

**“End Times being fulfilled?
Federal Reserve, major banks
launch 'digital dollar’”
'The stage is being set,' pastor says**

What Do These Dates Have in Common?

66-70 A.D. – Jerusalem Temple destroyed

400 A.D. – French Bishop

January 1, 1000 – The Millennium

1346-1351 A.D. – The Black Plague

8:00am, October 19, 1533 – Specific time

May 19, 1780 – CT General Assembly

October 1874/October 1914 – Jehovah's Witnesses

September 13, 1988 – Edgar Whisenhut

July 1999 - Nostradamus

January 1, 2000 – Many incl. Jonathan Edwards

October 21, 2011 – Harold Camping

December 21, 2012 – Mayan Prophecy



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Living in a Chaotic World

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Three Things the False Teachers Forget

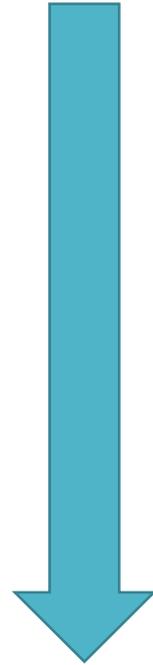
1. The world had a supernatural start (v.5)
2. Things haven't continued uniformly – remember the Flood? (v.6)
3. I have news for you – judgment by fire is coming! (v.7)



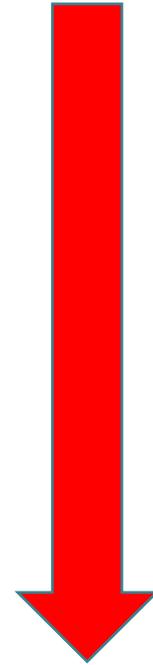
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“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

Psalm 90:2

God's Time

“A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.”

Psalm 90:4



God's Time vs. Human Time

“In critiquing God for his slowness in fulfilling his promises, human beings are making an honor challenge against God that steps over the boundaries of their sphere of present time and invades his sphere of future time. In other words, they are trespassing in God's arena, an arena in which human beings do not know what they are talking about.”

Peter Davids, Pillar NT Commentary: The Letters of 2 Peter and Jude

Waiting on God's Vindication

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“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”

Habakkuk 2:3

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“The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness...”

Exodus 34:6

Repentance

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Metanoia = meta – “change” + noia – “mind”

“reconsideration — a change of self (heart and mind) that abandons former dispositions and results in a new self, new behavior, and regret over former behavior and dispositions.”

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Bethsaida

Repentance

“Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.”

Luke 10:13



The Lord's Sudden Return: "Like a Thief"

"Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into."

Matthew 24:42-43



The Lord's Sudden Return: "Like a Thief"

"Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Revelation 16:15



The Bible Teaches that Jesus will Return

“Twenty-three of the twenty-seven books in the New Testament explicitly reference Jesus’ return, and two others allude to it. Only Philemon and 3 John don’t mention it. In the 260 chapters of the New Testament, Jesus’ apostles make reference to his second coming about 300 times.”

Jim Shaddix and Daniel Akin, Christ-Centered Exposition: 2 Peter

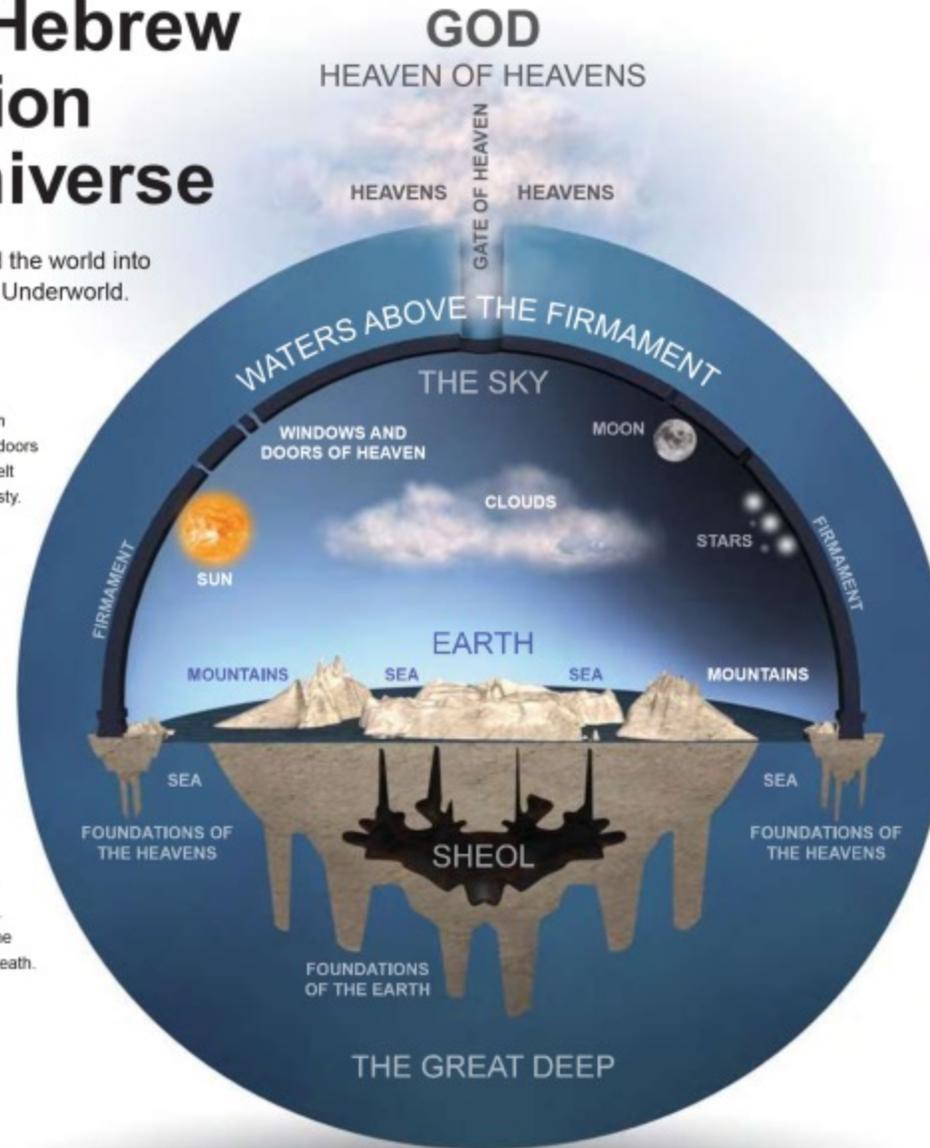
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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What are the “Elements?”

Option	Result
Basic creation materials (earth, air, fire, water)	Total dissolution of the creation as we know it
Celestial bodies (sun, moon, stars)	Disappearance of sky and destruction of celestial bodies
Heavenly beings (angels, demons)	Destruction of heavenly beings only

Different Translations of Verse 10

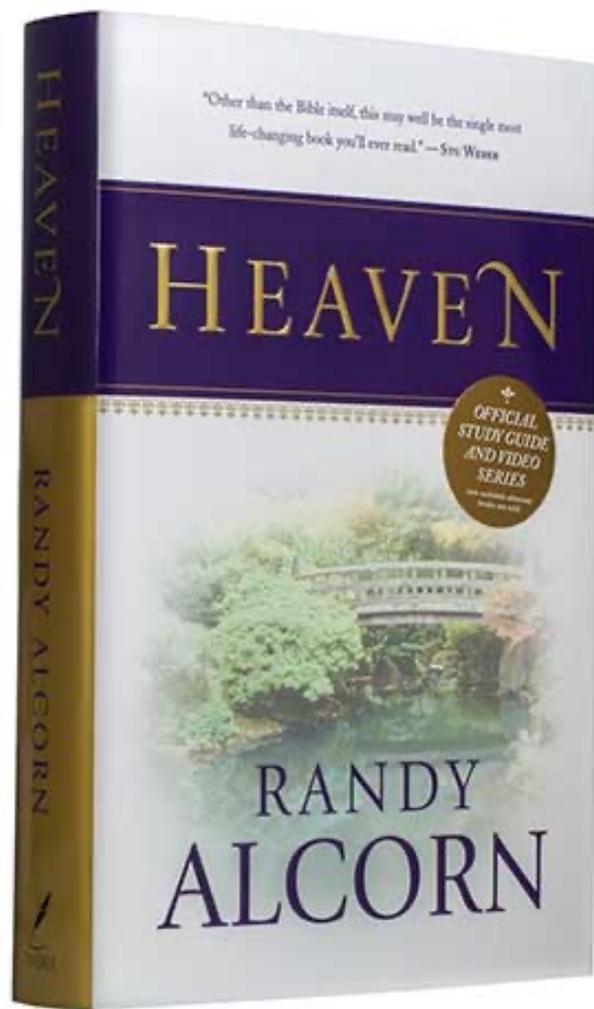
“...and the earth and everything done in it will be *laid bare*.^[a]”

New International Version

^[a] Some manuscripts *be burned up*

“...the earth also and the works that are therein shall *be burned up*.”

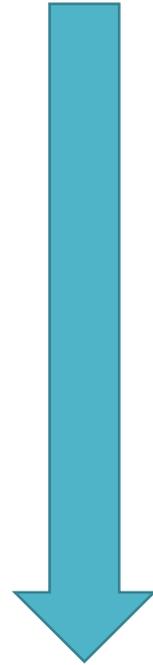
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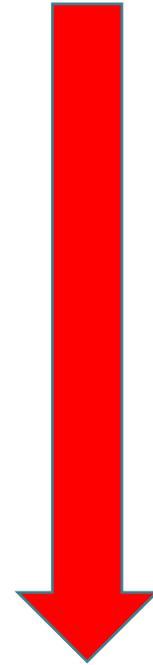
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“The cleansing with the fire will be more thorough than the Flood in that it will permanently eliminate sin. But just as God's judgment by water didn't make the earth permanently uninhabitable, neither will God's judgment by fire.”

Randy Alcorn, Heaven



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“The earth's death will be no more final than our own. The destruction of the old Earth in God's purifying judgment will immediately be followed by its resurrection to new life. Earth's fiery 'end' will open straight into a glorious new beginning. And as we'll see later, it will just keep getting better and better.”

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2. God is Merciful: God's delay is an act of His love and kindness. (v.9)
3. **God is Just:** Be ready – Jesus will return suddenly and make all things right! (v.10)



Wintonbury's Statement on End Times

We believe in the personal, visible, imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ for his bride, the Church, and his return to earth to set up his kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the judgment, the eternal happiness of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

(1 Thess. 1:9-10, 4:13-18; Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 20:6 & 11-15; Phil. 1:23; John 14:2-3)