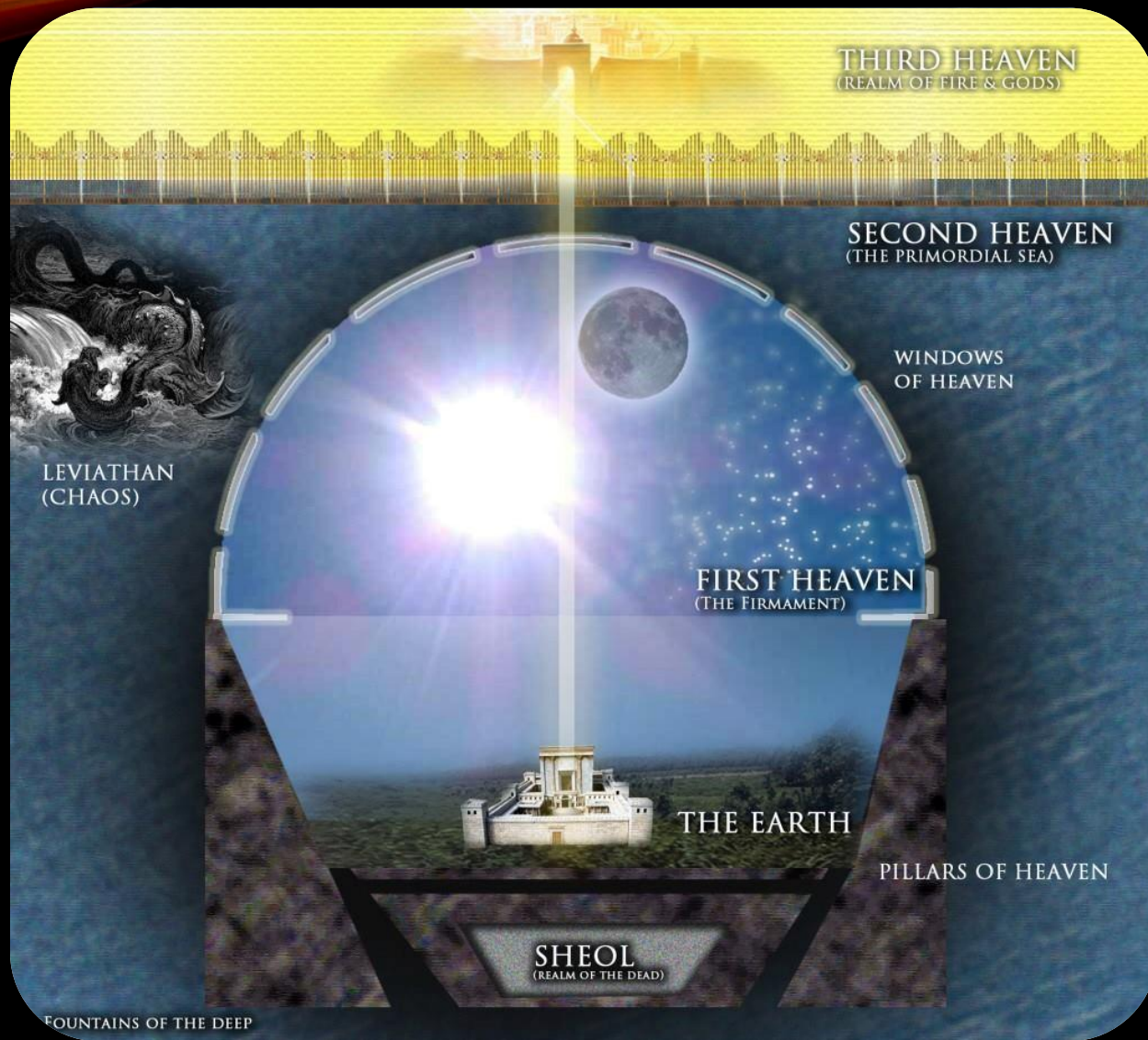


# THE MACRO-TEMPLE OF YHWH IN THE COSMOS

Understanding Ancient Cosmology



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THIRD HEAVEN  
(REALM OF FIRE & GODS)

SECOND HEAVEN  
(THE PRIMORDIAL SEA)

WINDOWS  
OF HEAVEN

LEVIATHAN  
(CHAOS)

FIRST HEAVEN  
(THE FIRMAMENT)

THE EARTH

PILLARS OF HEAVEN

SHEOL  
(REALM OF THE DEAD)

FOUNTAINS OF THE DEEP

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(REALM OF THE DEAD)  
SHEOL

THE BIBLE IS A TEMPLE TEXT. IT BEGINS WITH THE  
MACRO TEMPLE IN GENESIS AND ENDS WITH  
THE MACRO TEMPLE IN REVELATION.

Our understanding of the work of Yeshua the Messiah is predicated on grasping this principle.



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EXO 25:8 “AND THEY SHALL MAKE ME A SET-APART PLACE,  
AND I SHALL DWELL IN THEIR MIDST.

EXO 25:9 “ACCORDING TO ALL THAT I SHOW YOU – THE  
PATTERN OF THE DWELLING PLACE AND THE PATTERN OF  
ALL ITS FURNISHINGS – MAKE IT EXACTLY SO.

THE PATTERN

Eze 40:1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was smitten, on that same day the hand of יהוה came upon me and He brought me there.

Eze 40:2 In visions of Elohim He brought me into the land of Yisra'ěl and set me on a very high mountain, and upon it toward the south was as the structure of a city.

Eze 40:3 So He brought me there, and look, a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, and a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.

Eze 40:4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I am showing you, for you were brought here in order to show them to you. Declare to the house of Yisra'ěl all that you are seeing."

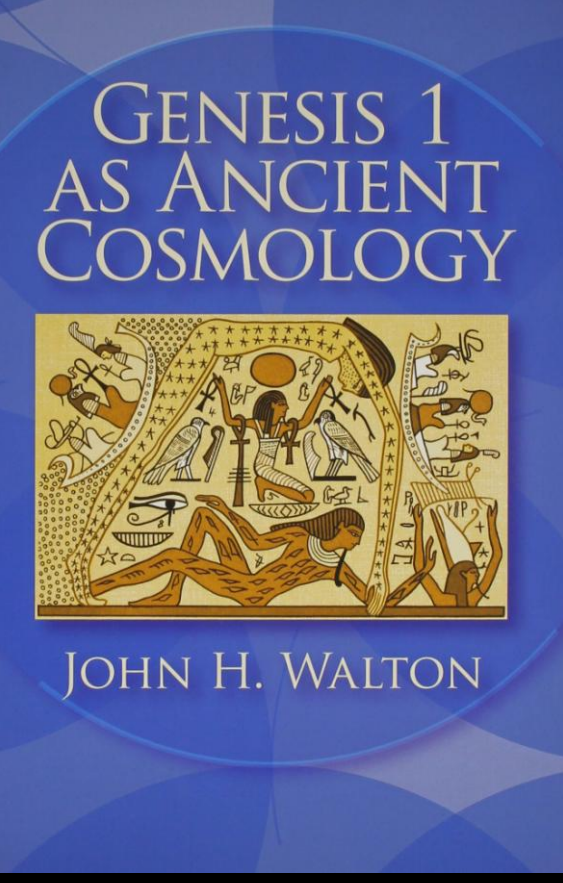
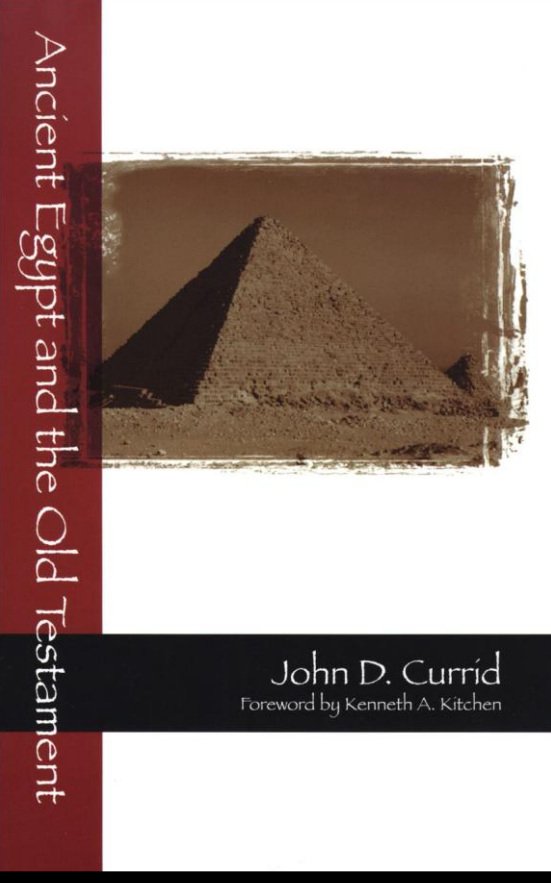
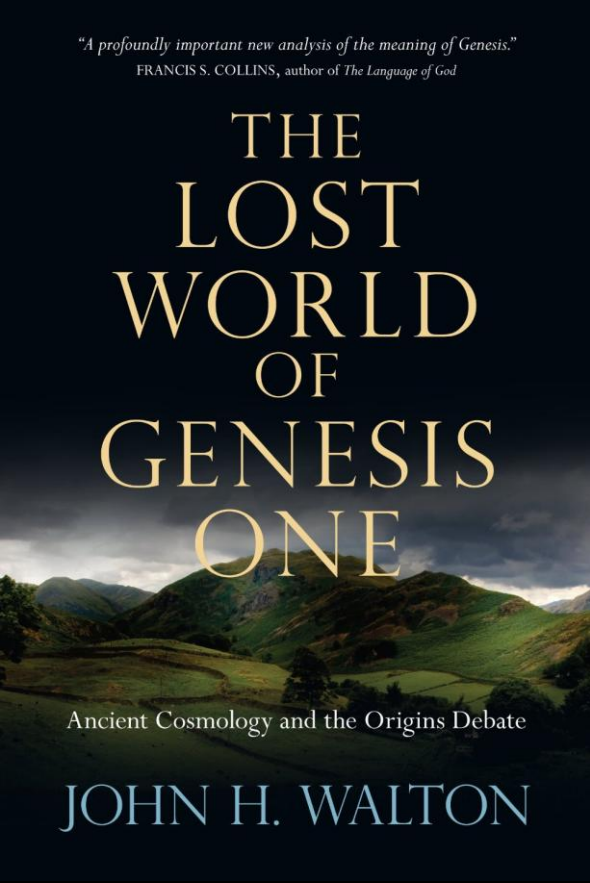
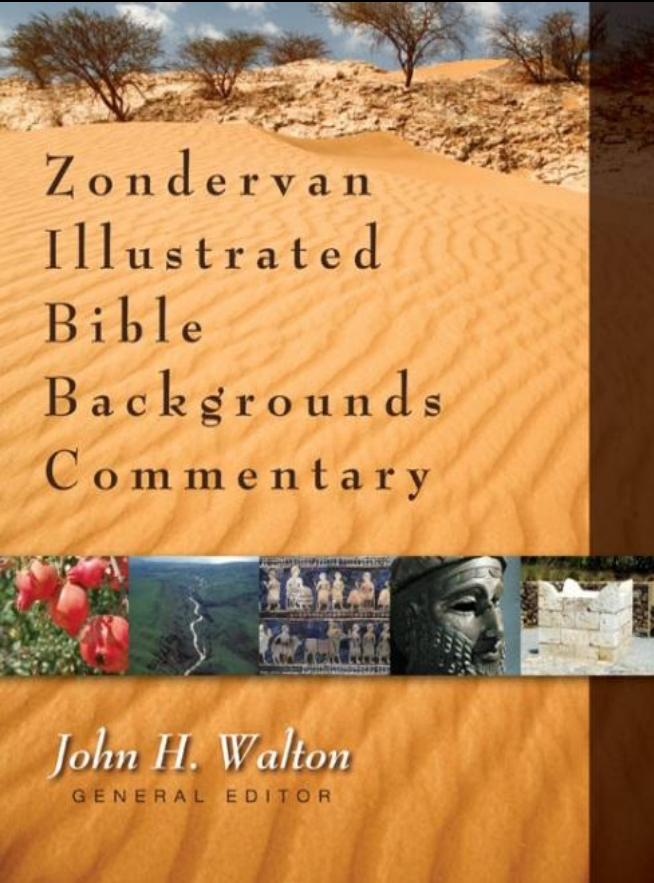


HEB 8:1 NOW THE SUMMARY OF WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS: WE HAVE SUCH A HIGH PRIEST, WHO IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF THE GREATNESS IN THE HEAVENS,  
HEB 8:2 AND WHO SERVES IN THE SET-APART PLACE AND OF THE TRUE TENT, WHICH יִהְיֶה SET UP, AND NOT MAN.  
HEB 8:3 FOR EVERY HIGH PRIEST IS APPOINTED TO OFFER BOTH GIFTS AND SLAUGHTERS. SO IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR THIS ONE TO HAVE SOMEWHAT TO OFFER.  
HEB 8:4 FOR IF INDEED HE WERE ON EARTH, HE WOULD NOT BE A PRIEST, SINCE THERE ARE PRIESTS WHO OFFER THE GIFTS ACCORDING TO THE TORAH,  
HEB 8:5 WHO SERVE A COPY AND SHADOW OF THE HEAVENLY, AS MOSHEH WAS WARNED WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE THE TENT. FOR HE SAID, "SEE THAT YOU MAKE ALL ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

## HEBREWS 8

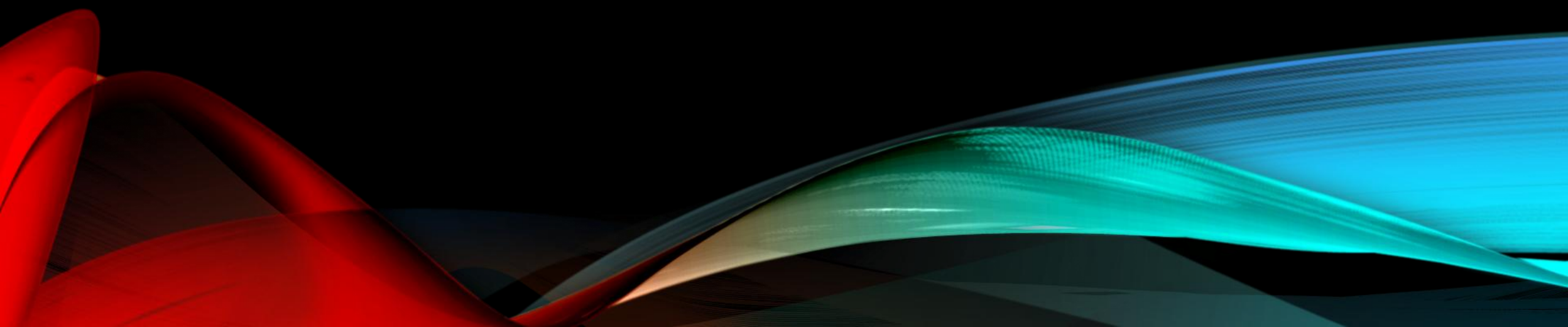


# PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



“IN MOST AREAS THERE IS MORE SIMILARITY BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS THAN THERE IS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND OUR TWENTYFIRST-CENTURY WESTERN WORLD”

John Walton-”Introduction to “The Lost World of Genesis One”







THE MESSAGE & COVENANT OF  
SCRIPTURE TRANSCENDS  
CULTURE, HOWEVER THE FORM OF  
THAT MESSAGE & COVENANT IS  
CULTURE BOUND.

WHY?

BECAUSE THE SCRIPTURES ARE WRITTEN FOR US, NOT TO US AND  
DEFINITION OF TERMS ARE CULTURALLY DETERMINED.

# THE CONCEPTUAL WORLDVIEW AND COGNITIVE ENVIRONMENT OF ANCIENT COSMOLOGY

Defining the Terms



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# ANCHOR BIBLE DICTIONARY

## “COSMOGONY, COSMOLOGY”

“The theory and lore concerning the origin and structure of the universe.”

“Cosmogony and cosmology are both terms whose etymologies remain helpful in defining them for the purposes of discussing their place in biblical thought. The first element in both words is obviously the same Greek word that lies behind the English —cosmos,<sup>11</sup> and thus refers to the entire universe as an organized entity. A cosmogony (*kosmos + genia = —birth<sup>11</sup>*) is thus an account, usually in the form of a mythological tale, about the genesis or birth of the structured universe. A cosmology (*kosmos + logia = —report<sup>11</sup>*) is a blueprint or map, in the widest sense, of the universe as a comprehensible and meaningful place.”

# ANCHOR BIBLE DICTIONARY “COSMOGONY, COSMOLOGY”

Occasionally, scholars have maintained that it is important to make a firm separation between these two terms—a separation between cosmogony, on the one hand, as a mythical account of the original events that produced an ordered universe, and cosmology, on the other hand, as speculation about meaning and value in the universe in the most general sense and even in the absence of any mention of originating events. Though such a terminological division may be useful in discussing nonbiblical religions, the fact is that the locus of almost all cosmological thought in the Hebrew Bible and in the NT is in cosmogonic texts. Hence, the two terms have traditionally been used almost interchangeably in discussions of early Judaism and Christianity...

# ANCIENT EGYPT & THE OLD TESTAMENT BY CURRID

“ The Hebrew conception of the universe differs radically from the other Ancient Near Eastern cosmologies. Whereas the ancient Egyptians , Mesopotamians, and Canaanites sought to explain the structure and operation of the terms of gods who personified nature, the Old Testament speaks of a deity who is apart from the universe. While ancient pagan societies speculatively searched for elements that ordered the universe internally, the Hebrews presented an external force who created and continually sustained the cosmos.”

Ancient Hebrew Cosmology rested upon the Hebrews' unique belief in a single God who began the Universe and was completely sovereign over its operation.

# CREATION TEXTS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

## Mesopotamia

In this myth of creation, which was annually enacted at New Year's religious festivals, the ordered universe emerged out of a "cosmic struggle" of the gods. The *Enuma Elish* vividly imagines the origins of the universe as a struggle between chaos and order. In this myth Marduk the storm god, defeated Tiamat, the sea dragon, and from her body created the universe.

# CREATION TEXTS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

## Mesopotamia

Humanity's creation is also described by another Mesopotamian myth, *Atra-hasis*, in which Mami, the birth goddess and divine midwife, shaped clay moistened by the spittle of the gods and then pinched off pieces to deliver humans from the womb of the earth. The role of humanity again, was to serve the gods by constructing their temples, working their lands, and giving ritual service to the dieties.

# CREATION TEXTS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

## Egypt

The Memphite theology of Egypt, the god Ptah conceived the universe in his mind and brought it into being by his creative word. The fashioning of humanity, however, is ascribed to the potter god, Khnum, who molded people out of clay, crafting them on a potter's wheel. And then placed the fetus in the mother's womb.



# CREATION TEXTS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

## Egypt

Another myth explains the origins of humanity as the joyful tears of the sun god Ra. Although there is no clear Egyptian articulation of the purpose of humanity, there is an assertion that though human beings were created with equal opportunity to do good, (ma'at), they chose to do evil in the hearts.

**COSMOS** CAN BE DEFINED AS A COMPLEX AND ORDERLY SYSTEM, SUCH AS OUR UNIVERSE; THE OPPOSITE OF CHAOS. IT IS THE UNIVERSE REGARDED AS AN ORDERED SYSTEM.

Wikipedia Definition Of the Word "COSMOS"



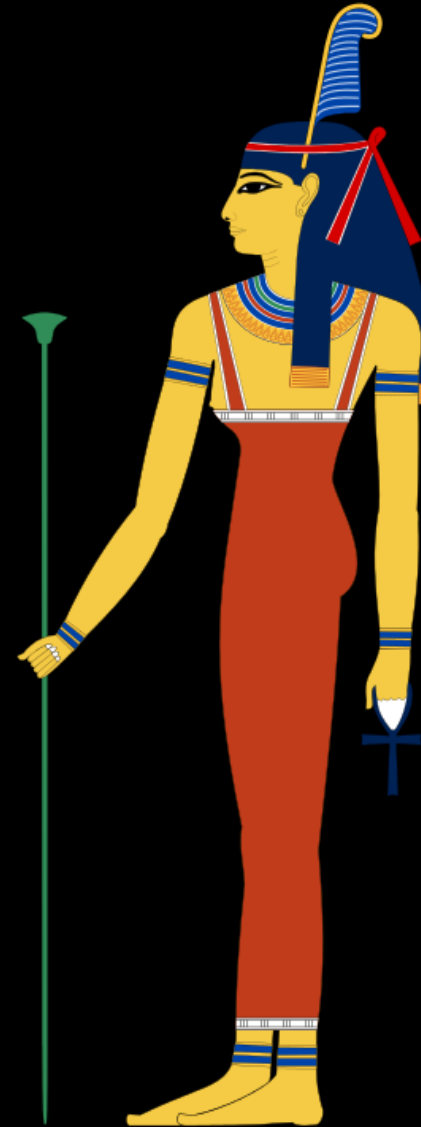
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“WITH REGARD TO THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE, IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT THERE IS NO SINGLE WORD IN BIBLICAL HEBREW WHICH BEARS THE WEIGHT CARRIED BY THE GREEK WORD KOSMOS. THE NOTION THAT THE UNIVERSE IS A RATIONALLY COMPREHENSIBLE TOTALITY IS ONE THAT IS MET WITH FREQUENTLY IN GREEK THOUGHT AND THAT IS REPRESENTED ALREADY BY THE USE OF THIS TERM KOSMOS. THE POSTBIBLICAL USAGE OF THE HEBREW WORD —ANCIENT, II —EVERLASTING II ( . OLĀM) CARRIES SIMILAR CONNOTATIONS; BUT . OLĀM IS NOT USED IN SUCH A COSMIC SENSE WITHIN THE HEBREW BIBLE, AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS (—EARTH II [TĒBĒL], —HEAVEN AND EARTH II [HAŠŠĀMAYIM WĒHĀ .ĀREṢ], OR —THE ALL II [KOL]) ARE SIMILARLY LIMITED.”



## WIKIPEDIA DEFINITION OF “MA'AT”

**Maat**, ""Mayet"", ""Made't"" or **ma'at** (thought to have been pronounced \*[muʔ.ʕat],[<sup>1</sup>] also spelled **māt** or **mayet**, was the ancient Egyptian concept of truth, balance, order, law, morality, and justice. Maat was also personified as a goddess regulating the stars, seasons, and the actions of both mortals and the deities, who set the order of the universe from chaos at the moment of creation.



# THE CONCEPT OF LAW AND JUSTICE IN ANCIENT EGYPT,

NICOLAAS JOHANNES VAN BLERK



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# THE CONCEPT OF MA'AT

Because *ma'at* was the highest conception of physical and moral law and order known to the Egyptians, Egyptologists normally use a transcription of the Egyptian word, rather than a translation (Allen 2004: 115). *Ma'at* on a cosmic level governed the proper functioning of the universe and kept the world's elements fixed in their proper places. The opposite of *ma'at* was *izft*, "wrong", "incorrect, or antisocial behaviour", "disorder", "falsehood", and "injustice."

The concept of *ma'at* was extremely important for the ancient Egyptians. Gods and people, particularly the king, had to live according to *ma'at*. It was by living according to *ma'at* that the ancient Egyptians confirmed that they understood the concept/principle of *ma'at*, and that they acknowledged the existence of the gods (Helck 1980: 1112-1113).

*Ma'at was created by the creator god and was placed in the cosmos to bring order. Order was therefore not seen as a natural quality of the world (Assmann 1989: 62) M3't essentially meant "the way things ought to be". It referred to the natural order of the universe, and was a concept that is very difficult to translate accurately by one English word (Allen 2004: 115). Ma'at was seen as the most fundamental force of nature by the ancient Egyptians and its hieroglyph, Aa11, appears to be a base upon which an object can stand, which is perhaps why it was used as an ideogram for something that is basic or fundamental. (Allen 2004: 115).*

# “ONTOLOGY”

The belief of what it means for something to EXIST.

- A. “Material Ontology” – the belief something exists by virtue of its physical properties and experienced by the senses
- B. “Functional Ontology”- the belief something exists based off its functional terms and assigned a role in the ordered cosmos
- C. “Cosmic Ontology”- the belief that the cosmos exists as a functioning kingdom.



BY THIS FOUNDATION, WE CAN MOVE ON TO  
REALIZING GENESIS ONE IS NOT ABOUT ORIGINS  
OF MATERIAL SUBSTANCE BUT ORIGINS OF  
FUNCTION TO THE ORDERED COSMOS OF  
YHWH'S MACRO-TEMPLE.



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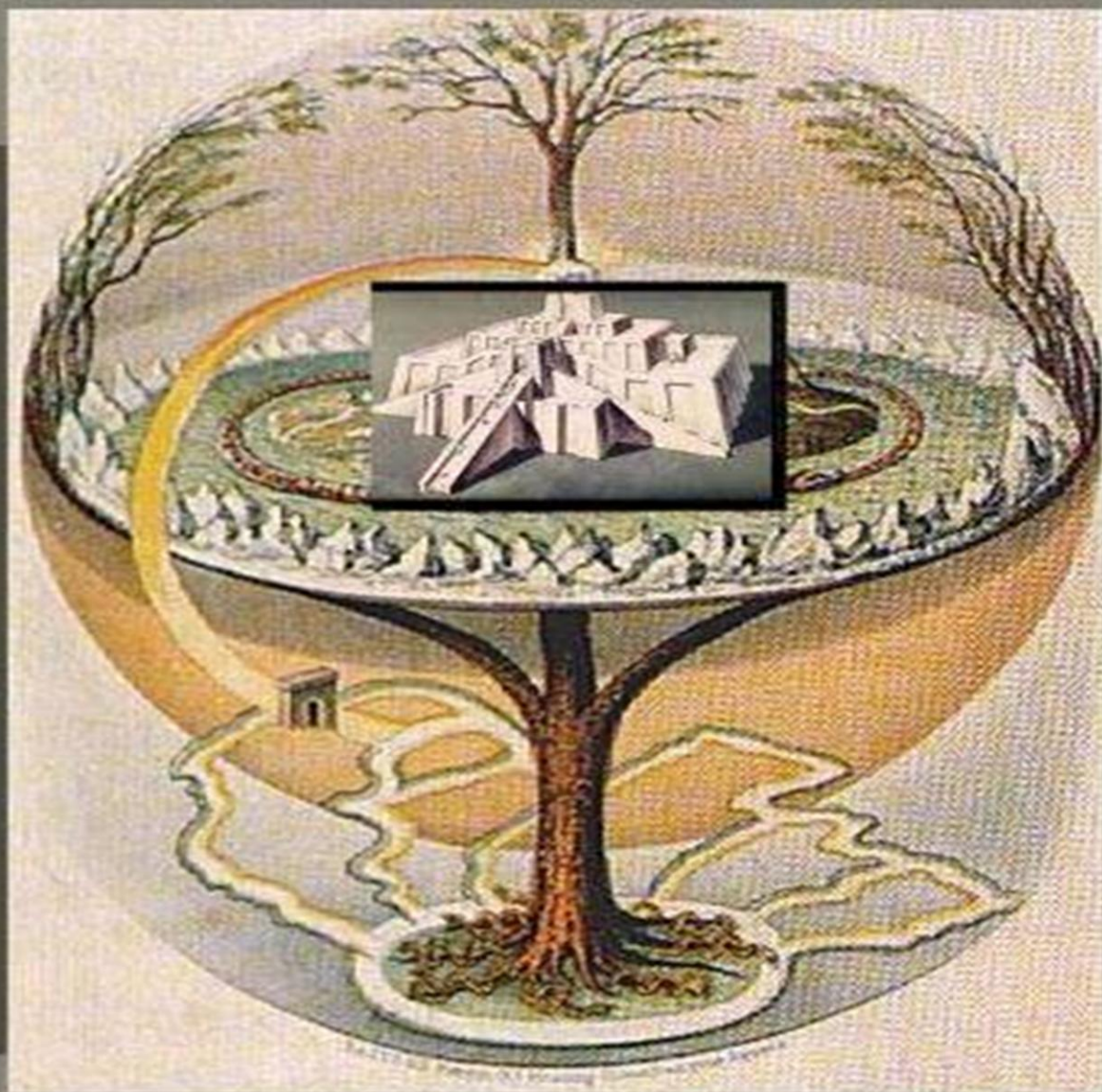


# THE COSMIC GEOGRAPHY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD.

All the nations had a mindset of the geography of the  
Cosmic Temple.

# Ziggurats

- A manifestation of ANE cosmology,
- The earth was a disc of land which surrounded by a salt water ocean, both of which floated on another sea of fresh water called Apsu.
- Above was a solid dome firmament; stars fixed on it.
- A world mountain formed an axis mundi that joined all three layers.
- **The role of the temple was to act as that axis mundi**, a meeting place between gods and men.
- Rectangular with **four corners pointing in cardinal directions to symbolize the four rivers** which flow from the mountain to the four world regions.





Artistic rendering of how the Israelites envisioned their world.

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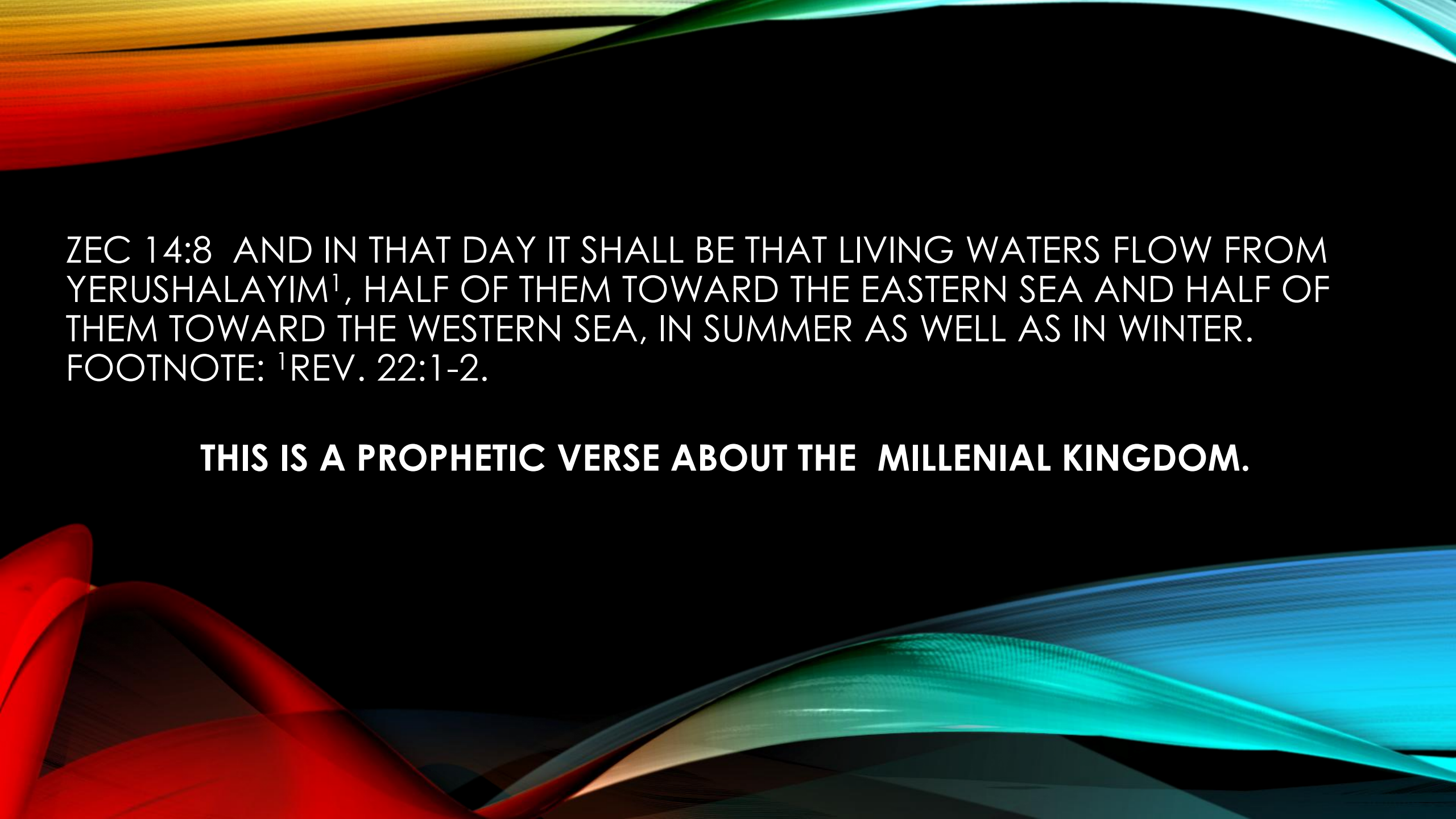
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**DEEP, THE** [**Heb** *těhôm* ( תְּהוֹמִים )] In ANE cosmology, the earth was thought to have been placed afloat in the midst of terrifying cosmic waters. In Hebrew, this primeval ocean is usually called *těhôm*, but also *měṣûlāh*, *měṣôlāh*, and *ṣûlāh*. These synonyms are regularly translated by *abyssos*, —*abyss*, || in Greek, far less frequently by *bathos* and *bythos*, —*depth* ||. The deep may, of course, refer simply to the ocean without any mythological implication (so in Job 38:30; 41:23—Eng 41:31; Ps 107:24; and Mic 7:19).

**REV 21:1 AND I SAW A RENEWED HEAVEN AND A  
RENEWED EARTH, FOR THE FORMER HEAVEN AND  
THE FORMER EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY, AND THE  
SEA IS NO MORE.**

DOES THIS MEAN THERE WILL BE NO MORE WATER ON THE  
EARTH?

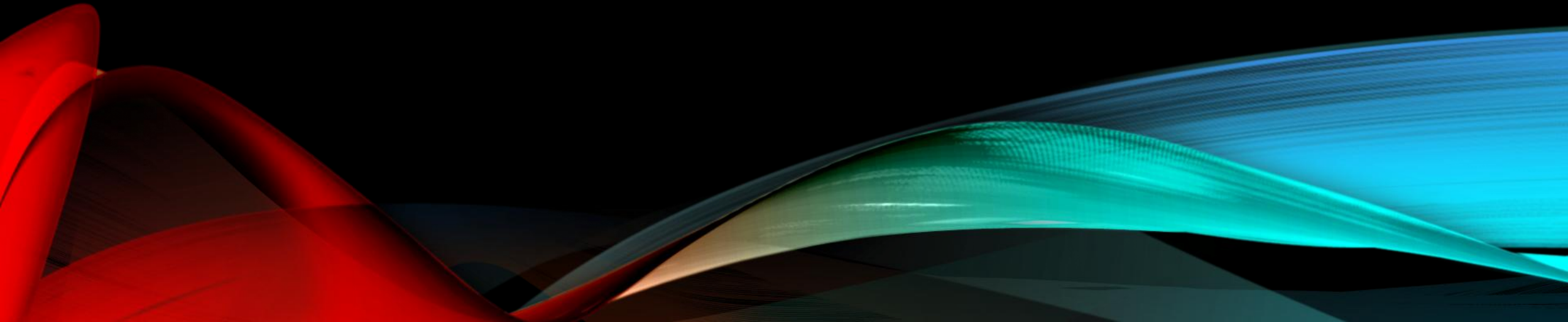
WHAT BOUT ZECHARIAH 14:8?



ZEC 14:8 AND IN THAT DAY IT SHALL BE THAT LIVING WATERS FLOW FROM YERUSHALAYIM<sup>1</sup>, HALF OF THEM TOWARD THE EASTERN SEA AND HALF OF THEM TOWARD THE WESTERN SEA, IN SUMMER AS WELL AS IN WINTER.  
FOOTNOTE: <sup>1</sup>REV. 22:1-2.

**THIS IS A PROPHETIC VERSE ABOUT THE MILLENIAL KINGDOM.**

REV 22:1 AND HE SHOWED ME A RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE, CLEAR AS CRYSTAL,  
COMING FROM THE THRONE OF ELOHIM AND OF THE LAMB.  
REV 22:2 IN THE MIDDLE OF ITS STREET, AND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, WAS  
THE TREE OF LIFE, WHICH BORE TWELVE FRUITS, EACH TREE YIELDING ITS FRUIT  
EVERY MONTH. AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREE WERE FOR THE HEALING OF THE  
NATIONS.





JOHN 7:37 AND ON THE LAST DAY, THE GREAT DAY OF THE FESTIVAL, *יהושע* STOOD AND CRIED OUT, SAYING, "IF ANYONE THIRSTS, LET HIM COME TO ME, AND LET HIM WHO BELIEVES IN ME DRINK.

JOHN 7:38 "AS THE SCRIPTURE SAID, OUT OF HIS INNERMOST SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER."<sup>1</sup>

**FOOTNOTE: <sup>1</sup>ISA. 44:3, JER. 2:13, JER. 17:13, ZECH. 14:8, PS. 36:8,9, PROV.14:27, JOHN 4:10, JOHN 6:63, 1 COR. 10:4, REV. 7:17, REV. 21:6, REV. 22:1 & 17.**



IN THE  
BEGINNING GOD

GENESIS 1:1

ANALYZING THE TEXT



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THE WORD “BEGINNING” IN SCRIPTURE AND  
OTHER ANE TEXTS IS USED TO TYPICALLY TO  
INTRODUCE A PERIOD OF TIME RATHER  
THAN A POINT OF TIME.

THE PHRASE “IN THE BEGINNING”

*In the beginning* Elohim created the heavens and the earth...



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## THE LOST WORLD OF GENESIS ONE

“This usage happens to correspond with ideas that are reflected in ancient Near Eastern creation texts. Egyptian texts refer to the “first occasion,” which implies the first occurrence of an event that is to be repeated or continued. In Akkadian the comparable term to the Hebrew refers to the first part or first installment. All of this information leads us to conclude that the “beginning” is a way of talking about the seven-day *period* rather than a point in time prior to the seven days.”

**IF THE “BEGINNING” REFERS TO THE SEVEN-DAY PERIOD RATHER THAN TO A POINT IN TIME BEFORE THE SEVEN-DAY PERIOD, THEN WE WOULD CONCLUDE THAT THE FIRST VERSE DOES NOT RECORD A SEPARATE ACT OF CREATION THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE SEVEN DAYS—BUT THAT IN FACT THE CREATION THAT IT REFERS TO IS RECOUNTED IN THE SEVEN DAYS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT VERSE 1 SERVES AS A LITERARY INTRODUCTION TO THE REST OF THE CHAPTER**

“THE ROLE OF VERSE 1”

THE LOST WORLD OF GENESIS ONE

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*Wisdom in Torah*  
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# CREATE, “BARA”

WHAT DOES THIS TERM MEAN IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN  
WORLDVIEW?



Wisdom in Torah  
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# REMEMBER ONTOLOGY. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR SOMETHING TO EXIST?

In the ancient world something existed when it had a function-a role to play.



“ALL ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN CULTURES BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A PRE-CREATION CONDITION OF NON –FUNCTIONALITY CHARACTERIZED BY WATER AND DARKNESS, WHICH WAS REMEDIED BY CREATIVE ACTS THAT ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS BY GIVING NAMES, SEPARATING, AND BRINGING FUNCTIONAL ORDER TO THE COSMOS”

ZONDERVAN BIBLE BACKGROUND COMMENTARY, PAGE 12-13



“IN THE OLD TESTAMENT GOD HAS NO NEEDS AND FOCUSES FUNCTIONALITY AROUND PEOPLE. WE WILL SEE INCREASING EVIDENCE OF THIS UNDERSTANDING AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF GENESIS 1. CONSEQUENTLY, FUNCTIONALITY CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE. IN GENESIS PEOPLE ARE NOT PUT IN PLACE UNTIL DAY SIX, BUT FUNCTIONALITY IS ESTABLISHED WITH THEIR NEEDS AND SITUATION IN MIND. THIS CONCLUSION IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY THE MEANING OF THE REPEATED FORMULA “IT WAS GOOD,”

THE LOST WORLD OF GENESIS ONE, PAGE 50



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## UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF “GOOD” BY LOOKING AT WHAT IS “NOT GOOD”.

(Gen 2:18) And יהוה  
Elohim said, “It is not  
good for the man to be  
alone, I am going to  
make a helper for him,  
as his counterpart.”

This verse has is not dealing  
with moral perfection, the  
substance or quality of  
workmanship—it is a  
comment concerning  
function. The human  
condition is not functionally  
complete without the  
woman.



# THE 7 -FOLD FORMULA OF "IT WAS GOOD"

- 1.Gen\_1:4 And Elohim saw the light, that it was good.  
And Elohim separated the light from the darkness.
- 2.Gen\_1:10 And Elohim called the dry land 'earth,' and the collection of the waters He called 'seas.' And Elohim saw that it was good.
- 3.Gen\_1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, the plant that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind.  
And Elohim saw that it was good.

# THE 7 -FOLD FORMULA OF "IT WAS GOOD"

- 4.Gen\_1:18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And Elohim saw that it was good.
- 5.Gen\_1:21 And Elohim created great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters teemed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.
- 6.Gen\_1:25 And Elohim made the beast of the earth according to its kind, livestock according to its kind, and all that creep on the earth according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good. ...

#7-GEN\_1:31 AND ELOHIM SAW ALL THAT HE  
HAD MADE, AND SEE, IT WAS VERY GOOD.  
AND THERE CAME TO BE EVENING AND THERE  
CAME TO BE MORNING, THE SIXTH DAY

“The cosmic creation in the ancient world was not viewed primarily as a process by which matter was brought into being, but as a process by which functions, roles, order, jurisdiction, organization and stability were established.” Page 52

**THE COSMOS CAN NOW BE RECOGNIZED AS IT WAS IN THE EYES OF  
THE ANCIENT WORLD...AN ORDERED, FUNCTIONING KINGDOM.**



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DAYS 1-3- "ESTABLISHING  
FUNCTIONS"

DAYS 4-6 "ESTABLISHING  
FUNCTIONARIES"

GENESIS CHAPTER ONE...READING THRU THE TEXT.



## THE LOST WORLD OF GENESIS ONE

“In days four to six the functionaries of the cosmos are installed in their appropriate positions and given their appropriate roles. Using the company analogy, they are assigned their offices (cubicles), told to whom they will report, and thus given an idea of their place in the company. Their workday is determined by the clock, and they are expected to be productive. Foremen have been put in place, and the plant is now ready for operation. But before the company is ready to operate, the owner is going to arrive and move into his office.”

Gen 2:1-2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their array. (2) And on the seventh day Elohim completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

# DAY 7, DIVINE REST.

WHAT IS MEANT BY THIS IN THE EYES AND MINDSET OF THE ANCIENT WORLD?



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“TEMPLE IS BUILT IN THE ANCIENT WORLD SO THAT DEITY CAN HAVE A CENTER FOR HIS RULE. THE TEMPLE IS THE RESIDENCE AND PALACE OF THE GODS. LIKE THE AMERICAN WHITE HOUSE, IT IS THE HUB OF AUTHORITY AND CONTROL. IT IS WHERE THE WORK OF RUNNING THE COUNTRY TAKES PLACE. WHEN A NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT LOOKS FORWARD TO TAKING UP HIS RESIDENCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, IT IS NOT SIMPLY SO HE CAN KICK OFF HIS SHOES AND SNOOZE IN THE LINCOLN BEDROOM. IT IS SO HE CAN BEGIN THE WORK OF RUNNING THE COUNTRY. THUS IN ANCIENT TERMS THE PRESIDENT “TAKES UP HIS REST” IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THIS IS FAR FROM RELAXATION. THE TURMOIL AND UNCERTAINTY OF THE ELECTION IS OVER, AND NOW HE CAN SETTLE DOWN TO THE IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT HAND. IT IS HIS HOME, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HIS HEADQUARTERS—THE CONTROL ROOM. WHEN THE DEITY RESTS IN THE TEMPLE IT MEANS THAT HE IS TAKING COMMAND, THAT HE IS MOUNTING TO HIS THRONE TO ASSUME HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE AND HIS PROPER ROLE.” PAGE 74



# THRONE IN THE HEAVENS, HIS PLACE OF REST

- Psa\_11:4 יהוה is in His set-apart Hēkāl, The throne of יהוה is in the heavens. His eyes see, His eyelids examine the sons of men
- Psa\_103:19 יהוה has established His throne in the heavens, And His reign shall rule over all.
- Isa\_66:1 Thus said יהוה, “The heavens are My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where is this house that you build for Me? And where is this place of My rest?
- Heb\_8:1 Now the summary of what we are saying is: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Greatness in the heavens,

“HOUSE ..... INSPIRING GREAT AWE, CALLED WITH A MIGHTY NAME  
BY AN; HOUSE ..... WHOSE FATE IS GRANDLY DETERMINED BY THE  
GREAT MOUNTAIN ENLIL! HOUSE OF THE ANUNA GODS POSSESSING  
GREAT POWER, WHICH GIVES WISDOM TO THE PEOPLE; HOUSE, REPOSEFUL  
DWELLING OF THE GREAT GODS! HOUSE, WHICH WAS  
PLANNED TOGETHER WITH THE PLANS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WITH THE PURE  
DIVINE POWERS; HOUSE WHICH UNDERPINS THE  
LAND AND SUPPORTS THE SHRINES!”

## SUMERIAN TEXT-TEMPLE HYMN OF KES



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“THE WORK OF CREATION BY MARDUK IS FOLLOWED BY THE BUILDING OF A TEMPLE FOR HIM. NOTE THE FOLLOWING: THE GODS GIVE MARDUK KINGSHIP AND MARDUK RESPONDS WITH THE STATEMENT, “BELOW THE FIRMAMENT, WHOSE GROUNDING I HAVE MADE FIRM, A HOUSE I SHALL BUILD, LET IT BE THE ABODE OF MY PLEASURE. WITHIN IT I SHALL ESTABLISH ITS HOLY PLACE, I SHALL APPOINT MY HOLY CHAMBERS, I SHALL ESTABLISH MY KINGSHIP” . THIS PLACE IS TO BE THE “STOPPING PLACE” OF THE GODS AFTER HUMANKIND IS CREATED AT THE BEGINNING OF TABLET SIX AND THE GODS ARE GIVEN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, THE HEAD GODS MAKE A DECLARATION: “WE WILL MAKE A SHRINE, WHOSE NAME WILL BE A BYWORD, YOUR CHAMBER THAT SHALL BE OUR STOPPING PLACE, WE SHALL FIND REST THEREIN” THESE SECTIONS DEMONSTRATE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CREATION (COSMIC AND HUMAN), ORGANIZATION OF THE COSMOS, REST, TEMPLE AND RULE.”

ON THE BABYLONIAN CREATION EPIC “ENUMA ELISH”

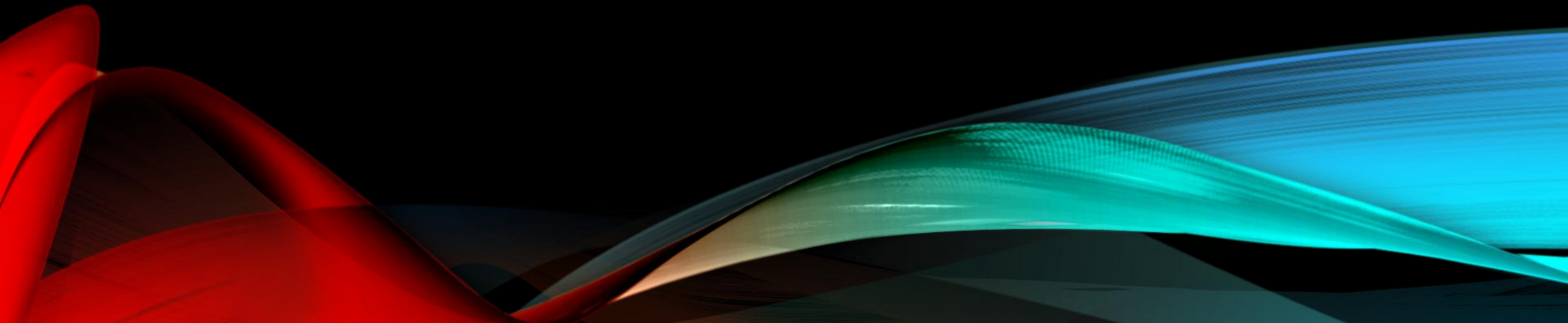
# THE SEVEN DAYS IN GENESIS RELATE TO THE COSMIC TEMPLE INAUGURATION

The House of YHWH does not become the Temple until HE takes up residence there and moves in. It is His dwelling place where rules all in perfect order.

The same way your house does not become a home until you take residence there, and move in.



IF WE LOOK AT WHEN SOLOMON “BUILT “  
THE FIRST TEMPLE, ITS MATERIALS TOOK 7  
YEARS. HOWEVER ITS INNAUGURATION OR  
DEDICATION WAS 7 DAYS FOLLOWING NOT  
ONLY THE PATTERN OF “CREATION” BUT  
ALSO THE ALTAR, THE PRIESTHOOD ETC.



THE 7 DAYS OF CREATION REPRESENT A TEMPLE INAUGURATION CEREMONY. FURTHERMORE, DURING THOSE 7 DAYS, YHWH IS GIVING FUNCTIONS AND ROLES TO THE FUNCTIONALITIES WITHIN HIS TEMPLE. THIS REPRESENTS RULE, ORDER AND THEN REST AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED.

UPON PONDERING THIS,  
A NEW ELEMENT TO UNDERSTANDING THE 7 YEAR  
TRIBULATION EMERGES...

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HASATAN HAS BEEN GIVEN THE AUTHORITY OVER THE EARTH IN ITS PRESENT STATE. AN AUTHORITY THAT IS BASED UPON NOTHING OTHER THAN CHAOS.

THE TRIBULATION IS TO BE SEEN AND RECOGNIZED AS A LIMINAL AND THRESHOLD PERIOD. THIS PERIOD OF 7 YEARS IS THE TRANSITION OF AUTHORITY FROM ONE OF CHAOS, DIS-ORDER AND UNREST BACK TO THE COMPLETED PERFECT HARMONY STATE OF YHWH'S RULE AS IN THE BEGINNING.



## CHECK THIS OUT!

There are 7 speeches or texts given to Moshe on the construction of the Tabernacle and its furnishings, all beginning with the phrase, "And יהוה spoke to Mosheh" Which can be found in Exodus 25:1, 30:11, 30:17, 30:22, 30:34, 31:1 and the Seventh in 31:12



BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!

# DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FIRST 6 OF THESE SPEECHES AND THEN THE SEVENTH IN EXODUS 31:12-18

Exo 31:12-18 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, (13) “And you, speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘My Sabbaths you are to guard, by all means, for it is a sign<sup>1</sup> between Me and you throughout your generations, to know that I, יהוה, am setting you apart. (14) ‘And you shall guard the Sabbath, for it is set-apart to you. Everyone who profanes it shall certainly be put to death, for anyone who does work on it, that being shall be cut off from among his people. (15) ‘Six days work is done, and on the seventh is a Sabbath of rest, set-apart to יהוה. Everyone doing work on the Sabbath day shall certainly be put to death. (16) ‘And the children of Yisra’el shall guard the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant. (17) ‘Between Me and the children of Yisra’el it is a sign forever. For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ ” (18) And when He had ended speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Mosheh two tablets of the Witness, tablets of stone, written with the finger of Elohim.

The extended text to keep the Sabbath after the other 6 speeches of construction directly references the Seven Days of Creation found in Genesis 1!

# THE COSMOS IS A MACRO-TEMPLE , AND THE EARTHLY TEMPLE IS MICRO- COSMOS

Remember the pattern YHWH gave to Moshe...



1 KI 8:27 “FOR IS IT TRUE: ELOHIM DWELLS ON THE  
EARTH? SEE, THE HEAVENS AND THE HEAVENS OF  
THE HEAVENS ARE UNABLE TO CONTAIN YOU,  
HOW MUCH LESS THIS HOUSE WHICH I HAVE  
BUILT!

Solomon recognizes that the Cosmos is Elohim's  
Temple and the earthly Temple is a Microcosim.

ISA 66:1 THUS SAID יְהוָה, “THE HEAVENS ARE MY THRONE, AND THE EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL. WHERE IS THIS HOUSE THAT YOU BUILD FOR ME? AND WHERE IS THIS PLACE OF MY REST?”

ISA 66:2 “AND ALL THESE MY HAND HAVE MADE, AND ALL THESE THAT EXIST,” DECLARES יְהוָה. “YET TO SUCH A ONE I LOOK: ON HIM WHO IS POOR AND BRUISED OF SPIRIT, AND WHO TREMBLES AT MY WORD.

THIS IS THE LINK AND ELEMENTS TO THE MACRO-TEMPLE OF THE COSMOS, THE LINK BETWEEN TEMPLE AND REST AND THE CONNECTION OF CREATION AND TEMPLE.



NOW HERE ONE MAY WONDER AT THE ILL-WILL WHICH MEN BEAR TO US, AND WHICH THEY PROFESS TO BEAR ON ACCOUNT OF OUR DESPISING THAT DEITY WHICH THEY PRETEND TO HONOR; FOR IF ANY ONE DO BUT CONSIDER THE FABRIC OF THE TABERNACLE, AND TAKE A VIEW OF THE GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST, AND OF THOSE VESSELS WHICH WE MAKE USE OF IN OUR SACRED MINISTRATION, HE WILL FIND THAT OUR LEGISLATOR WAS A DIVINE MAN, AND THAT WE ARE UNJUSTLY REPROACHED BY OTHERS; FOR IF ANY ONE DO WITHOUT PREJUDICE, AND WITH JUDGMENT, LOOK UPON THESE THINGS, HE WILL FIND THEY WERE **EVERY ONE MADE IN WAY OF IMITATION AND REPRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSE.**

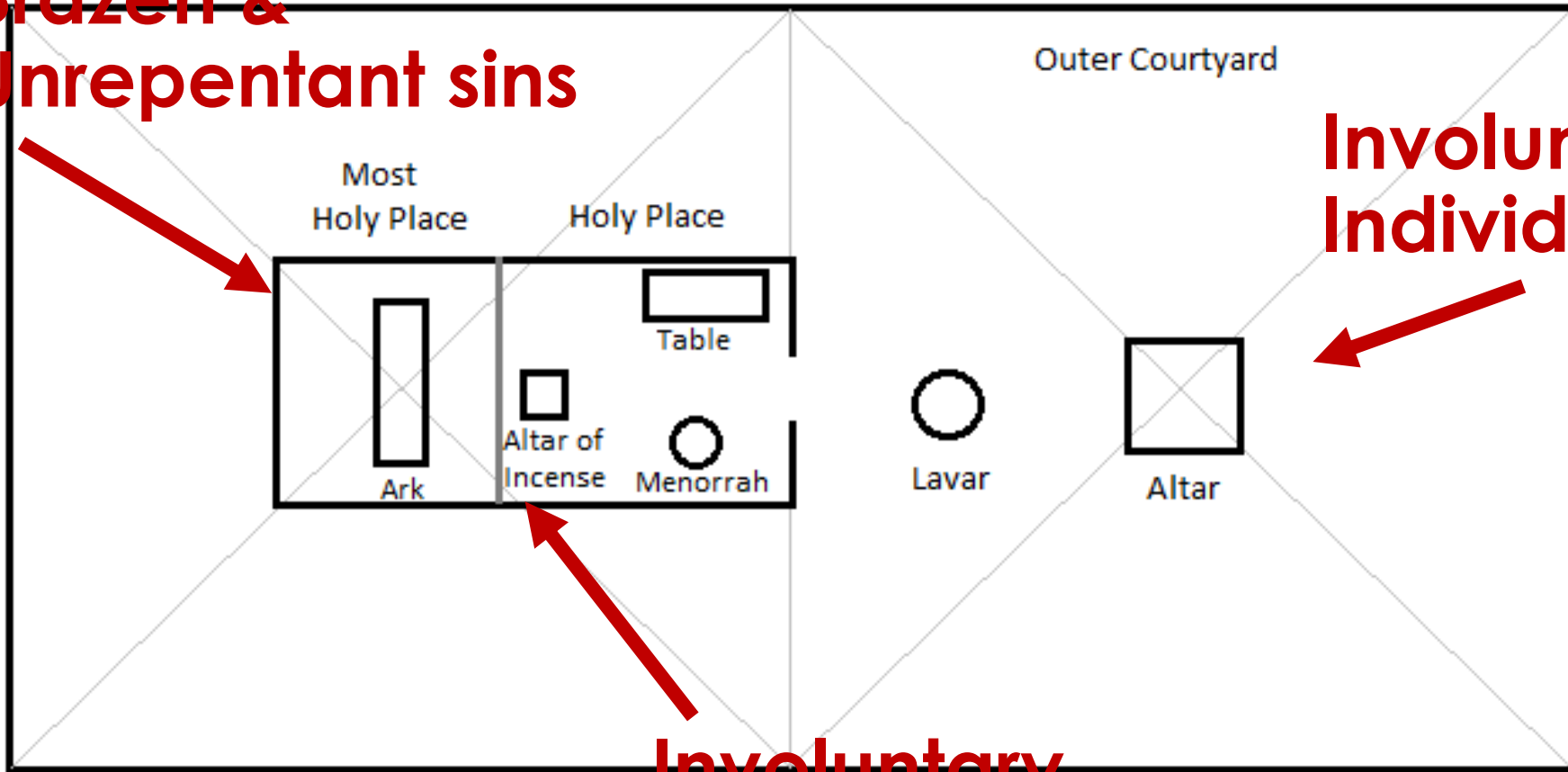
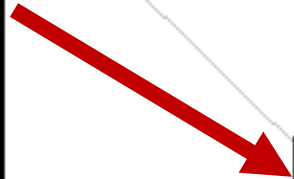
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# GRADED STAGES OF IMPURITY AND ALTAR CONTAMINATION

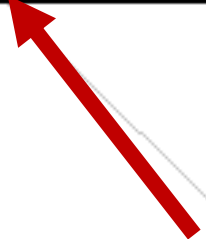
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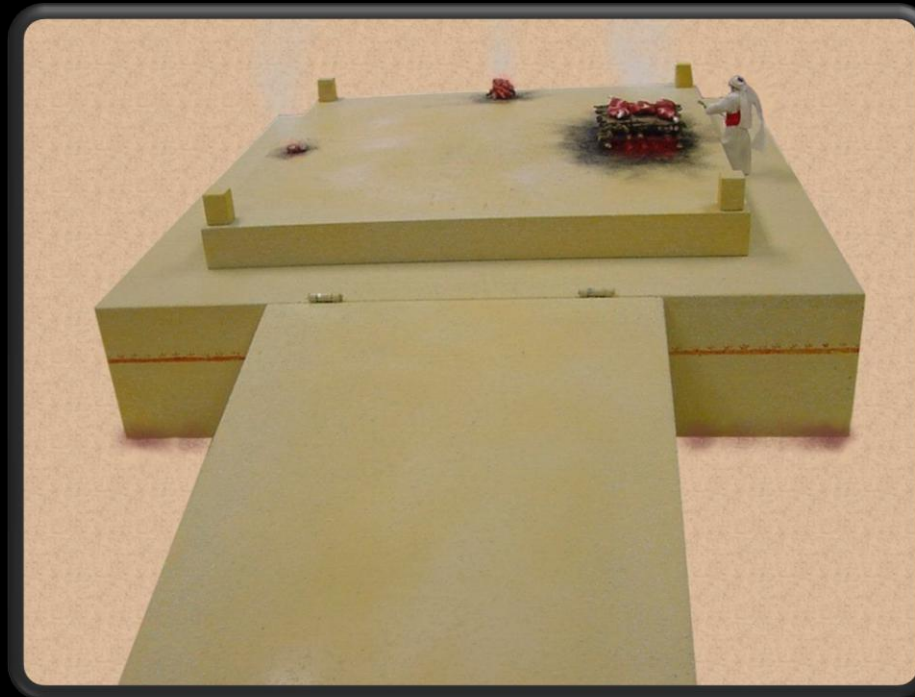
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# 3 GRADED STAGES OF IMPURITY IN THE SANCTUARY

The dynamic, aerial quality of biblical impurity is best attested by its *graded power*. Impurity pollutes the sanctuary in three stages:

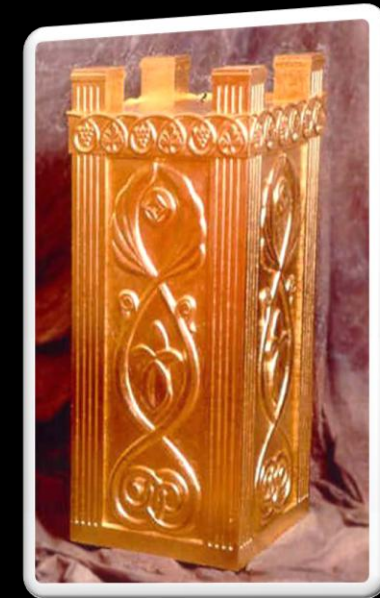
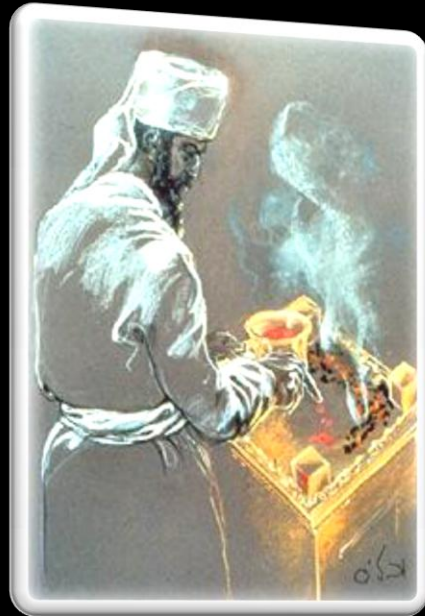
1. The individual's inadvertent misdemeanor or severe physical impurity pollutes the courtyard altar, which is purged by daubing its horns with the hatta't blood (Leviticus 4:25, 30; 9:9 ff.).





# 3 GRADED STAGES OF IMPURITY IN THE SANCTUARY

2. The inadvertent misdemeanor of the high priest or the entire community pollutes the shrine, which is purged by the high priest by placing the hatta't blood on the inner altar and before the *paroket-veil* (Leviticus 4:5–7, 16–18).



# 3 GRADED STAGES OF IMPURITY IN THE SANCTUARY

3. The wanton, unrepented sin not only pollutes the outer altar and penetrates into the shrine but it pierces the veil to the holy ark and *kapporet*, the very throne of God (cf. Isaiah 37:16). Since the wanton sinner is barred from bringing his *hatta't* (Numbers 15:27–31), the pollution wrought by his offense must await the annual purgation of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement, which consists of two steps: the purging of the tent and the purging of the outer altar (Leviticus 16:16–19). Thus the entire sacred area, or, more precisely, all that is most sacred, is purged on Purgation Day (*Yôm hakkippurim*) with the *hatta't* blood.

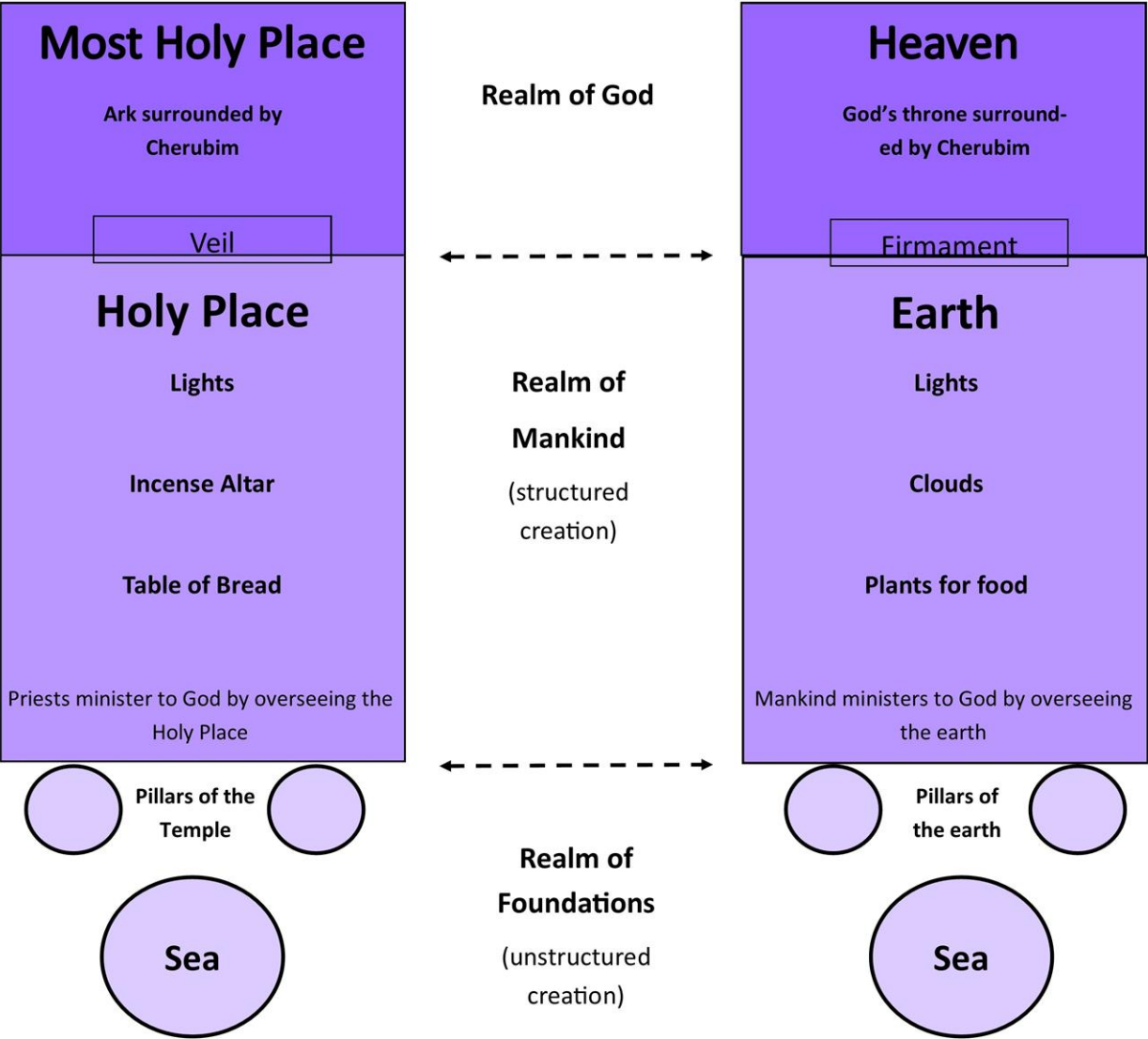


# THE DAY OF PURGATION- YOM KIPPUR

## EARTHLY TABERNACLE

IN LEVITICUS 16:18-34 , WE SEE THAT **ALL THREE** ALTARS ARE PURGED OR CLEANSED TO REMOVE ALL 3 CATEGORIES OF GRADED IMPURITY FROM ALL OF ISRAEL.







He was torn for our transgressions.

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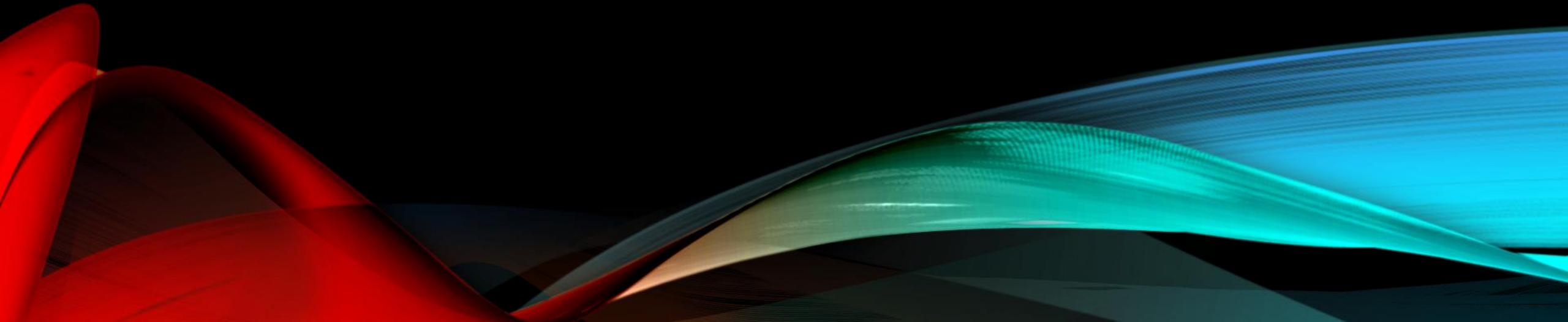
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## JOSEPHUS 5:4

“but before these doors there was a veil of equal largeness with the doors. It was a Babylonian curtain, embroidered with blue, and fine linen, and scarlet, and purple, and of a contexture that was truly wonderful. Nor was this mixture of colors without its mystical interpretation, but was a kind of image of the universe; for by the scarlet there seemed to be enigmatically signified fire, by the fine flax the earth, by the blue the air, and by the purple the sea; two of them having their colors the foundation of this resemblance; but the fine flax and the purple have their own origin for that foundation, the earth producing the one, and the sea the other. This curtain had also embroidered upon it all that was mystical in the heavens, excepting that of the [twelve] signs, representing living creatures”

EZE\_1:1 AND IT CAME TO BE IN THE THIRTIETH  
YEAR, IN THE FOURTH MONTH, ON THE FIFTH  
OF THE MONTH, AS I WAS AMONG THE  
EXILES BY THE RIVER KEBAR, THE HEAVENS  
WERE OPENED AND I SAW VISIONS OF  
ELOHIM.



ISA 63:15 LOOK DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS, AND SEE FROM YOUR SET-APART AND COMELY DWELLING. WHERE ARE YOUR ARDOUR AND YOUR MIGHT, THE STIRRING OF YOUR INWARD PARTS AND YOUR COMPASSION TOWARD ME? ARE THEY WITHHELD?

ISA 63:16 FOR YOU ARE OUR FATHER, THOUGH ABRAHAM DOES NOT KNOW US, AND YISRA'ĒL DOES NOT RECOGNISE US. YOU, O יהוה, ARE OUR FATHER, OUR REDEEMER – YOUR NAME IS FROM OF OLD.



MAT\_3:16 AND HAVING BEEN IMMERSED, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ  
WENT UP IMMEDIATELY FROM THE WATER, AND  
SEE, THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED, AND HE SAW  
THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE  
AND COMING UPON HIM,



MAR 1:10 AND IMMEDIATELY, COMING UP FROM THE WATER, HE SAW THE HEAVENS BEING TORN OPEN AND THE SPIRIT COMING DOWN ON HIM LIKE A DOVE.  
MAR 1:11 AND A VOICE CAME OUT OF THE HEAVENS, "YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED, IN WHOM I DID DELIGHT."

GOSPEL OF MARK 1:10



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HEB 9:1-4 NOW THE FIRST COVENANT INDEED HAD REGULATIONS OF WORSHIP AND THE EARTHLY SET-APART PLACE. (2) FOR A TENT WAS PREPARED: THE FIRST PART, IN WHICH WAS THE LAMPSTAND, AND THE TABLE, AND THE SHOWBREAD, WHICH IS CALLED THE SET-APART PLACE. (3) AND AFTER THE SECOND VEIL, THE PART OF THE TENT WHICH IS CALLED MOST SET-APART, (4) TO WHICH BELONGED THE GOLDEN CENSER, AND THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OVERLAID ON ALL SIDES WITH GOLD, IN WHICH WERE THE GOLDEN POT THAT HELD THE MANNA, AND THE ROD OF AHARON THAT BUDDDED, AND THE TABLETS OF THE COVENANT,

MAT 27:50-54 AND יְהוֹשֻׁעַ CRIED OUT AGAIN WITH A LOUD VOICE, AND GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT. (51) AND SEE, THE VEIL OF THE DWELLING PLACE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, AND THE EARTH WAS SHAKEN, AND THE ROCKS WERE SPLIT, (52) AND THE TOMBS WERE OPENED, AND MANY BODIES OF THE SET-APART ONES WHO HAD FALLEN ASLEEP WERE RAISED, (53) AND COMING OUT OF THE TOMBS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, THEY WENT INTO THE SET-APART CITY AND APPEARED TO MANY. (54) AND WHEN THE CAPTAIN AND THOSE WITH HIM, WHO WERE GUARDING יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, SAW THE EARTHQUAKE AND ALL THAT TOOK PLACE, THEY FEARED EXCEEDINGLY, SAYING, "TRULY THIS WAS THE SON OF ELOHIM!"

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

MAR 15:37 AND יהושע CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, AND BREATHED HIS LAST.

MAR 15:38 AND THE VEIL OF THE DWELLING PLACE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

MAR 15:39 AND WHEN THE CAPTAIN, WHO WAS STANDING OPPOSITE HIM, SAW THAT HE CRIED OUT LIKE THIS AND BREATHED HIS LAST, HE SAID, "TRULY THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF ELOHIM!"

GOSPEL OF MARK

WHAT IS CONNECTION OF THE VEIL RENTING AT THE TIME OF YESHUA'S DEATH ,THE EARTHLY TEMPLE AND YHWH'S MACRO TEMPLE OF THE COSMOS?

REMEMBER THE EARTHLY IS A SHADOW/PATTERN OF THE HEAVENLY. ON YOM KIPPUR, ALL 3 ALTARS ARE PURGED OF SIN IN THE EARTHLY TEMPLE. YESHUA'S BLOOD IS WHAT CLEANSSES THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE IN ORDER TO RESTORE US.

Could it be possible that the veil renting was showing that all 3 altars were cleansed in the Heavenly Realm/ Macro-Temple and YHWH was showing all Israel this !!!!



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# 2 CHRONICLES 6:1-42

THE PRAYER OF SOLOMON AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

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