

The Lord's Prayer: "IN HEAVEN"

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Review

“OUR FATHER”

NEXT

“WHO ART IN HEAVEN”

Matthew
6:9 NIV

Our Father in heaven...

Our Father in the heavens

Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

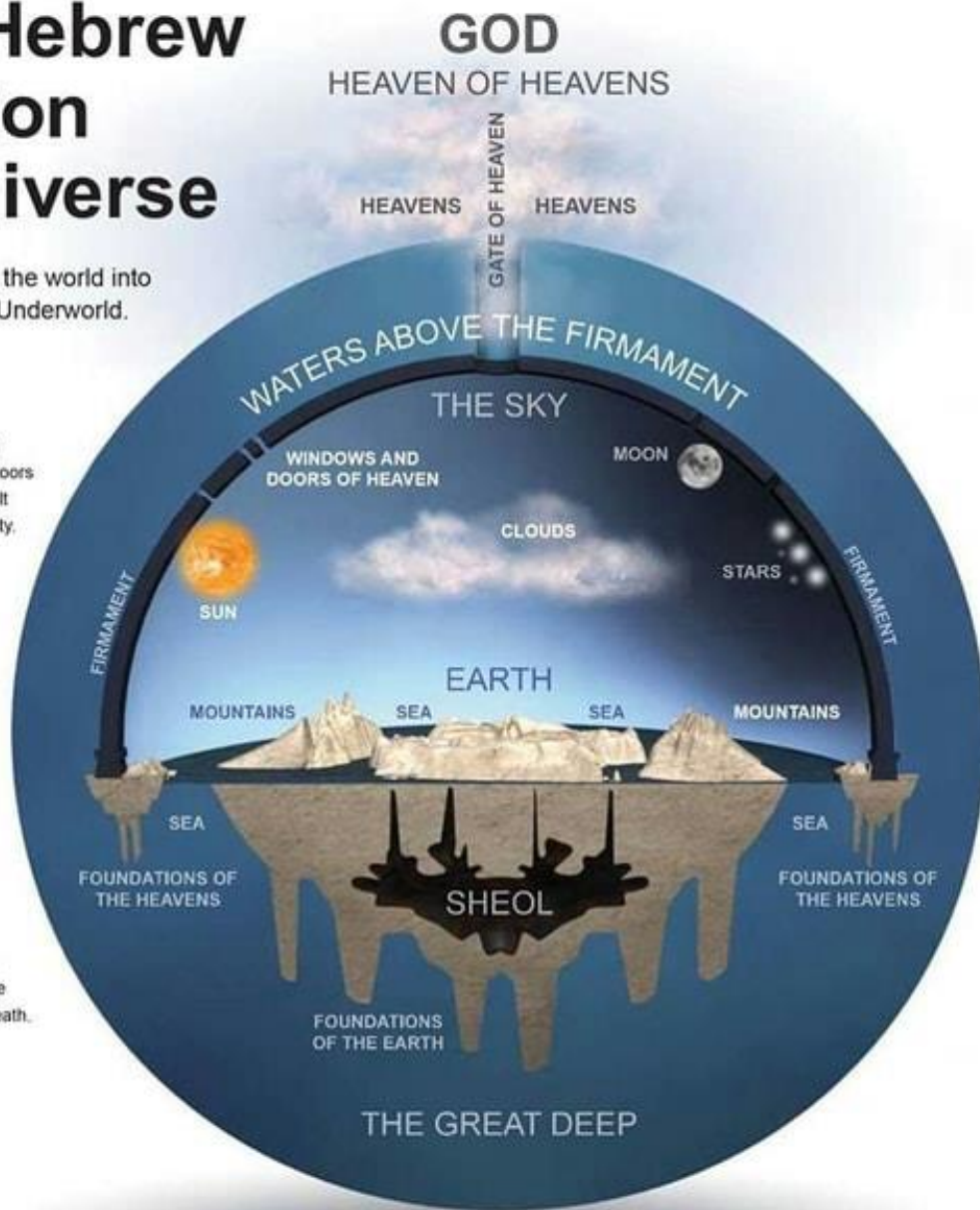
The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

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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Ancient Heavens

Heavens Above

Earth

Waters Below

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Exodus 20:4

Psalms

113:4-6 NIV

The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?

Matthew

5:34-35 NIV

34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.



Realms

God occupies the heavens, all three realms – he is closer than you think!

John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.

In Context...

Our Father, in
the Heavens...

REVIEW

For Further Study

[The Lord and His Prayer](#) by N.T. Wright

[LORD, Teach Us](#) by William H. Willimon & Stanley Hauerwas

[The Divine Conspiracy](#) by Dallas Willard – Chapter 3 deals with “the heavens” and Chapter 7 deals specifically with the Lord’s Prayer