



Hold On  
Tight!



“Bull riders have to have a tight grip which requires a lot of upper body strength, they have to have strong leg and core muscles to squeeze tight against the bull, they have to know how to fall correctly, and they have to be able to get to their feet and run for protection as fast as they can.”

Jason Lewis, “The Dangers and Training of Bull Riders”

# ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World



1 & 2 PETER



How tight is  
your grip on  
God's truth?

# Review of 2 Peter

## Chapter 1

- Avoid Corruption of the World
- Pursue Godliness
- Trust in the Word of God

## Chapter 2

- Avoid False Teachers
- God will Rescue the Righteous
- God will Judge the Ungodly



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**STRANGE  
NEW  
WORLD**

HOW THINKERS  
AND ACTIVISTS  
REDEFINED IDENTITY  
AND SPARKED THE  
SEXUAL REVOLUTION

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FOREWORD BY  
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# Book Recommendation

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## Ancient Prophecy Reliable

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Peter 1:20-21



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# Willful Skepticism

- Uniformitarianism – the earth has developed “uniformly” – closed system of natural laws
- Materialism – the physical universe is all that exists
- Atheism – there is no Supreme Being
- Liberalism – the Bible needs to be “demythologized”



## God Created the World by His Word

“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;  
he puts the deep into storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the people of the world revere him.

For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.”

Psalms 33:6-9

# God Created the World by His Word

“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

Hebrews 11:3



## Different Translations of Verse 5

“For [b]when they maintain this, it escapes their notice...”

New American Standard Bible

[b] *Or they are willfully ignorant of this fact, that*



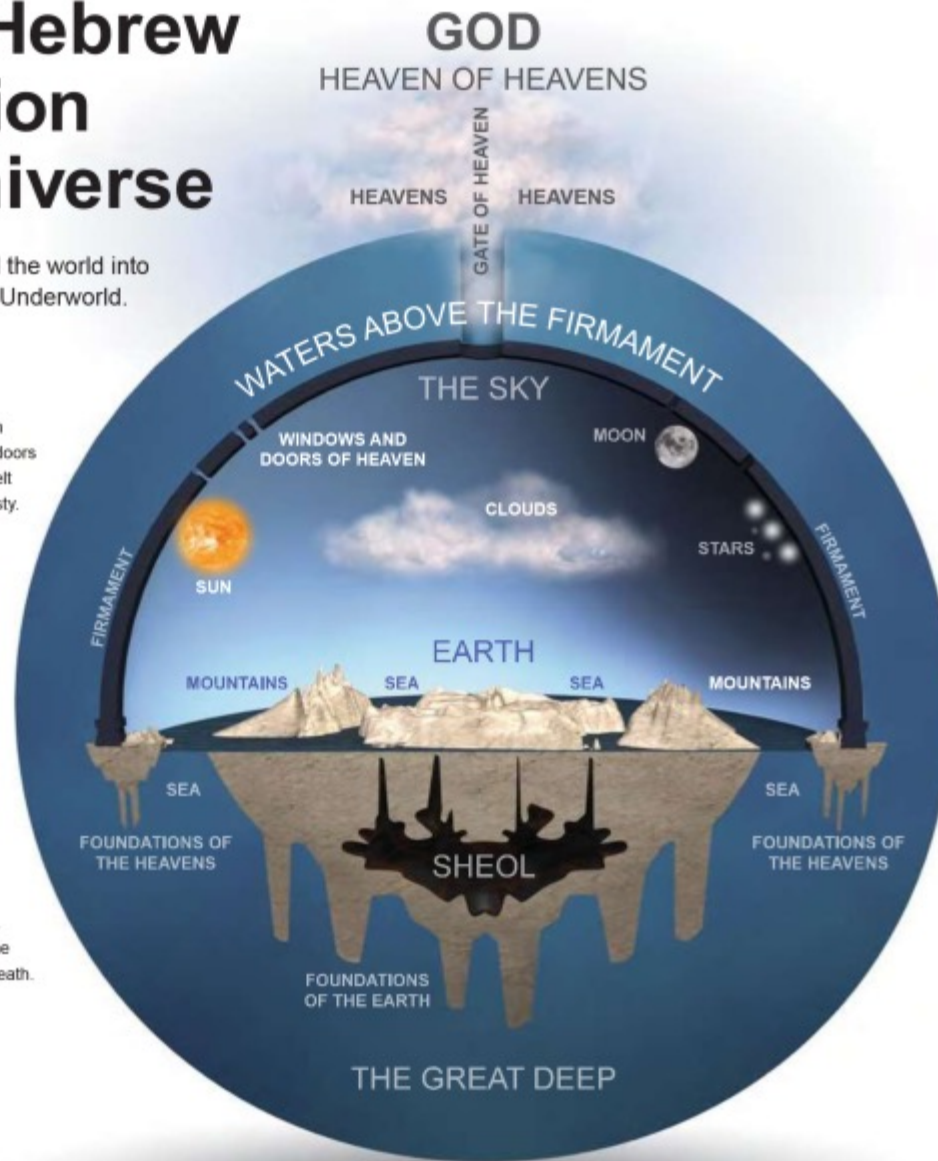
# Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

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.



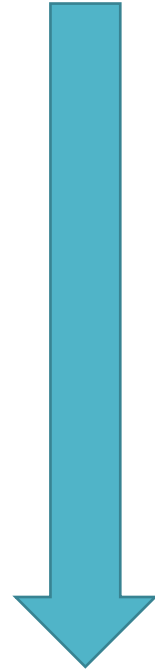
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Genesis 1:6,9  
“And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water...And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.””

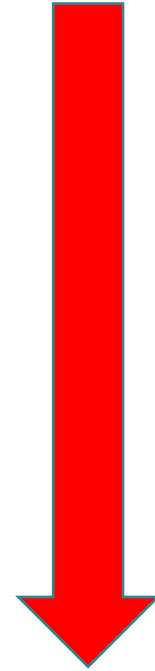
# Three Great Periods of Human History

*“Linear History Punctuated with Divine Judgment”*

God Creates  
**ORIGINAL**  
World by  
His Word



God  
Restores  
**PRESENT**  
World



God  
Restores  
**FUTURE**  
World

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**FLOOD**

**FIRE**





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