






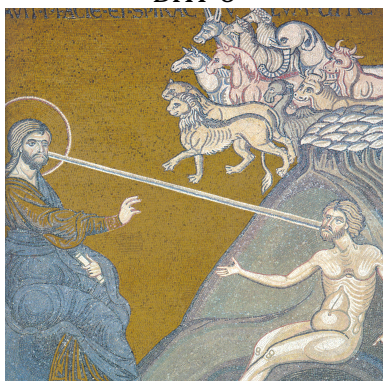
## The Story of Creation in Seven Days (Genesis 1)

The seven-day creation story (Gen 1:1 to Gen 2:4a) has its own architecture. A study of the narrative structure reveals even more meaning.


### GOD CREATES THE SPACES

<p>DAY 1</p>  <p>Separates light/darkness</p>	<p>DAY 2</p>  <p>Separated sky and sea</p>	<p>DAY 3</p>  <p>Separates earth and sea Creates vegetation</p>
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### GOD POPULATES THE SPACES

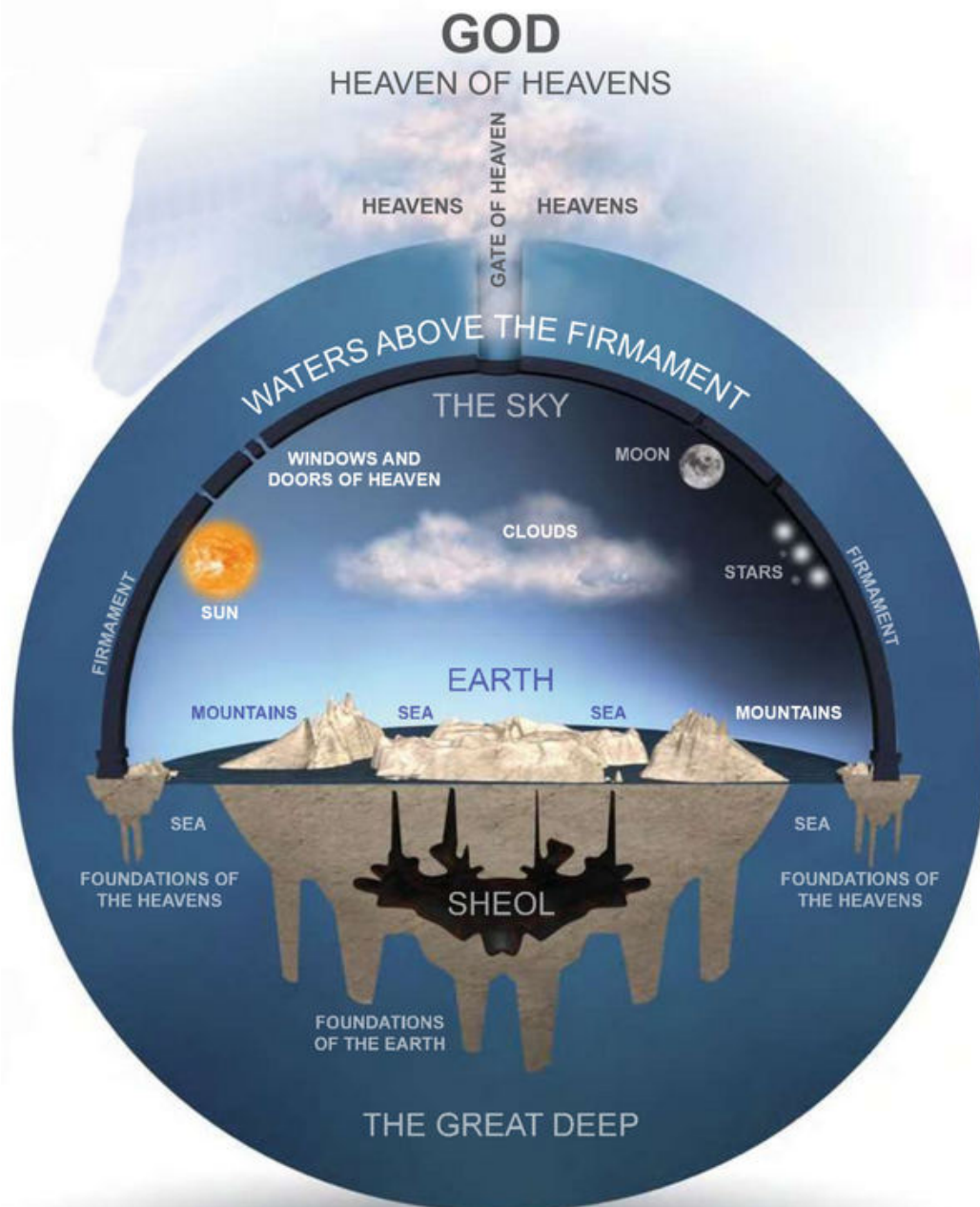
<p>DAY 4</p>  <p>Creates lights and stars</p>	<p>DAY 5</p>  <p>Creates birds and fish</p>	<p>DAY 6</p>  <p>Creates land animals Creates humans, <i>imago Dei</i></p>
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### GOD RESTS

	<p>DAY 7</p> <p>God rests after making everything.</p>
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### ***Ancient Cosmology***

The Israelites modelled their creation story on the creation sequence in the Babylonian story *Enuma Elish*, to which they were exposed during the Exile (6th century BC). They believed that the earth was supported by pillars and that it was under a solid canopy of heaven, above which there was water. God controlled the 'sluices of heaven' to send rain.



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