

## What Makes More Sense (ball-earth or flat earth)?

1. Gen. 11:4-8 regarding the building of the tower of Babel.
2. Dan. 4:10-11 dealing with Daniel's vision of a great tree whose height was such that "it was visible to the end of the whole earth."
3. Matt. 4:18 has Satan transporting Jesus "to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory."
4. Rev. 1:7 "BEHOLD HE IS COMING WITH CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."
5. Rev. 6:12-13 refers to all the stars of heaven falling to the earth (not to be confused with Rev. 12:7-9).
6. Rev. 20:9 "And they came up on the broad plain (*to platos*) of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them" (at this time the topography of the earth be without high mountains. Cf. Rev. 6:14 "And the sky was spit apart (aor.pass.ind. *apochorizomai*) like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of their places.").

## Essential Background Information Related to Original Creation (Gen. 1:1)

1. Before anything was brought into existence God existed eternally in endless space that was filled with His light (Jn. 1:1-2; Ps. 90:2 "Before the mountains were born, or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."; 1 Jn. 1:5b "that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.").
2. The very first thing that God brought into existence was the angelic race (Job 38-40; cf. 38:4-7) who witnessed the creation of heaven (3<sup>rd</sup>) and earth as per Gen. 1:1.
3. God the Son is the 'hands-on' Creator of all things that have come into existence (Jn. 1:3 "All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Prov. 8:22-30).
4. The establishment (creation) of the throne room in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven was first set up along with a physical representation of God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (Pss. 9:7 "But the LORD abides forever. He has established His throne forever."; 11:4 "The LORD is in His holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven. His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men."; 47:8 "God reigns over the nations. God sits on His holy throne."; 93:2 "Your throne is established from of old. You are from everlasting."; 103:19; Isa. 6:1 "In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple."; Isa. 14:13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven. I will raise my throne above the stars of God. And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.'"; 66:1 "Thus says the LORD, 'Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool...'; Ezek. 1:26 "Now above the firmament that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli (or sapphire), and on that which resembled a throne, high up, *was* a figure with the appearance of a man."; Heb. 8:1 "Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have a High Priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty (Father) in the heavens."; Rev. 4:2-10; 5:7 "Then He (Christ) came and took the book out of the right hand of Him (Father) who sat on the throne."; 5:13 "And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.'";

- 12:5 “And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule the nations with a rod of iron, and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.”; Rev. 22:1, 3).
5. Also, God created the earth which was placed just beneath the throne room (Gen. 1:1).
  6. Lucifer (Satan) sinned, was cast out of heaven, persuaded one third of the angels to align themselves with him, and they were sentenced to the Lake of Fire, and the sentence was appealed (Ezek. 28:13-17; 10:18; Rev. 12:2; Matt. 25:41).
  7. Subsequent to all this God judged the environment of the earth rendering it *tohu waw bohu*, in total darkness, covered with an ice pack (Gen. 1:2).
  8. In preparation for the restoration of the earth the Spirit of God melted the ice pack (Gen. 1:2c).
  9. This set the stage for the six 24 hour days so that man could live on the restored earth and be the instrument through which God could resolve Lucifer’s appeal.
  10. Sun, moon, and stars were set in place on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of restoration just after the establishment of the plant kingdom (Gen. 1:14-19; cp. 1:11-12).

### Some Scriptures

1. Acts 20:27 “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.”
2. 2 Cor. 10:5 “We *are* destroying/casting down speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we *are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”
3. 1 Cor. 1:19 “For it is written (Isa. 29:14), ‘I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE (adj. *sopho*; sophistry), AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE.’”
4. Rom. 1:22 “Professing to be wise, they became fools” (referring to those who set up pagan cosmologies).
5. 1 Cor. 3:20 “and again, “THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS (*dialogismos*) of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS.”
6. 1 Cor. 3:18 “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘*He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS.*’”
7. Eph. 4:14 “that we no longer be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.”
8. 2 Cor. 4:10 “for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”
9. Eph. 6:12 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.”
10. Jam. 3:15 “This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.”
11. 1 Cor. 2:5 “so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.”
12. 1 Cor. 1:20 “Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”
13. Rom. 3:4 “May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar...”
14. Jn. 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar, and the father (originator) of lies.”