

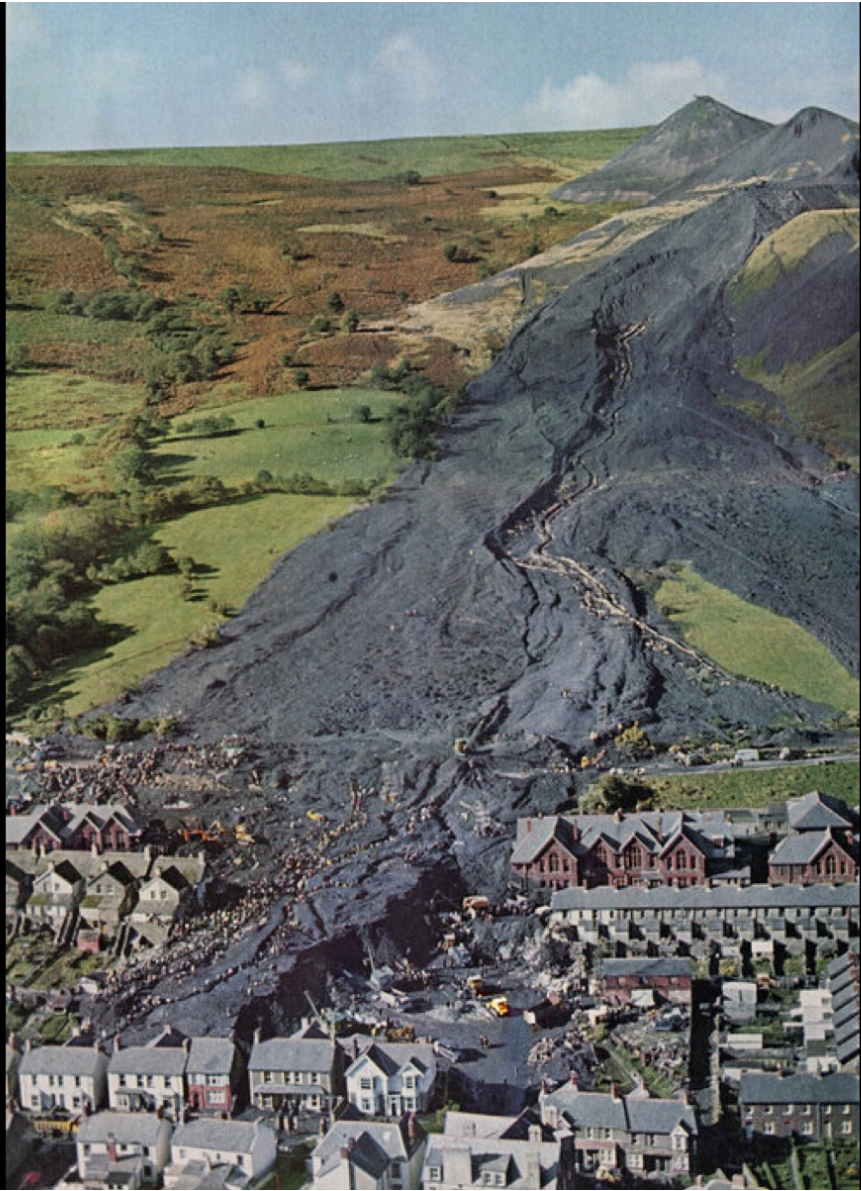
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A Chaotic Creation

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# (1) The Biblical Themes Of Shalom (Order) And Chaos



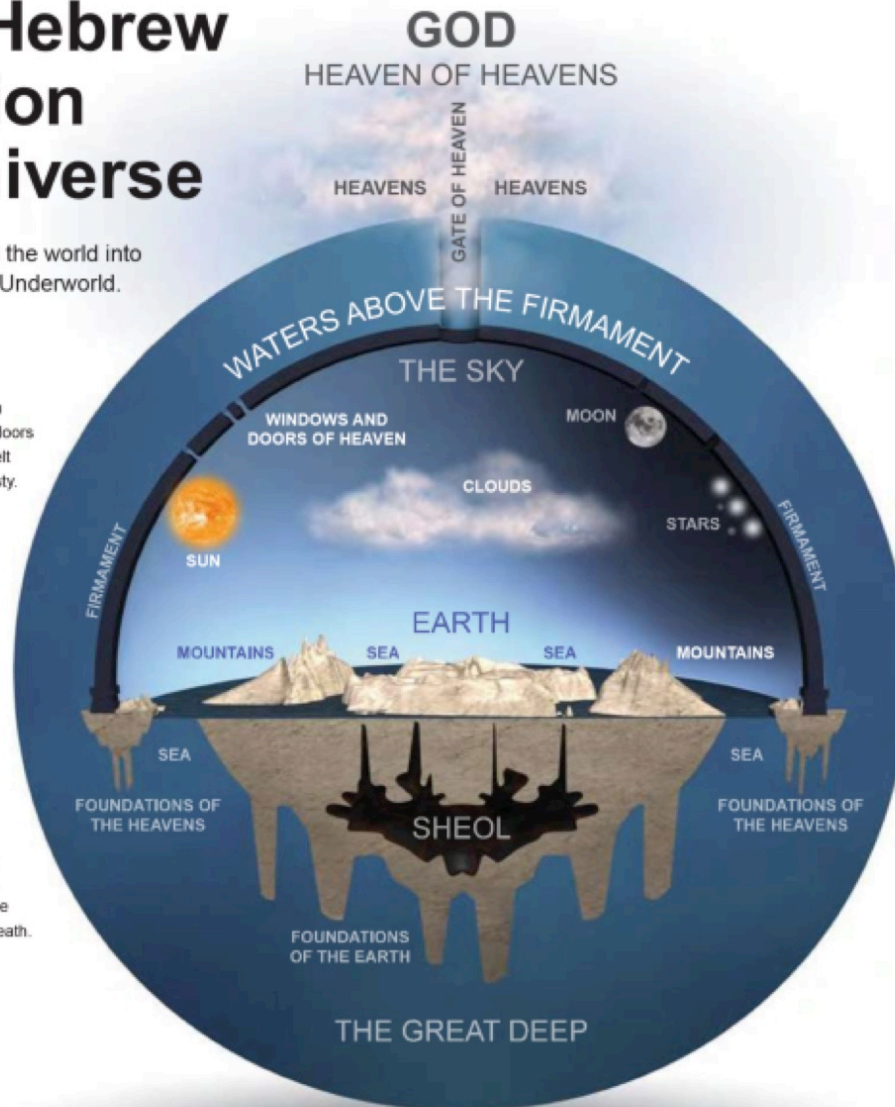
# Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

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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In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Isaiah 27:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.  
The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Psalms 29:3-4

How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?  
Is the enemy to revile your name forever?  
Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?  
Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy  
them!

Yet God my King is from of old,  
working salvation in the midst of the earth.  
You divided the sea by your might;  
you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the  
waters.

You crushed the heads of Leviathan;  
you gave him as food for the creatures of the  
wilderness.

You split open springs and brooks;  
you dried up ever-flowing streams.

Yours is the day, yours also the night;  
you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.  
You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;  
you have made summer and winter.

Psalms 74:10-17

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.

Revelation 13:1

When the waters saw you, O God,  
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
indeed, the deep trembled.

Psalms 77:16



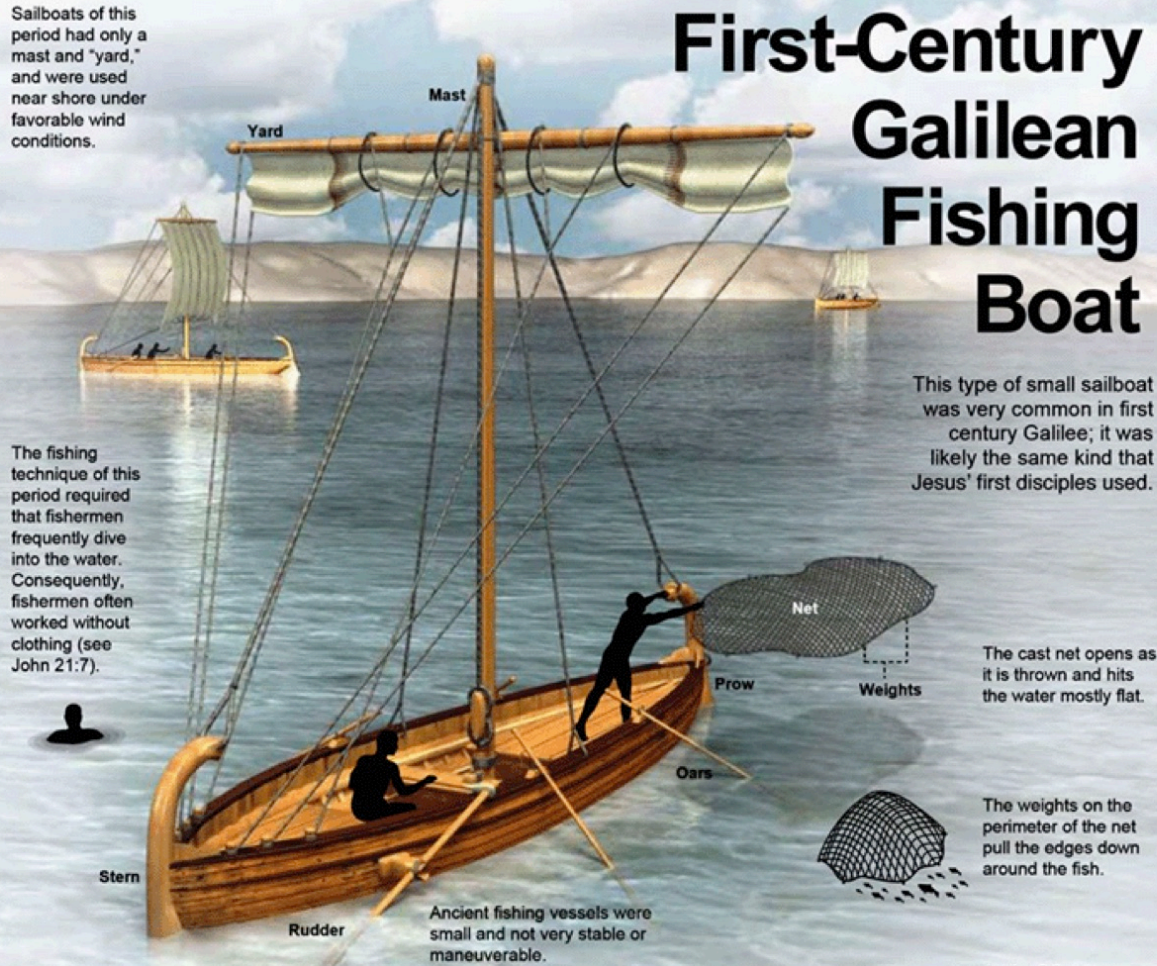
(2) Jesus Has Authority Over  
Chaos Because He Is God

Sailboats of this period had only a mast and "yard," and were used near shore under favorable wind conditions.

# First-Century Galilean Fishing Boat

The fishing technique of this period required that fishermen frequently dive into the water. Consequently, fishermen often worked without clothing (see John 21:7).

This type of small sailboat was very common in first century Galilee; it was likely the same kind that Jesus' first disciples used.



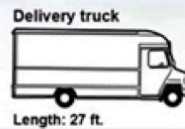
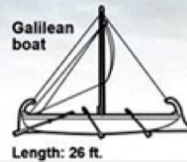
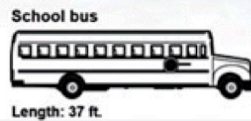
The cast net opens as it is thrown and hits the water mostly flat.

The weights on the perimeter of the net pull the edges down around the fish.

Ancient fishing vessels were small and not very stable or maneuverable.

As the fisherman retrieves the net, the weights come together and trap the fish inside.

Size comparison (approximate):



Jonah 1:4-16

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

Mark 1:25

(3) Jesus Is Our Peace And Will Bring  
About The Fullness Of Shalom

May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 15:33

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

“Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 3:10-12, 15-18

Ephesians 2:11-18



“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills  
before you shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Isaiah 55:10-13

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying,

nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:1-5

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Jesus Lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me O my Saviour hide  
Till the storm of life is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Oh receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee  
Leave ah leave me not alone  
Still support and comfort me  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All my help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing

Thou O Christ art all I want  
More than all in Thee I find  
Raise the fallen cheer the faint  
Heal the sick and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou art full of truth and grace



Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the Fountain art  
Freely let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
Rise to all eternity