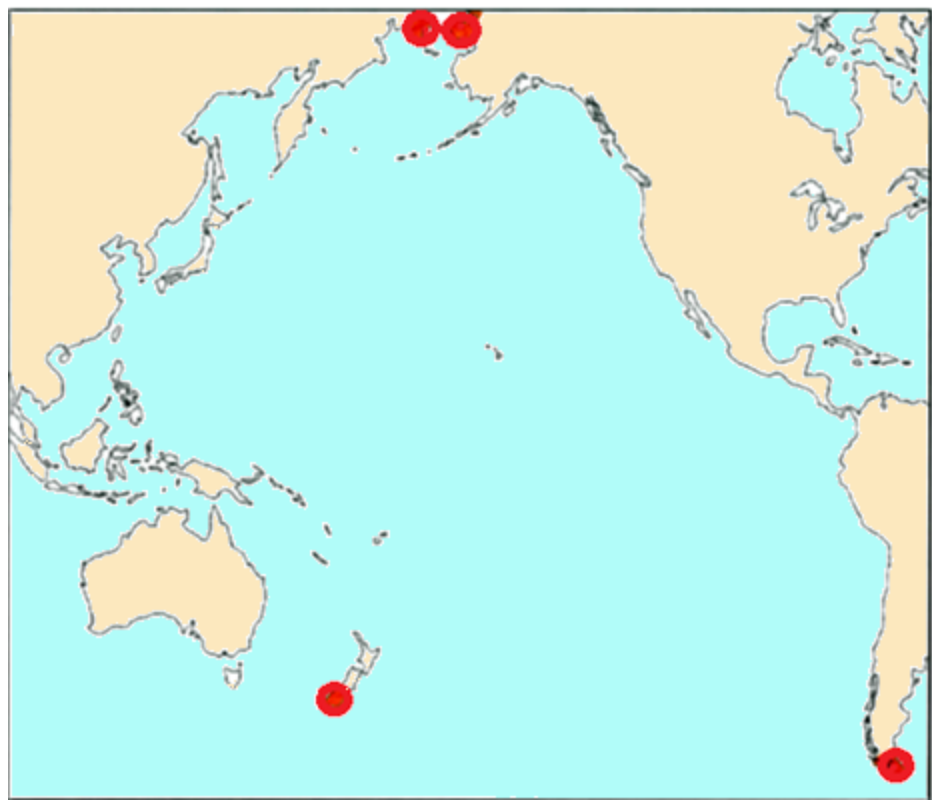
Some have argued that the earth is a flat circular disc surrounded by Antarctica and that the four corners of the earth are beyond Antarctica. This is not possible as Isaiah stated that the descendants of Judah and Israel would be gathered from the four corners of the earth. There are obviously no human inhabitants of Antarctica and beyond, therefore the four corners must be located on the known inhabited dry land as shown on the below maps.

We read in Isaiah 11:12 above not only of the existence of four corners, but that some of the Jewish people would dwell towards the four corners (and be gathered back to Israel). Amazingly, there are and have been Jewish communities in proximity to the four corners of the earth such as in far-eastern Russia, Alaska, southern New Zealand and southern Argentina.

In addition, there are/ were Jews dispersed to nearly all nations, which was also prophesied centuries before it occurred. The Jewish people were cast-out of Israel in 70AD after they failed to repent of rejecting their Messiah, Jesus Christ. They were dispersed the world over for almost 1900 years, as was also prophesied. Due to the sinful transgression of all the Gentile (world) nations against God by the 20th century AD, the two world wars occurred and the end result was Israel was re-established in 1948. Since then, the Jewish people have been re-gathering and assembling to Israel from as far as the four corners of the earth, from all over the world. Isaiah's prophecy is being astonishingly fulfilled.



The Four Corners of the Earth (in Red)



The Four Corners of the Earth (in Red)

The midst of the earth

Now that it is confirmed that the earth indeed has ends, and it is known where the ends of the earth are, it can be determined where the midst (middle) of the earth is located. The true middle of the earth (dry land) is not calculated by taking the midpoint of the northern, southern, eastern and western extremities of the earth. The true middle is obtained by calculating the total land area of the world. In turn, the true middle of the earth is where the calculated land area north of the middle equals the calculated land area south of the middle. It is also where the calculated land area west of the middle is equal to the calculated land area east of the middle. In other words, the true middle of the face of the earth (dry land) is its “centre of mass”.

Studies and computer calculations have been done to determine the geographical middle of all the world land area. Jerusalem, Israel, Egypt (Giza pyramids) and the Sinai are the areas commonly calculated to be the geographical middle. Even casually looking at a world map with the eye one can see that these areas are in the middle of all lands.

In ignorance, the Chinese nation has always considered itself to be the middle of the earth and calls itself “Zhongguo” or “middle country”. However, the division of the earth (dry land) conclusively proves this to be incorrect. China is of a certainty not the middle country.

China is the east country, at the eastern end of the earth and should be named “Dongguo”. There are also those who claim that it is Mecca that is in the midst of the earth. However, what did the prophets of God say, whom they claim to truly believe in? What saith the Lord God about the location of the midst of the earth?

“Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.”
– Ezekiel 5:5

The prophet Ezekiel wrote this in about 600BC. This is a clear declaration from Almighty God that Jerusalem is in the midst of the nations. Mecca is in Arabia, which is a country that is “round about Jerusalem”, it is not in the middle. Thus it is an error to call Mecca the middle of the earth. Those who do so are going against the declaration of Almighty God about Jerusalem.

In addition, the Lord GOD declared Jerusalem to be in the midst of the “nations” or the nations of the world. The complete world map shows clearly that indeed Jerusalem is in the midst of the nations. Ezekiel, a great prophet of God, already declared this 2500 years prior. Indeed God is true and the scripture is to be believed.



The midst of the Earth (in Red)

Below are more accounts from the prophets of God:

“The Angel which redeemed me (Jacob) from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.” – Genesis 48:16

Moses (writing the words of Jacob who lived in 1800BC) shows Jacob’s knowledge that his descendants would multiply in the middle (midst) of the earth. Jacob at the time was dwelling in Egypt (north-east Egypt today). His descendants were to grow into a multitude in Egypt and thereafter in the land of Israel. How did Moses and Jacob know that

Egypt and Israel were in the midst of the earth thousands of years before a world map confirms this? God is true and revealed this to them.

“And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.”
– Exodus 8:22

Moses writes of the LORD declaring that He was in the midst of the earth, doing His mighty judgments on the Egyptians. Again this was written 3400 years ago by Moses and declares the Sinai (where was the Mount of God) to be in the middle of the earth.

“For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.” – Psalm 74:12

The above scripture (written in 1000BC) is an astonishing prophecy about God working salvation in the midst of the earth. Who in history came to the midst of the earth (Israel and Jerusalem), worked salvation for mankind there and was the Son of God? It could be none other than Jesus Christ. The prophecy was from a song written by a prophet named Asaph. He was a musician in the orchestra of King David of Israel. Often prophecies were declared through song (psalm). The above scripture from Asaph needs to be expounded in its three parts:

For God is my King of old: Jesus Christ was/is the Son of God from of old, from everlasting, who came into the world through being born in Bethlehem, Israel. He also came into the world to be the King of Israel. As it was said to Jesus by a believer named Nathanael:

“Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel” – John 1:49

Nathanael understood the prophecy that God would one day be the King of Israel. Also, the words “of old” are used. Of old is synonymous with everlasting as the below prophecy indicates:

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” - Micah 5:2 (700BC)

Again the prophecy written 700 years before Christ states that the ruler (King) of Israel would be from everlasting, which Jesus Christ fulfilled to perfection. Jesus told the Jewish religious leaders: “before Abraham was, I am”. With Abraham living 2000 years before the coming of Jesus, Jesus was trying to make them understand that He was from old, from everlasting.

Working salvation: The New Testament scripture teaches that Jesus Christ came into the world to work salvation, as the works of all mankind are sinful and unacceptable to God. No man can be justified by their own good works, but salvation lies in believing the works of

Jesus Christ, specifically, His great sacrificial work of dying on the cross. There are many accounts of Jesus stating that he came into the world to work:

“But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.” – John 5:17

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” – John 9:4

“Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.”
– John 10:25

“Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?”
– John 10:32

“(Jesus prayed to the Father) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.” – John 17:4

“Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” – John 14:11,12

“If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.” – John 15:24

“But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.”

– John 10:38

“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.” – Luke 10:13

“And when he (Jesus) was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;” - Luke 19:37

In the midst of the earth: Jesus stated specifically that He was sent only to Israel (Matthew 15:24), He went to no other nation. Those who desire to be contrary to scripture claim that this shows that Jesus only came for the Jews, but this is not true. One of the main reasons Jesus was only sent to Israel is because Israel is in the midst (middle) of the earth. The prophet Asaph declared that God would work His salvation in the midst of the earth, not in all the earth. The works done in the flesh by Jesus in the midst of the earth were then to be declared or preached to all the nations of the earth. Jesus walked through all parts of Israel (the midst of the earth) working His wondrous miracles and healings, finally ending in Jerusalem where He did His sacrificial work on the cross for the salvation of mankind. Those who dwell outside Israel, that is all the nations of the world (Gentiles), are to believe on the works that Jesus fulfilled in Israel and Jerusalem for their salvation.

In addition, we know today from a world map that Israel and Jerusalem are in the midst of the earth. How did Asaph know this in 1000BC? God is true and revealed this to Asaph.

Thus it is Jerusalem and Israel, which are in the midst of the earth. It makes perfect sense that the only nation founded by God would be in the middle of all nations. God declared that He founded Israel, not because of favouritism to the Jewish people or because they were more righteous than other people. Rather, they were a people whom God put in the midst of the earth, so that through them the name of the LORD might be glorified among the nations. And indeed God, through Jesus Christ the Son, used Jerusalem and Israel to reveal His greatness to all nations. The nation of Israel was purposed so as to bring the Messiah into the world. Jesus Christ was Himself born an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham. Thus the promise of God to Abraham, that through Abraham's seed all nations would be blessed was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ brings eternal life to all people of the world who believe in Him.

The circle of the earth

“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

Isaiah writing around 700BC stated that the dry land (earth) is a circle. There are some that argue Isaiah was not referring to the horizon of the earth, but rather, a flat earth that is like a circular disc. Keeping in mind that God refers to the earth as the dry land, it is not possible that Isaiah was referring to the earth as a circular disc. A topographical view of the world shows the dry land (earth) as having a chaotically shaped coastline, quite the opposite of an ordered circle. Again, the expression “Planet Earth” has blinded the minds of those who believe Isaiah was writing of a circular disc.

In addition, Isaiah writes in 11:12 that the earth (dry land) has four corners. How can the dry land be both a circle and have four corners according to the same writer? The only answer is that Isaiah has to be referring to the horizon (or the face) of the dry land, when he writes of the circle of the earth.

There are some who have quoted another writing from Isaiah:

“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” – Isaiah 22:18

They correctly argue that a Hebrew word for “ball” or sphere was known by Isaiah yet he did not use it to describe the earth, but rather used the word “circle”. They then argue that the earth cannot be a sphere according to scripture, but a circular disc. However, again, the earth is only the dry land. The dry land is not a sphere, it is the dry land and the seas together that are a sphere. Therefore Isaiah has correctly described the earth (dry land) by not using the Hebrew word for sphere, but rather “circle”. Isaiah uses the word circle to describe the horizon (or the face) of the dry land, and thus demonstrates that the earth and the seas together are a sphere.

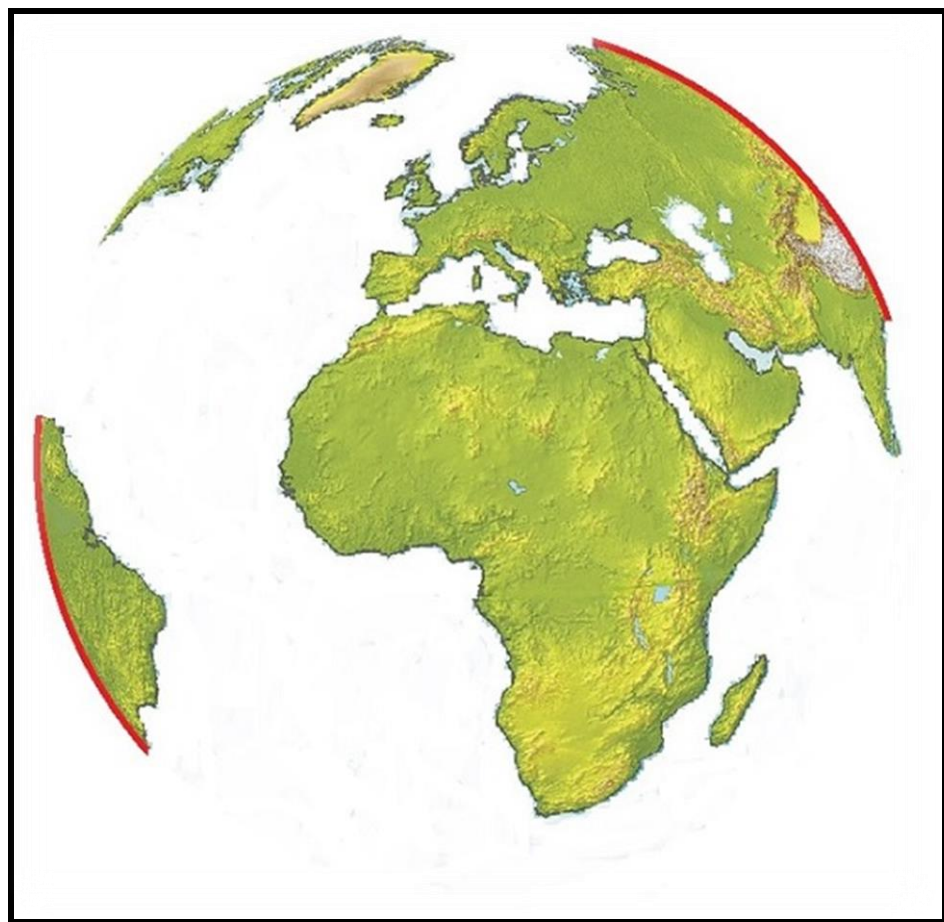
Many writers of scripture when they describe the earth also use the expression “the face of the earth”, including Isaiah. The human face is the outer part of a human head just as the Lord is describing the outer part of the earth, not the earth beneath. In addition, a human face is curved, this is also a perfect description of the outer part of the earth (dry land) which is curved. Furthermore, the face of the earth is a perfect description of the spherical world comprised of dry land and water. About 30% of the face of the world is earth (dry land) and 70% is water. A human face in comparison with the surface of the whole human head is a similar proportion.

In Isaiah 40:22 we read that God sits “upon” the circle of the earth (dry land). If God was sitting upon a circular disc, He would still not be “upon” the circle but upon the “flat” of the earth. Furthermore, the dry land has a chaotically shaped coastline, it is not a circular disc. Therefore God could not be sitting upon the edge of a flat circular disc

either. When we understand that God defines the Earth as the dry land only, it is impossible that Isaiah refers to the earth as a flat circular disc.

We also read that “the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers” in God’s sight. It is clear that Isaiah was writing of the Lord’s view of the earth (dry land) from on high. From heaven (space) it has been shown through modern technology that the earth’s horizon is circular. Therefore, again, the circle of the earth must be in reference to the horizon the earth (dry land) and God sits upon it. In fact we all go about upon the circle of the earth as we go about our daily lives. We are obviously not tall enough like God to see its circular shape, all we are able to see is the “tangent” of the earth.

With all these things in mind, how did Isaiah know that the earth (dry land) was circular more than two-thousand seven hundred years ago before modern technology demonstrated this? The Son of God (who later became Jesus Christ) is true and authored the words to Isaiah.



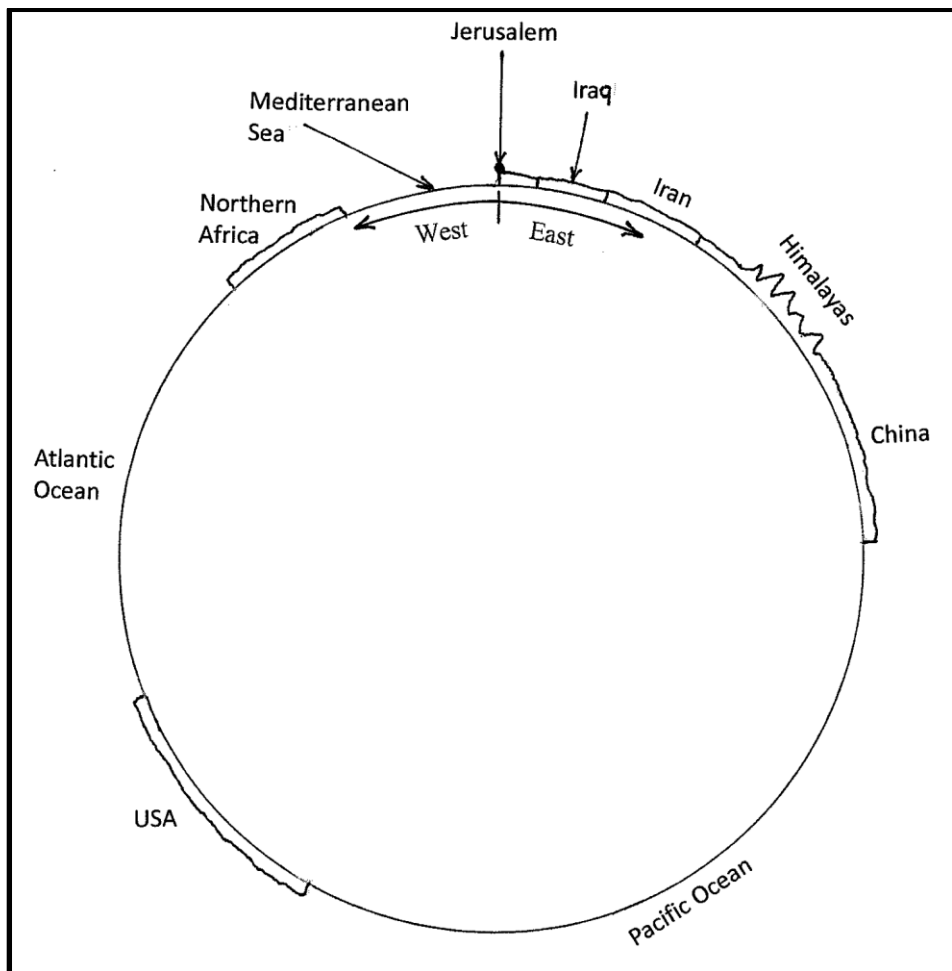
The Circle of the Dry Land

The top of the earth

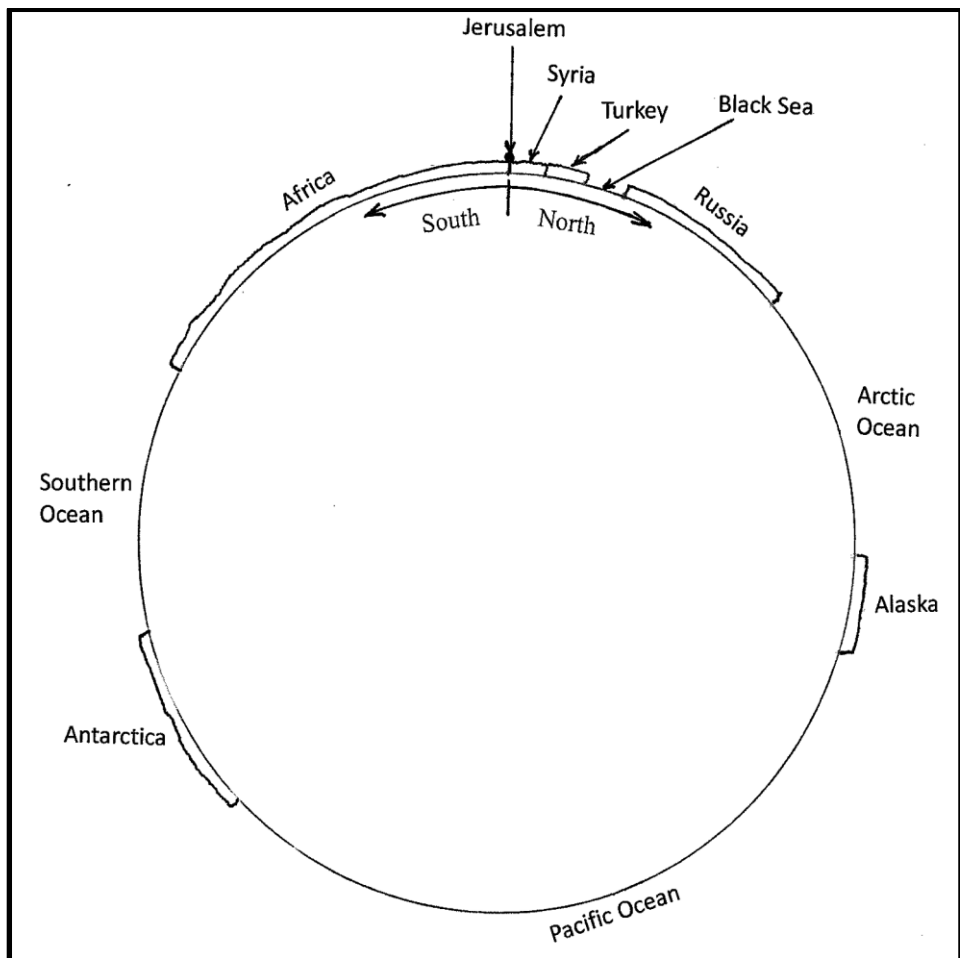
The discoveries of the truths put forth in the scripture do not cease here. From all the knowledge that has been put forth thus far a startling discovery can be made: As the horizon of the earth (dry land) is a circle, it follows that wherever the middle of the earth (dry land) is, then it must also be the highest point on earth, or at the top of the earth. The ends of the earth are the lower points of the earth (dry land). As Jerusalem has been declared by God and also shown indeed to be the in midst of the earth, it must therefore be at the top of the earth. The diagrams on the following pages demonstrate.

The first diagram shows the horizon directly east-west from Jerusalem and the second diagram shows the horizon north-south from Jerusalem. It is notable that the Himalayan Mountains are far from the highest point on earth. Height above sea-level is not the measure for what is the highest point on earth. Interestingly, the place which is commonly referred to as the lowest place on earth (the Dead Sea) is actually almost at the highest point on earth only about 14 kilometres from Jerusalem. In addition, we see that at the eastern end of the earth is China and the western end of the earth is USA. It appears that Jerusalem is not in the middle of the two, but this is because the North American continent was divided from the one land mass over the large distance that is the Atlantic Ocean.

Regarding the north-south horizon, the northern end of the earth in Russia is much closer to Jerusalem than the southern end of the earth in Antarctica. This is because the land area north of Jerusalem is far more spread out to the east and west than the land area that is south of Jerusalem. In addition, Antarctica was divided from the one land mass to the south over the large distance that is the Southern Ocean. Alaska also appears on the horizon, but this is again due the division of the North American continent.



East-West Horizon from Jerusalem



North-South Horizon from Jerusalem

The scriptures below from various prophets indicate that in the future the nations of the world will “go up to” Jerusalem. If all the nations will have to “go up” or “come up” to Jerusalem, then by necessity Jerusalem is the highest place on earth. At this future time, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will finally be King of Israel and of all the earth, which He initially came into the world to be.

“The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” – Isaiah 2:1-3 (700BC)

“And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” – Micah 4:2 (700BC)

“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the

King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.”
– Zechariah 14:16,17 (450BC)

Thus we have an astonishing discovery: the scriptures tell us details about the earth (dry land) and Jerusalem that only the true and living God could know when they were written thousands of years ago. They not only accurately detail Jerusalem in the midst of the earth, but are also correct in writing of Jerusalem as the top of the earth. Again, with careful consideration, the word of God is telling us that the earth is not flat. If the earth (dry land) was flat then how is it that the nations of the earth will “go up” or “come up” to Jerusalem? A flat earth would place Mount Everest at the highest point on earth. However the spherical earth places Mount Everest at a great distance lower than Jerusalem.

“Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.” – Isaiah 40:4,5

The above writing from Isaiah tells of a time in the near future when the glory of the LORD shall be revealed. Whilst the above prophecy is to be fulfilled in a physical sense, it could also be referring to when the nations will come to realise that Jerusalem is at the top of the earth.

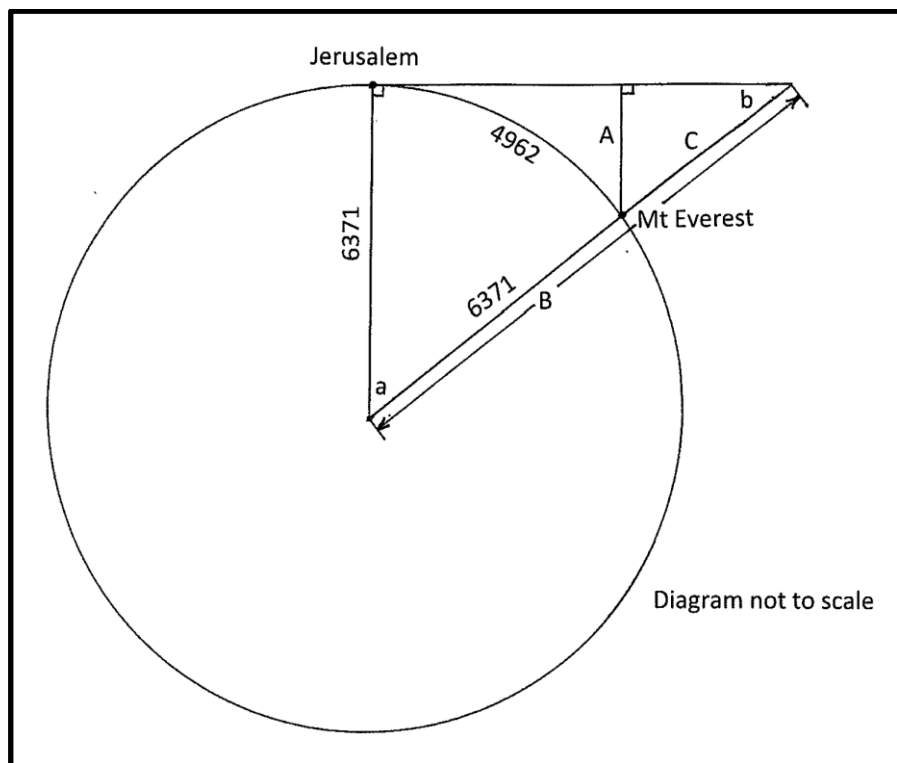
With this realisation, every mountain and hill will be made low and every valley will be exalted, as the height of land above sea level will

be irrelevant. The status of the great Mount Everest (and all mountains) will be brought to nought when it is realised that they are far lower than the actual highest point on earth (Jerusalem).

A calculation can be done using trigonometry to determine the decline from Jerusalem to Mount Everest due to the earth's curvature, which is demonstrated on the next page.

The calculated decline of Mount Everest from Jerusalem is 1824km. The 8km difference in elevation between Mount Everest and Jerusalem is completely negligible. At any location on the earth's surface, the decline from Jerusalem can be calculated. All that needs to be known is the distance of the location from Jerusalem "as the crow flies", which modern technology is able to provide.

Height of Jerusalem above Mount Everest



Circumference of the world = 40075 km

Radius of the world = 6371 km

Distance from Jerusalem to Mount Everest as crow flies = 4962 km

$$\text{Angle } a = 4962 / 40075 \times 360 = 44.57 \text{ degrees}$$

$$\text{Angle } b = 90 - 44.57 = 45.43 \text{ degrees}$$

$$B = 6371 / \cos 44.57 = 8943$$

$$C = 8943 - 6371 = 2572 \text{ km}$$

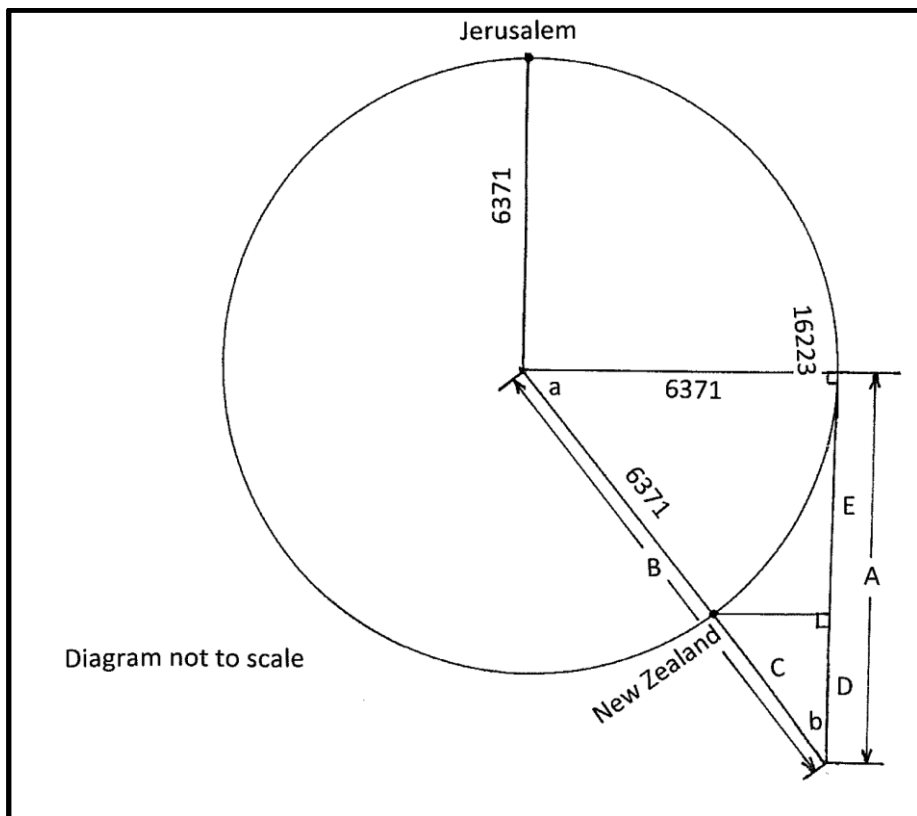
$$A = \sin 45.43 \times 2572 = 1832 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Elevation of Mount Everest} = 8848\text{m}$$

$$\text{Elevation of Jerusalem} = 826\text{m}$$

$$\text{Mount Everest is lower than Jerusalem by: } 1824 \text{ km}$$

Height of Jerusalem above New Zealand (at one corner of the earth)



Circumference of the world = 40075 km

Radius of the world = 6371 km

Distance from Jerusalem to New Zealand as crow flies = 16223 km

Angle a = $16223 / 40075 \times 360 = 145.73 - 90 = 55.73$ degrees

Angle b = $90 - 55.73 = 34.27$ degrees

B = $6371 / \cos 55.73 = 11314$ km

C = $11314 - 6371 = 4943$ km

A = 9350 km D = 4084 km

E = $9350 - 4084 = 5266$ km

New Zealand is lower than Jerusalem by: 11637 km (5266 + 6371)

Furthermore, there are a number of scriptural accounts of people going to Jerusalem from various locations. They are always referred to as going “up” to Jerusalem. Similarly, accounts of people traveling away from Jerusalem to various other places are always referred to as going “down” from Jerusalem.

In addition, when Abraham journeyed from Bethel (near Jerusalem in Israel) to Egypt, it is written that he went “down” into Egypt. Whilst Egypt is indeed in the middle part of the earth, this indicates that Jerusalem and Israel are at the top of the earth and hence are the absolute middle. An example of going “down” from Jerusalem is:

“Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley.” – Judges 1:8,9

Interestingly it is accounted that when Judah went from Jerusalem to fight against the Canaanites one of their dwelling places was “in the mountain”. It is written that they went “down” to them.

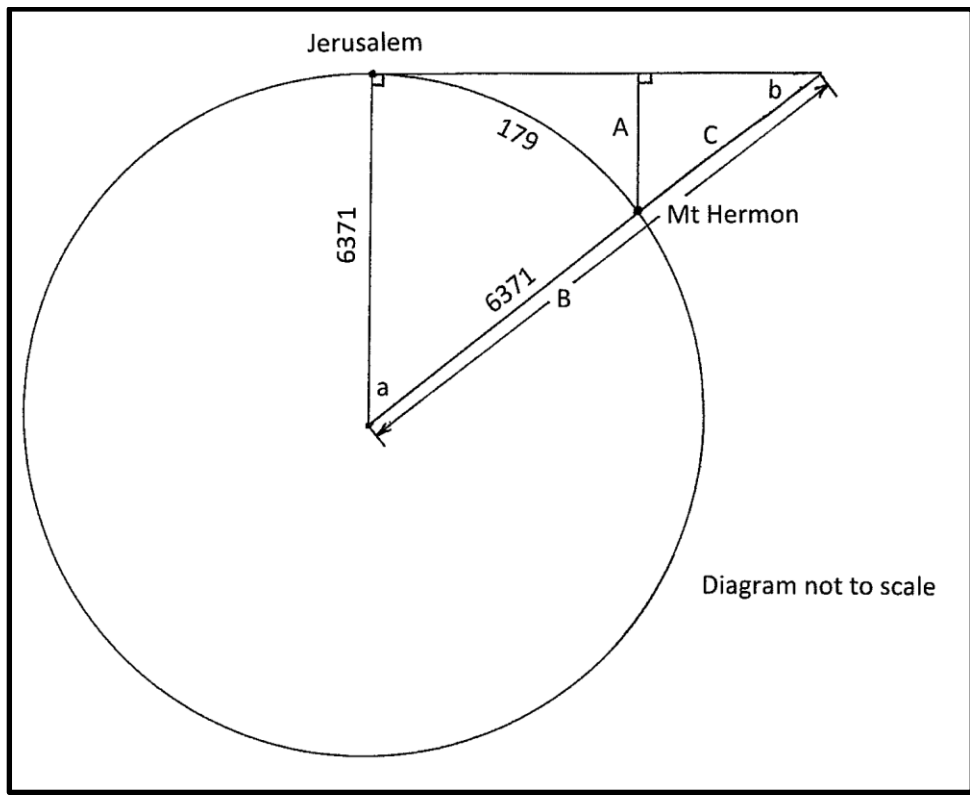
Some may say that Jerusalem is also on a mountain, therefore it is thus written. However, there are some locations in Israel that have a higher elevation than the mount in Jerusalem, such as Mount Hermon in the north of Israel. It is plausible that the curvature of the earth makes Jerusalem the highest place on earth, thus the expressions going up to Jerusalem and down from Jerusalem are written. In addition, these expressions are due to the fact that Jerusalem was considered to be the middle of the earth by the Jewish people, as God declared to them.

A relative calculation between Jerusalem and the highest point above sea level in Israel, Mount Hermon, can be done. Mount Hermon is at an elevation of 2814m. Jerusalem is at an elevation of about 826m. As the crow flies, Mount Hermon is 179km from Jerusalem.

The calculated decline using trigonometry of Mount Hermon from Jerusalem is 2499m according to the earth’s curvature. Jerusalem is 826m above sea level which is 1988m lower than the elevation of Mount Hermon. Thus, the curvature of the earth puts Mount Hermon

at 511m lower than Jerusalem. In addition, one can consider the highest mountains of Lebanon, which are roughly 3000m high but are over 300km away, so they are lower than Jerusalem. All other areas of the earth are well below Jerusalem, due to the earth's curvature. Thus we have Jerusalem at the top of the earth.

Height of Jerusalem above Mt Hermon



Circumference of the world = 40075 km

Radius of the world = 6371 km

Distance from Jerusalem to Mount Hermon as crow flies = 179 km

Angle a = $179 / 40075 \times 360 = 1.608$ degrees

Angle b = $90 - 1.608 = 88.39$ degrees

$B = 6371 / \cos 1.608 = 6373.5$

$C = 6373.5 - 6371 = 2.5\text{km}$

$A = \sin 88.39 \times 2.5 = 2.499\text{km}$ or 2499m

Elevation of Mount Hermon = 2814m

Elevation of Jerusalem = 826m

Mount Hermon is lower than Jerusalem by: $2499 - (2814 - 826) = 511\text{m}$

Old Earth, Young Creation

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” - Genesis 1:1-5

The above scriptural passage written by Moses, like all of scripture, must be read very carefully, especially so because it is an account of the beginning. Again, it must be emphasized: God defined the earth as the dry land, with this knowledge we can interpret the above account appropriately.

Those who desire to be contrary to the word of God say that the scripture teaches that the earth is only 6000 years old when science has shown the earth to be millions of years old. The scripture does not teach that the earth is 6000 years old, but rather, the existing creation we live in is 6000 years old. The age of the earth (dry land, the ground) on which we live is not revealed in scripture, but could very well be a long time. Some Christian believers will say, “this is the gap theory” where there is a time gap in Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. With careful reading of the above scriptural passage, it should be rather called “the gap proof”.

The pertinent question to ask is when did the first day of the seven-day creation begin? The key to the answer is: “And the evening and the morning were the first day” (the evening and the morning can only be a literal 24 hour day). So then, a day is defined by God as the evening and the morning. Therefore the commencement of the first day of creation coincides with the presence of light. However, there are passages in the account, which precede the presence of light and hence precede when the seven days began. We know these passages precede the presence of light by the use of the word “And” at the start of each sentence, which indicates sequence of events.

Given that on the first day the evening came first, it is reasonable to conclude that the first day began at some point of: “and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”. It makes sense that time began when the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. This was clearly an act of restoration by God when we read the preceding and subsequent passages. This accounts for why the evening was first before the morning, because time began with the Spirit of God moving while there was darkness. However, before this took place it is written: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void”. So then, it is clear that the earth already existed prior to the beginning of the seven days of creation. In other words, the earth pre-existed before time began for the 6000 year old creation in which we live.

Those who desire to be contrary to scripture also have said that Genesis 1:1 teaches that God created the earth in the dark. They say that as the light did not come until after Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 (In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth And darkness was on the face of the deep), then God created the earth in the dark. The answer to this is that Genesis 1:1 refers to a time prior to the existing creation in which we live. Genesis 1:1 is the account of when God created all of time, space and matter, possibly a very long time ago.

When light came from God (as written in Genesis 1:3), this was on the first day of the existing 6000-year-old creation which we live in. Those who desire to be contrary to scripture ask how there was light on the first day when the sun was created on the fourth day? The light came not from the sun but the light came from God. We read at the end of scripture in Revelation 21:23 that it is God who will lighten the new (heavenly) Jerusalem, and there will be no need of sun and moon. In addition, many scriptures detail that God is light. God was the source of light on the first three days of creation. Then God created the sun on the fourth day to give light on the earth, the day before all the living creatures were created by Him.

It is vitally important to realize that the earth written of in Genesis 1:1 was not only the earth (dry land) that we dwell on, but rather, it was all the dry land in the universe (ie. planets and moons, etc). The expression "Planet Earth" keeps one's mind imprisoned to knowing this. Knowing that God defines the earth as "dry land" opens up our understanding that the earth (in Genesis 1:1) is all the terrestrial matter in the universe. The earth that we dwell on was uniquely

chosen from all other dry lands when God created the firmament of Heaven on the second day. As it is written:

“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. 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. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.” – Genesis 1:6-10

The earth that we dwell on is the earth (dry land) that appeared from out of the waters that were under the firmament of heaven. It pre-existed the creation in which we live and was uniquely chosen and separated by God from the other dry lands in the universe for the purpose of life. In the beginning, God created all the dry lands (planets, moons, etc) for His own purpose and choosing. This is confirmed by scriptural accounts written by the apostle Paul to the Hebrews around 60-70AD. He writes that, by the Son of God (Jesus Christ), the “worlds” were made. Jesus not only made the world, but He made the worlds (plural). As it is written:

“Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;” - Hebrews 1:2

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” - Hebrews 11:3

When was the time when the Son of God made the worlds? There is nothing specific in the seven-day creation account of God making the worlds. Therefore the creation of the “worlds” occurred in Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”. Genesis 1:1 is a declaration of God creating “time (beginning), space (heaven) and matter (earth)”. The creation of the earth in Genesis 1:1 was the creation of all the terrestrial matter in the universe (heaven) including the earth (dry land) we live on. How long ago this occurred is unknown. Was it millions of years ago? It is possible, but God does not tell us. Scientists today date the rocks (or rather the dry land) at millions of years old, this may be true. It is the earth that is old, it is the creation that is young (6000 years old). It is vitally important to make the distinction between the age of the earth (dry land) and the age of the creation. In addition, the earth is not only old but also the heaven. Genesis 1:1 states that in the beginning God also created the heaven, which also occurred prior to the current 6000 year-old creation. Peter also wrote (around 70AD) that the heavens are “of old”. In scripture, “of old” is used interchangeably with everlasting. The age of heaven (the universe) is also possibly many years old, but not revealed.

Does this mean that there was another creation(s) by God prior to the creation we are in now? Yes, but the details are not revealed. There is biblical evidence to suggest that the angels and Satan (Lucifer) existed before the current creation. Job (Job 38:7) wrote that the sons of God (angels) were present when God laid the foundation of the earth and

shouted for joy, thus they were already created prior to this. Jesus said that those who are saved in the resurrection of the dead will be the same as the angels in heaven. It is not unreasonable to believe that some of the angels that are in heaven now were possibly resurrected from a prior creation(s).

The passage “and the earth was without form and void” in Genesis 1:2 suggests that judgment of a prior creation occurred. There is another passage of scripture written by the prophet Jeremiah (in about 600BC) with the same wording. Jeremiah’s writing of the earth being without form and void is written alongside things pertaining to Divine destruction:

“I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.” – Jeremiah 4:23-26

Thus it is reasonable to conclude that without form and void in Genesis 1:2 is an account of the destruction of a prior creation, in a similar manner to what is written by Jeremiah. Another scripture to consider with regard to “without form” is written by the prophet, Isaiah:

“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

If this scripture is referring to the earth in Genesis 1:1, then according to Genesis 1:2, the formed earth became without form. However, Isaiah writes in 700BC that God formed the earth to be inhabited and the earth has never become without form since God created the existing creation through to today. Therefore Genesis 1:1,2 must be in reference to a prior creation(s) that became without form, through a judgement of God. The earth was then formed again by God to be inhabited as detailed in the seven days of creation from Genesis 1:3 and thereafter.

Could there have been a prior creation from God on the earth which we live on? It is possible. God blessed Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and “replenish” the earth. This is the same blessing God gave to Noah after the destructive flood on the earth we live on:

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them (Adam and Eve), Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.” - Genesis 1:28

“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.” – Genesis 9:1

To replenish something is to restore what was there previously, it does not mean to “fill” as is claimed by some. We know that replenish does not mean fill, simply by reading Genesis 1:22:

“And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and

fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.” –
Genesis 1:21-22

If replenish means to fill then why was replenish not used (by God) in the account of Genesis 1:22? To replenish the earth with inhabitants means that before Adam and Eve, the earth (or an earth) had inhabitants and lost its inhabitants (no doubt through Divine judgment). Does destruction of a prior creation contradict that death came through Adam? As it is written:

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” - Romans 5:12

There is no contradiction because Paul is referring to the current world. Paul does not write that sin and death began with Adam, but “entered into the world” by Adam, meaning sin and death were already in existence and trying to enter in. Sin and death existed prior to Adam in another creation, scripture indicates that iniquity (sin) was found in Satan before Adam. Satan (the Serpent) then brought sin and death to the garden in Eden, but it existed outside the world, in another realm, and trying to enter into the world spiritually through temptation.

Could there have been a prior creation from God on another “earth” or terrestrial body in the universe (heaven)? It is possible as God said to replenish the earth, and when we consider a prior creation, the earth may be applicable to any of the terrestrial bodies. Again, one can look at scriptural accounts of how God judges a land for evidence about a

prior creation. One of the terrible judgments that God brings on the wicked is to make their land (earth) “iron” and their atmosphere (heaven) “brass”. Their rain is also “powder and dust”, as it is written:

“And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.” – Deuteronomy 28:23,24

Mars is known as the iron planet, with its surface composition having a high amount of iron. With the benefit of modern technology, we know that the view of the atmosphere (heaven) above the Mars surface is very much a brass colour. Mars is also noted for having huge dust storms. Mars may well have a heaven of brass and an earth of iron because God judged its inhabitants in a prior creation. Thus, it is possible that the dry land (earth) that is known as Mars, may have been used by God in a prior creation.

It is possible that there have been a number of prior creations, but it must be emphasized that God does not tell us. What is certain is that the prior creation(s) came to an end. When God finishes with a creation it is erased from history, as it is written in Isaiah 65:17:

“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”

In fact, this is how we can account for the existence of a gap in Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. God (through Moses) has worded the account in such a way that hints to the reader that there has been a prior creation(s),

whilst not revealing any details about it because it is not to be remembered.

Is there life on other worlds in the universe now or in the past 6000 years? The only worlds that are known to exist are the planets and moons of the solar system. The claim of planets (worlds) orbiting other stars is pure speculation at best, nothing has been truly observed. The scripture teaches that there is no water in the firmament of heaven (universe), hence there cannot be life as we know it on the other planets in the firmament of heaven. It is written in Genesis 1:7 that there is only water below the firmament, where mankind dwells, and water above the firmament (surrounding the universe). As it is written:

“Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.” – Psalm 148:4

It is evident that the Psalmist did not write of any waters in the heavens (universe) to praise God, but writes of waters that are above the heavens (outside the universe) praising God. Genesis 1 accounts of waters being below the firmament (Heaven) and above the firmament. It is evident that the firmament is the universe, as Genesis 1:17 accounts that God set the Sun, Moon and stars in the firmament of heaven.

In the Genesis 1:1 account, all of terrestrial bodies are the “earth”. Then when God separated the waters and made the firmament, the waters below the firmament immersed the earth that we live on today. The rest of the “earths” (planets) were put in the firmament wherein there are no waters, and God gave them ordinances. Mercury,

Venus and Mars are the only known terrestrial (dry land) planets, along with some terrestrial moons and there is no water proved to be on any. Thus it can be concluded that the world in which we dwell is the only world that God made to be inhabited during the last 6000 years.

Furthermore, there is an ever-growing belief in the secular scientific community about the uniqueness of the world in the universe. The probability of the many rare and precise factors that make the world hospitable to life is so low that there are not enough stars in the known universe to balance the probability of other life existing in the universe. This is not to mention about the probability of similar conditions arising somewhere in the universe, like that of the world, which enable the ability to observe and understand the universe. The probability of this arising randomly in the universe is also infinitesimally low, or in other words, impossible. Therefore, mathematical probability supports the biblical perspective that the world we live in is unique in the universe and was created by God.

One simply has to look at the solar eclipse for evidence of God. God stated in Genesis 1:14 that the sun and moon are for “signs” to mankind. Signs are proof of God’s existence. It is claimed that the sun is 390 times larger than the moon and they are millions of kilometres apart, yet the sun and the moon are the perfect distances away that when the moon is in front of the sun in a solar eclipse they are perfectly the same size in our sight. This is not to mention that we all have eyes that see and perceive size in such a way that both the sun and moon are the same size from our view here on earth. To say that this came to be randomly is the height of madness and insanity. The

scripture states that it was God who “set” the sun and moon in the heaven, each one set at exactly the perfect distance, for us, His creation, to see a perfect solar eclipse.

Does the possible age of the earth at “millions” of years mean that evolutionary theory is plausible? No, evolution is not plausible. It is only the ground that is possibly “millions” of years old. One cannot date a fossil based on the age of the ground (earth). The multitude of fossils in the world were made by creatures living during the last 6000 years, on ground that is possibly millions of years old. All creatures in the world including humans did not evolve over millions of years, but all creatures were created 6000 years ago according to the word of God.

In addition, it is much more plausible that all the fossils were left behind as a result of the worldwide flood in 2344BC. When the floodwaters abated and the sodden ground began to dry, the creatures that perished left their fossil in the ground. There were also sea creatures that perished and left their fossil as a result of being stranded on the ground when the floodwaters abated and dried up. The geological column can also be explained to have formed as a result of the worldwide flood, which scripture says covered every mountain. The power of such a massive amount of water would have greatly changed the geology of the earth. As the floodwaters abated, the sedimentary columns formed.

The only variations that have occurred are within groups of creatures or in what scripture refers to as “kinds”. Variations within the different “kinds” of creatures has occurred over time, during the last 6000 years.

Humans have reproduced different variations of humans over time, for example, black, white, yellow skin, blonde, red, brown, black hair, but all are humankind. Dogs have reproduced different variations of dogs, for example, wolves, hyenas, jackals, dingos, etc over time, but all are dogs. Cats have reproduced different variations of cats over time and so on for the other animal kinds. The variations no doubt are of God, for a fascinating world.

One kind of creature does not reproduce another kind of creature, it has never been observed and certainly not proved. It all exists in the world of the imagination manifested through pictures in evolutionary books and websites. Is it any wonder why God hates images? They can be used to propagate a falsehood.

What about dinosaurs? There is another description in scripture for dinosaurs: they are called dragons. Dinosaur fossils and bones are perhaps really dragon fossils and bones. The scripture speaks of dragons a number of times. Did they exist “millions” of years ago? It is not clear, but scripture suggests that they existed alongside humans in the times before the flood in 2344 BC, as it is written “there were giants in the earth in those days”. The words “in those days” refers to the latter years before the flood. It seems to indicate that prior to “those days” there were no giants, the dinosaurs (and other creatures) were normal size originally, but something happened that made them into giants. There is also evidence that dinosaurs/ dragons existed after the flood. The book of Job, written after the flood in about 1700BC, writes of the existence of dragons (behemoth and leviathan).

What about the stars? Scripture indicates that the stars are also “of old” or possibly a great many years old. The apostle Peter wrote around 70AD that the heavens are “of old”. As previously mentioned, the expression “of old” is used interchangeably with “everlasting” in scripture. As the stars are in the firmament of heaven, Peter appears to be saying that the stars are a great age. Some may say that scripture clearly states that God made the stars on the fourth day of creation, as it is written:

“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.” – Genesis 1:16

The wording of the passage suggests that Moses was simply confirming to the reader that the stars were made by God, not that the stars were made on the fourth day. No doubt that God knew when the creation account of the Sun and the Moon is read, mankind would also wonder about the origin of stars. On the fourth day God made the Sun and the Moon, the stars already existed prior to creation. Therefore it is written: “he made the stars also” as simply a confirmation that yes, indeed God made the stars. This is supported by a writing from Job which suggests that the stars were already made when God was laying the foundation of the earth. As it is written:

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 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?” – Job 38:4-7

It is evident from Genesis chapter 1 that God laid the foundation of the earth on which we dwell on the third day. Job writes of the morning stars being present at this time which is obviously before the fourth day of creation. In addition, the scripture above and other scriptures hint that the stars are equated with angels. As there is scriptural evidence that the immortal angels have been in existence from prior to the current creation, thus it must be with the stars, they were not made on the fourth day.

Finally, there are some who may quote Moses in Exodus 20:11 as evidence against the gap theory:

“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day...”

They argue that as Genesis 1:1 accounts of God creating heaven and earth, then it must be a part of the six days of creation. However this is not the case. Moses was not referring to the time of Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, he was referring to the current creation of heaven, earth and sea which is accounted of in Genesis 1:6-10:

“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. 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. And God called

the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.” – Genesis 1:6-10

God made the heaven on the second day and the earth and seas on the third day. Genesis 1:1 speaks of a time prior to the six days of creation written of in Exodus 20:11.

The “gap theory” and prior creation(s) is not only a biblical truth, it is common sense. If God is eternal, and always was/ is, then it is reasonable to wonder what God was doing prior to the claimed 6000-year age of heaven and earth. As God is eternal it is sensible that heaven and earth could be of great many years, whilst the restored creation we live in is 6000 years old.

The Foundation of the Earth

Thus far, the definition of the word “earth” and its profound implications has been examined. This chapter examines the word “planet” in the expression “Planet Earth”? Should we view the world on which we live as just another planet in the solar system orbiting the sun? What saith the scripture and science about the movement of the world and the heavenly bodies of the Sun, Moon and stars?

“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. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good... And the evening and the morning were the third day.”
– Genesis 1:6-9

“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. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth... And the evening and the morning were the fourth day” – Genesis 1:16-17,19

The Genesis chapter 1 accounts above show that God made the Earth and Seas (the world) on day three before He made the sun and the moon on day four. It appears that the world on which we live has the preeminence over the sun and the moon. If the world was orbiting the sun, it would make more sense that the sun was created first and the world was set in an orbit around it. However, scripture indicates that

the world was made first and hence the sun (and moon) were set in motion around it. The scriptures are not explicit in their description of a stationary world, but it is certainly strongly suggested. For example:

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

Below are also a sample of many scriptures which describe the earth (dry land) as having foundations, which by definition, are laid so that a structure does not move:

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

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.” – Job 38:4

“When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:” - Proverbs 8:29

“Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?” – Isaiah 40:21

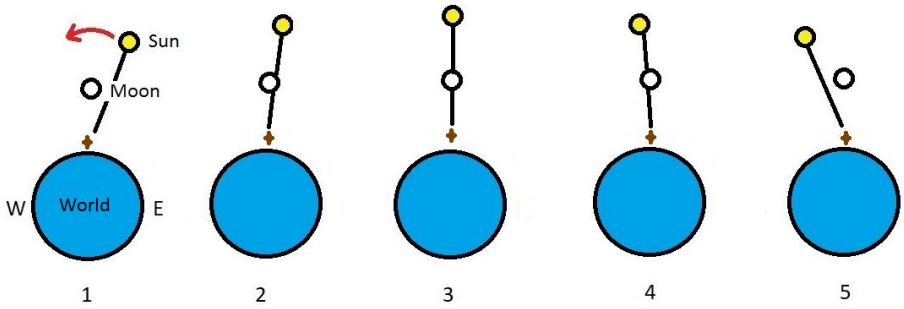
“Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.” – Jeremiah 31:37

“Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.” – Micah 6:2

But “science” has the world to be orbiting the sun, and rotating on an axis once a day. The basis of science is observable evidence. Has God given the inhabitants of the earth any observable proof of what the actual movements of the world and heavenly bodies are?

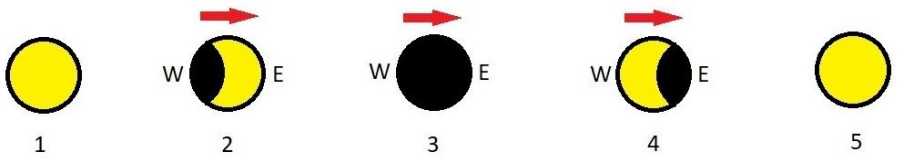
In August 2017 a rare solar eclipse was observed in the United States. The path of totality (the shadow that the moon casts when it is in front of the sun) ran across the entire USA, from the west coast in Oregon right through to the east coast in South Carolina. In fact, the path of totality of all solar eclipses goes in the direction of west to east. Why is this significant? Because the west to east movement is only possible if it is the sun that moves around the world every day. If the world was rotating on an axis every day in the direction of west to east (as is claimed), the path of totality of a solar eclipse would move east to west. The diagrams on the following pages illustrate:

Sun moving around the world East to West



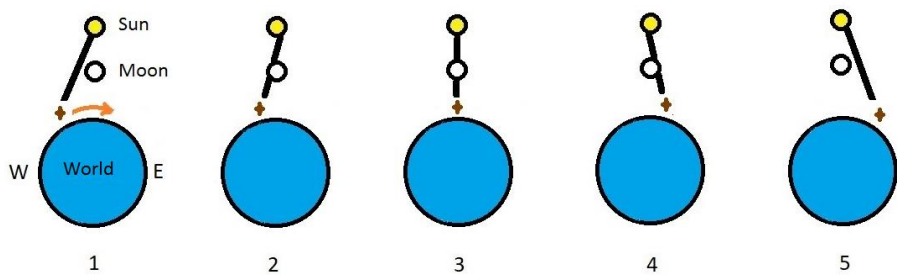
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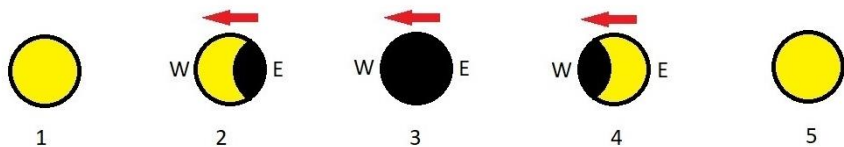
Shadow of the Moon moves West to East

World spinning from West to East



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Shadow of the moon moves East to West

There are some who have tried to explain the west to east path of totality by saying that the moon's orbital speed around the world (in the direction of west to east) is over twice that of the world's spin (in the same direction). This explanation is totally in error as it fails to take into account that the moon is orbiting the world at a distance of 384,000km away. At this distance the moon's movement across the sky is exceedingly slower compared to the world's spin. It takes one day for the supposed revolution of the world (and hence one day for the sun to "appear" to go around the world). It takes 29.5 days for the moon to go around the world. Therefore, from our viewpoint on earth, the moon would be travelling west to east 29.5 times slower than the world's spin. This would mean the path of totality in a solar eclipse would still be east to west, which is not the west to east movement that is clearly observed.

So what are we to conclude? It is the sun that is going around the world once every day from east to west. The moon is also going around the world every day in the same direction as the sun (not west to east). The moon is moving slightly slower from our observation on earth, about 12.2 degrees slower every day. This is how we get the phases of the moon every 29.5 days, as the sun moves away from and then "catches up" to the moon in this period of time. It's like a runner around a circular track whose competitor is running a little bit faster every lap. After a number of laps the runner will notice his competitor on the opposite side of the circular track. This is how full moon occurs, when the sun and the moon are on opposite sides in their daily

circuits. After even more laps the runner will be caught up to by the competitor who will begin to lap the runner. This is the same when it is the new moon, the sun has caught up to the moon again. It is exactly the same principle only the circuits of the sun and moon are vast differences apart. However, their apparent magnitude is the same from earth hence it does appear that they are on the same track!

When a solar eclipse occurs, the sun moves east to west at the same latitude in the sky as the moon and then “catches up” to the moon. Because the sun is obviously higher in the sky we see the moon begin to eclipse the sun on the sun’s west side, and move across the sun in an easterly direction. This is exactly what is observed. If the world is turning west to east (as is claimed), then we observing from the turning world would see the moon begin to eclipse the sun on the sun’s east side, and move across in a westerly direction. But this is not what is observed!

It is as if God has given the solar eclipse as a sign to demonstrate to the inhabitants of the earth that the sun moves around the world. We read in Genesis chapter 1 that when God created the sun and moon, He said they were to be for “signs” as well as seasons, days and years. The solar eclipse is a sign to the inhabitants of the world that the sun (and moon) move around the world. Hence, there can be no doubt that there is a God who created the world and appointed the sun and moon to go around it.

The word of God, the scriptures, also have much to say about the movement of the sun and moon:

“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. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. /s 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 10:12-13

“The sun and moon stood still in their habitation, at the light of thine arrows as they sped, at the flash of they glittering spear.” – Habbukuk 3:11

Many have mocked these accounts when considering that, if the world was rotating, it would have stopped rotating to give the appearance of the sun standing still. Thus it is argued that if the world stopped rotating, the world and all the inhabitants thereof would cease to exist. This miraculous event occurred around 1500BC, yet the world still existed and exists. It was not the world rotating but the sun was moving around the stationary earth and God commanded the sun not to move. In addition, one can believe that God literally commanded the sun to stop moving when we consider that God also commanded the moon (which is accepted by all to be moving around the world) to stop moving.

“And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.” – 2Kings 20:9-11

The above account would be argued to have been more calamitous as it seems to indicate that not only the world stopped moving, but it moved ten degrees in the opposite direction of its supposed turn. However, the world was stationary and the sun was moving, and God caused the sun to move back in the other direction ten degrees. We notice Hezekiah did not request for the shadow to go down ten degrees because this movement would have been in the same direction.

“... In them (the heavens) hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. 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.” – Psalms 19:4-6

The scripture above not only teaches that the sun is moving (ie. as a strong man to run a race), but that it is also moving in a “circuit”. This is a poetic description, but shows the sun is moving around the world in a circle. In addition, the description of the sun as “running a race” is in keeping with sun moving along with the moon. The sun is moving 12.2 degrees faster than the moon every day and “laps” the moon every 29.5 days. The sun is indeed “rejoicing as a strong man to run a race” as it always wins its race against the moon!

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

The above scripture also teaches that the sun is moving, and also that it is moving very fast around the world. If the sun is about 150 million km away from the world (as is claimed), then it would be going around the world at approximately 10,900 km per second.

“Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not” - Job 9:7

The writers of scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, always write of a moving sun using descriptions such as “rising”, “setting”, “going down” and “came up”. It could be they were simply writing of the sun how they saw it, but maybe they were also writing of the sun’s movement how it truly is.

Some may ask that if the sun is moving around the world, how do we account for the seasons? From the world, we observe the sun moving from north to south and back again between the summer and winter solstices every year, whilst at the same time the sun is set in the heaven in its daily movement around the earth. It is claimed that the diameter of the sun is 1,391,000 km. The diameter of the earth is 12,742 km, and the distance between the solstices is obviously less than this. Therefore it is plausible that God has given an ordinance for the sun to have (relative to its claimed enormous size) a tiny north-south “wobble” over the course of the year to produce the seasons on earth. Thus, in the sun’s daily circuits, the net result would be that the sun is moving in a spiral around the earth and oscillating between the solstices every year. For those inhabiting the northern hemisphere, the sun will have reached its northern most circuit on the summer solstice and its southern most circuit on the winter solstice.

If the sun is indeed moving around the world in which we live, some may ask about the movement of the stars? It follows that the stars are not fixed, they also move around the world once every day. According to scripture, the stars also have “courses”:

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

Also, we read in Genesis 1:17 that the sun, moon and stars were set in the firmament of heaven. The firmament of heaven moves around the world once every day and the heavenly bodies have their own movements within the heaven. This accounts for the question of how the stars can go around the world every day at greater than the speed of light. It is the firmament of heaven as a whole, which God created, that may only be moving at great speed, not the heavenly bodies that are within. The movements of the bodies within the heaven (and the light they emit) are limited to the speed of light, when they move in their courses within the heaven. It’s the same principle that heliocentric proponents use regarding travelling in a plane on a spinning world. They argue that the plane is not affected at all by the world’s spin, the turn of the world (and its atmosphere) pulls the plane along with it. The plane itself is only subject to the laws of motion from point A to B through use of its engine. Similarly, it can be argued that the heavenly bodies are not subject to the rotation of the heaven, but only to the laws within the heaven such as the speed of light.

Also when considering the movement of the heavenly bodies, their movements may be dependent upon which heaven they are set in.

Many times in scripture the firmament is referred to as the heavens (plural), the apostle Paul writes of at least three heavens:

“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.” – 2 Corinthians 12:2

Paul also describes the third heaven as “paradise”. For there to be three heavens means that each heaven must have its own characteristics which distinguish one from the other. There are some who believe that the third heaven is outside the universe. Genesis chapter 1, however, clearly teaches that the firmament of heaven is inside the waters above the firmament. Therefore the third heaven is inside the universe. The below scriptural writing also supports this:

“Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.” – Psalms 148:4

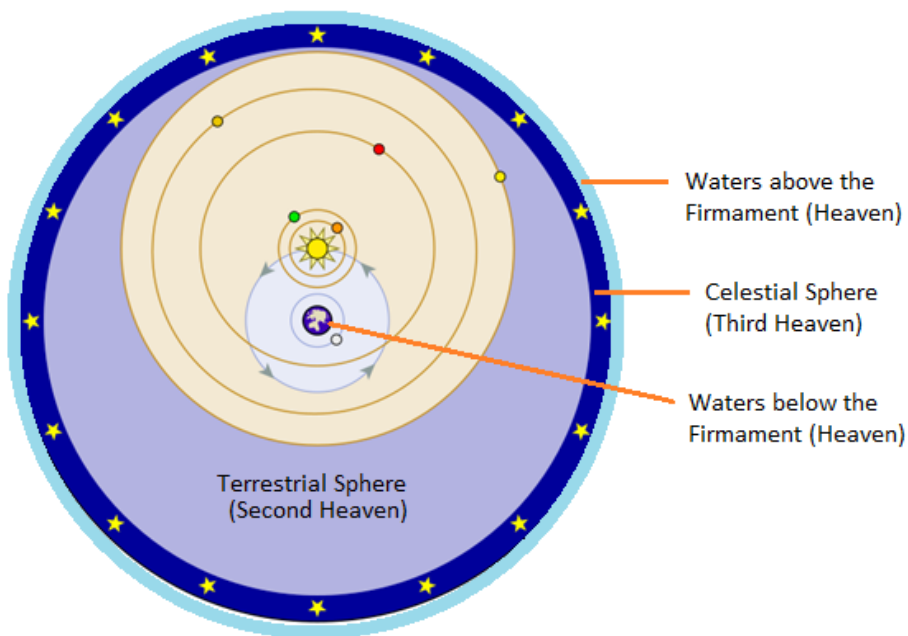
It is plausible that the first heaven is the gravitational sphere which includes the atmosphere around the world where the clouds are and the birds fly, and there are many scriptural writings referring to the birds flying in heaven. It can argued that gravity makes the first heaven stationary, just like the world, the first heaven is not rotating. The second heaven is the “terrestrial sphere” where the moon and the planets are. By definition, terrestrial means “dry land” or “matter”. The sun rules the terrestrial sphere and all the planets are subject to ordinances around the sun. The third heaven is the celestial sphere

where all the stars are. Paul's writing makes a distinction of the heavenly bodies as being celestial or terrestrial:

"There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory." – 1Corinthians 15:40,41

The celestial and terrestrial model of the universe was put forth by the great astronomer, Tycho Brahe in the 16th century. His observations of the heavenly bodies were the most accurate and comprehensive of any astronomer before him and for a few centuries after. He was able to calculate the movement of heavenly bodies with great accuracy believing in an earth-centred view of the universe.

Astronomers like, Copernicus and Kepler (who inherited Tycho's observational data) came to the conclusion that the planets orbited the sun due to their observed retrograde motion relative to the world. In addition, they found it to be easier to calculate the movement of the planets with a sun-centred view, and to view the world as another planet in the "solar system". Thus the heliocentric view was born, not according to truth, but it was an easier model to use in observing planetary bodies. Tycho Brahe also accepted that the planets orbited the sun but still maintained that at the same time all the heavenly bodies were going around the world every day.



Tycho also did not believe that the world was orbiting the sun, as there should be an observable stellar parallax over any six month period due to the world's supposed changing position. During Tycho's time and a few centuries after, no parallax was ever detected. This led the proponents of the heliocentric view to argue that the stars were an enormous distance away and the world's supposed orbit almost insignificant by comparison. Tycho then responded that for the stars to be visible across such enormous distances, they would have to be the size of the world's orbit around the sun or even greater. This for Tycho was quite rightly absurd. Hence we have the heliocentric view of the

stars to this day, that most stars are many light years away and many stars are gigantic. This is not necessarily true, it was simply hypothesised to try to make the heliocentric model work.

Stellar parallax may be plausible if we were viewing from a distant star back to earth, the orbit of the earth would be a tiny parallax from so far away. However we are viewing from earth (the world). Hence, the comparison that should be considered is the size of the world relative to its supposed orbit around the sun. The size of the world is very small compared to the world's supposed orbit. As the small world that we view from moves in its comparably enormous orbit around the sun a significant stellar parallax should be observed, should it not? The parallax "discovered" in 1838 and beyond is so small one needs special instruments to "detect", yet the parallax should be plainly observed by simple instruments or by the human eye. Furthermore, all the stars are points in the night sky and appear equidistant relative to our observation, therefore each star should have the same or similar parallax if the world were orbiting the sun.

By the late 19th century a movement back towards the earth-centred view occurred due to a number of experiments such as Michaelson-Morley, which has the label of being "the most famous failed experiment in history". It was believed that the heaven (or space) must have a medium for light waves to pass through it (called an aether). Thus Michaelson and Morley compared the speed of light in perpendicular directions to detect the relative motion of the aether, as the world moved through the aether in its supposed orbit around the sun. The result was negative, in that Michelson and Morley found no

significant difference between the speed of light in the direction of movement through the aether, and the speed of light at right angles. If the world were moving through space (heaven) a difference should have been detected:

"Here was an experiment that was done to measure the speed of the earth's motion through the ether. This was an experiment that was ten times more sensitive than it needed to be. It could have detected speeds as low as two miles a second instead of the known 2mps that the earth has in its orbital motion around the sun. It didn't detect it. What's the conclusion from the Michelson-Morley experiment? The implication is that the earth is not moving..."

- Physicist, Richard Wolfson

For some astronomers/ physicists this was proof that the world is not moving through the heaven in an orbit of the sun. For others such as Albert Einstein, this conclusion could not be accepted and more thought on the results was required to provide an alternative explanation:

"...to the question whether or not the motion of the Earth in space can be made perceptible in terrestrial experiments. We have already remarked...that all attempts of this nature led to a negative result. Before the theory of relativity was put forward, it was difficult to become reconciled to this negative result." – Albert Einstein

Thus what is known as special relativity was put forth by Einstein where he postulated that space (heaven) has no aether, but a vacuum. Because the Michelson-Morley experiment found there was no

“aether drag” which would need to be the case if the world was moving (orbiting), Einstein concluded there was no aether. Similarly, as the Michelson-Morley experiment found no difference in the speed of light, Einstein concluded that the speed of light is the same for all observers, regardless of the motion of the light source. Furthermore, under special relativity motion is relative, hence Einstein and many other astronomers/ physicists conceded that either a heliocentric or geocentric (earth-centered) model could be true. For example, the famous astronomer, Fred Hoyle said:

"Tycho Brahe proposed a dualistic scheme, with the Sun going around the Earth but with all other planets going around the Sun, and in making this proposal he thought he was offering something radically different from Copernicus. And in rejecting Tycho's scheme, Kepler obviously thought so too. Yet in principle there is no difference."

There are many other quotes from well-known astronomers and physicists that recognize the possibility of a stationary world. Nevertheless, by making both models plausible, it was effective in pacifying a movement back to the stationary earth-centered view. The heliocentric model continued to be propagated to the ignorant and faithless generations thereafter to today.

Both the word of God and science give very persuasive support to geocentrism, that is, the world is stationary and the sun goes around the world. However, there are some that say that it follows that the stationary world is flat. Has God given any observable evidence for man to know if the world is flat or a sphere? Yes! God has given the lunar eclipse for man to know the shape of the world. Just as God gives

the solar eclipse for man to know that the sun moves around the world, so too God gives the lunar eclipse. We read in Genesis 1:14:

“ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years”

It is well known and observed about the sun and moon (and stars) dividing the day and night, seasons, days and years. We also read that God has also set them in heaven for “signs”. Signs are generally a revealing to mankind of heavenly things. The solar eclipse and lunar eclipse reveal to man what could only be known and observed by God. Even Einstein stated "I have come to believe that the motion of the Earth cannot be detected by any optical experiment." However, God has given the ordinances of the sun and moon for the eclipses to occur, which are signs to mankind of the truth of His word.

Whenever there is a lunar eclipse (that is, the sun moves behind the world and the world's shadow is cast on the moon) the shadow of the world is always a circle. This could not be possible if the world is a flat circular disc. If the world is a flat circular disc, the shadow of the world on the moon would be different shapes, angles and sizes. But this is never the case in a lunar eclipse, the shadow of the world is always a circle. The only explanation is that the world is a sphere because no matter the angle of the world relative to the sun the world's shadow is always a circle.

There are some, still obstinate in heart, who then make the claim that the shadow on the moon at a lunar eclipse is caused by an unknown

“shadow object”. They claim that it is the shadow object which is in the plain of the sun and moon and not the earth (world). However, the Lord, in His infinite wisdom has made the lunar eclipse to only ever occur at full moon. Even if one was to accept the existence of the shadow object, then it follows that the only time the shadow object decides to eclipse the the moon is when we on earth see a full moon, and for every lunar eclipse in history! However, in our sight from the world we should see the shadow object eclipse the moon during any of the moon’s phases (except new moon). But we only see a lunar eclipse always at full moon because the sun and moon are on opposite sides of their circuits around the world (full moon) and the world is in between, projecting its shadow on the moon.

The sunrise and sunset also show that the world is not flat. If the world is flat, the whole world would either be in daylight when the sun has risen or the whole world would be in night time when the sun has set. We know for fact that the world at any time is part daylight and part night time. One just has to watch on television a live event on the other side of the world to know this. Hence, flat earth proponents have put forth that the sun is like a spotlight, only shining on a certain area of the world whilst the rest is night time. They further conclude that the sun does not rise or fall below the horizon, but moves in a circle above and parallel to the earth. As the sun moves further away from view, it fades away, thus bringing on night time. This explanation is not only totally at odds with observation but also with scripture. There are so many scriptural writings describing the sun as rising and going down, how can the sun be moving parallel to a flat world? Observationally, God increases the size of the sun at sunrise and

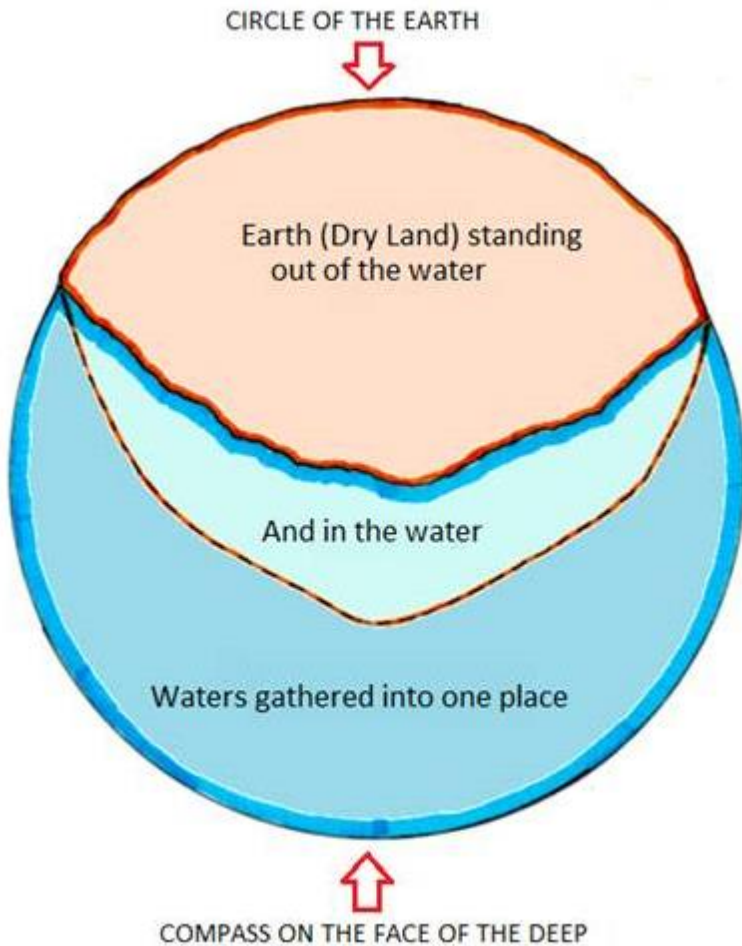
sunset which in our sight which is the opposite of fading away from view as flat earth proponents put forth. Through the increase in size of the sun (and the moon) at the horizon, God shows us very clearly that the sun rises above and falls below the horizon. The ordinances of the sun and moon are signs and evidence from God in many ways that the world cannot be flat.

The word of God also does not teach that the world is flat. Flat world proponents have been utterly deceived by the expression “Planet Earth” in the same manner as those who do not believe the scriptures. They read scriptures such as “the ends of the earth” and the “the four corners of the earth” and in their zeal to uphold the word of God, they conclude that this teaches a flat earth. Ironically they have applied “Planet Earth” (an expression they oppose) to the scriptures, interpreting the earth as both the dry land and the seas. They have failed to realise these passages must be read as the “ends of the dry land” and the “four corners of the dry land”. As shown in previous chapters, though the world is a sphere, the surface of the dry land of a certainty has ends and four corners.

Furthermore, on a flat world, the dry land cannot be a circle, it has a chaotically shaped coastline. Therefore the only way to account for the “circle of the dry land” (Isaiah 40:22) is to conclude that the face or horizon of the dry land is a circle because it cannot be the coastline. The word of God not only teaches that the face of the dry land is circular but also the below writers of scripture thousands of years ago speak of the waters gathered together by God in a circle:

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

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



God set a “compass” upon the face of waters and “with bounds”, a compass being a circle. The face of the waters of the world are bounded by gravity in a circular boundary or compass which is exactly what the above scriptures suggest. So then, if the face of the dry land is circular and the face of the waters is circular, in a three-dimensional world comprised of dry land and water, this must be a sphere.

The word of God also teaches we are to view the spherical world horizontally, we are not to view the world vertically, spinning on an axis with the north-pole at the top. God created the spherical world with the one land mass on top (earth), which was founded upon the waters underneath. As it is written:

“The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.” – Psalm 24:2

“To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.” - Psalm 136:6

When the Lord founded the earth (dry land) on the third day, He founded it on the one ocean, which is known today as the Pacific Ocean. There was no such thing as the Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean at this time. When the earth was divided 101 years after the flood of Noah, the waters of the one (Pacific) Ocean flowed into the divisions to form the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The Pacific Ocean is by far the largest Ocean in the world and would have been significantly larger before the earth (dry land) was divided.

If we could view the earth (dry land) before it was divided into continents, it would be clear that the one land mass was on top with the waters underneath bound in a circle. Thus, as we view the world horizontally with the earth (dry land) on top, it follows that because Jerusalem is in the geographical middle of the earth it is also at the top of the earth. A circle can be drawn around Jerusalem with a 6371 km radius, the radius of the world, giving us a view from above. All lands of the earth slope down from Jerusalem due to the earth's curvature:



Jerusalem at the top of the earth (in Red)

The continents of North America, South America, Australia and Antarctica were divided away from the one land mass, below the 6371 km horizon to the waters underneath the earth. The continents of Asia, Europe and Africa remained above 6731 km horizon. The descendants of Noah's three son's replenished these three continents after the flood. Scriptural evidence suggests that Shem spread throughout Asia, Japheth spread throughout Europe and Ham spread throughout Africa. Most of the timeline of civilized history has occurred in these continents. The continents of North America, South America, Australia and Antarctica were divided under the horizon with their inhabitants also coming from Noah's three sons. They were permitted by God to walk in the ways ordained by God since the time of Noah, living primitively and in harmony with the land until the appointed times of God came to them.

In addition, if all the continents, peninsulas and islands of the world were moved to their original locations before the earth was divided, they would all fit within the 6371km radius of the world. This is how it was in the beginning of the existing creation, the one land mass of the world was on top, in full view of God, with the waters underneath bound up in a sphere and surrounding all the earth (dry land).

In fact, it is possible that the earth (dry land) we live on is held firmly in place by the waters as scripture states that God "founded" the earth upon the seas. The waters of the world are the only waters that are within the universe and this can possibly account for why the planets orbit the sun, because they are not founded upon any water to hold

them in place. The waters of the world in which we live are the only place in the universe to have waters according to the Genesis chapter 1 account:

“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. 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.” – Genesis 1:6-9

“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. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth... And the evening and the morning were the fourth day” – Genesis 1:16-17,19

The word of God also teaches how we are to view the universe. The world in which we live is not to be considered part of the universe, the universe (firmament of heaven) is outside the world. It is evident that the firmament called Heaven is the universe, as the sun, moon and stars were set by God in the firmament of Heaven. Thus the universe is in between the waters above the firmament and the waters below the firmament. The scripture describes the universe as finite and surrounded by water. The waters below the firmament are obviously on the world which we live.

In recent times, observations with cosmic microwave background radiation have indicated just how special the world is, with results indicating the world is in the centre of the universe:

"No longer could astronomers hope that the Copernican dilemma would disappear with improved data. The data were in hand, and their implication inescapable: we are at the centre of a spherically symmetric distribution of gamma-ray-burst sources, and this distribution has an outer edge." - Astrophysicist, Jonathan I. Katz

God has made the heaven and all the bodies within it to go around the world, the world is not orbiting any other body. Some may ask how this is possible given that smaller heavenly bodies rotate around larger heavenly bodies. Heavenly bodies rotate around a centre of mass. Even though the sun is a much larger body than the world, it has been postulated that God has positioned the world at the centre of mass of the universe (heaven), with the multitude of stars balancing out the force of the much larger sun.

Thus, the world in which we live should not be viewed as just another planet. The world we live on is special in the universe: God created the world. The expression "Planet Earth", has derived from the heliocentric, Copernican revolution. By Heliocentrists believing the world to be a planet and in turn describing the Earth as a planet, gave rise to a new meaning of the Earth, making it the "sum total" of the world. As has been the constant theme of this book, throughout all of

biblical (and human) history, the meaning of Earth has never meant the “sum total” of the world, but only the land of the world.

“Planet Earth” is an expression that has had a profound effect on the way mankind views the world, both mentally and spiritually. They are two words which have caused many to believe a falsehood, and to have unbelief in the true and living God who created all things. This expression has also caused unbelief and apathy towards the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and to his glorious life, teachings and salvation. As a result, society today has become completely ignorant of what sin and evil truly is and why God hates sin. Therefore the judgement of God is at the door, and each individual on earth will be accountable.

Be ye saved

“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” – 2 Corinthians 5:11

The purpose of this book is as the apostle Paul wrote above, to persuade individuals to be saved. The aim is to break down the many of barriers of deception that have been built against the truth of the word of God (the Bible). However, the contents of this book can only persuade to a certain point and are of no value to you unless you choose to take the next step. Jesus Christ alone is the only one who is of value to you. Jesus Christ is mentioned many times in scripture as the Saviour of the world. To be our Saviour means that God is witnessing to us that we need to be saved. As it is written:

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” – Acts 4:12

But what do we need to be saved from? God created all of mankind. Sin against God is considered by Him as a crime that must be punished, just as any person would want justice for a crime against them self. God has concluded that all have sinned against Him. If you don't believe that you are a sinner before God, below it is written what God considers to be sin, of which committing just one makes you a transgressor:

Evil thoughts, adultery, fornication (sex outside marriage), homosexuality, whore-mongering (going to a prostitute), lying, false witness, murder, stealing, covetousness (wanting what others have

and things you don't need), envying, being unthankful, lasciviousness (lusting, looking at nakedness, masturbation), fraud, bribery, blasphemy (using the Lord's name in vain), pride, boasting, idolatry (includes adoration of famous sport, movie, music people), unbelief, holding unrighteous beliefs, foolish talking, swearing, printed marks on body (tattoos), debating, backbiting, gossiping, haters of God, spiteful, being a user, unforgiving, unmerciful, unrighteous anger, greedy and money loving, inventing evil things, disobedient to parents, covenant breaking (not keeping your word), pretentiousness, witchcraft, drunkenness, revellings, gluttony, idleness, laziness, using drugs, emulating, seditions, filthiness, incontinent (without restraint), despising those who are good, high-minded, love of self....

Though we have all sinned against God, and are subject to His wrath, God has mercy and love, as it is written:

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”
– Romans 5:8,9

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”
– John 3:16-18

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:” – 1Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus Christ died for our sins, you may ask what does this mean? According to the laws of God, given to Moses, the only way for a person to receive forgiveness of sins was to offer a sacrifice of innocent blood, for example, a lamb. This would show to the person the seriousness of their sin; that an innocent animal died in their place to take away their sin. When Jesus Christ came 1500 years later, He was called “the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world”. Jesus Christ was the only man in history to never sin, He was innocent. He died a cruel death on the cross where His blood was shed to be the innocent sacrifice required to pay for your sins and the sins of every person born into the world. To show that He was and is the Lord, the Son of God, Jesus rose from the dead three days later. Life after death is true.

The scripture says that “fools make a mock of sin”. Sin is very serious to God, so much so that the punishment is hell fire. You may feel that you have not sinned much or are a “good person”, but God has declared that:

“... there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” – Romans 3:12

In addition, the word of God makes the distinction between goodness and righteousness. It is not being good that justifies you before God, it is being “right”, that justifies you. What is being right before God?

“The righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe” – Romans 3:22

Faith in Jesus Christ is what saves you. The right way before God is to acknowledge that you are a sinner before Him, and to believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again from the dead. God requires you to show your faith by calling upon Jesus Christ to save you, as it is written:

“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” – Romans 10:9

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” – Romans 10:13

Calling upon Jesus Christ is praying aloud to Him for your soul. You may have prayed to the Lord Jesus before about various things pertaining to this life, but salvation is a prayer to the Lord Jesus for your eternal hereafter.

The word of God says to beware that “now is the day of salvation”, now is the accepted time to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and “boast not thyself of tomorrow”.

“He that believeth on the Son (Jesus Christ) hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” – John 3:36