

1. Main Points:

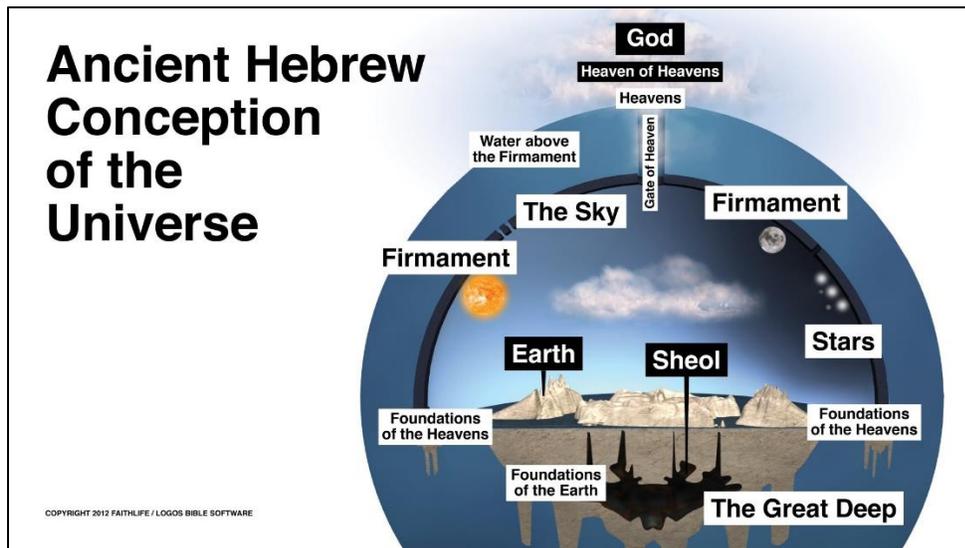
- a. “Sea” holds symbolism in the ancient mind.
- b. The authority of the Father passed down to the Son.

2. “Sea” – holds symbolism in the ancient mind.

- Abyss; entrance to the underworld; the place of judgment
 - (see Matt. 18:6 – “millstone and sea”)
- “Sea” is the enemy of God and order.¹
 - Represents chaos.
- An ancient god from Ugarit named *Yamm* represented the storms coming off the Mediterranean Sea
 - The Hebrew word for sea is *Yam*

3. Abyss; entrance to the watery underworld:

- Exodus 20:4 – “waters under the earth.”



4. Sea; water = chaos (but paradoxically also potential)

- Genesis 1:1-3 – Hebrew: *tobu* and *vohu* (formless and void) and Hebrew: *tahom* (deep)
- God (and Messiah) have authority over watery chaos.
- God is “order,” and the sea is “chaos.”
- The sea is the enemy of God as it hurls its storms over the land, trying to create chaos.

¹ Ryken, Wilhoit, Longman. *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*. 1998. See: Water, Sea, Chaos.

4. Ugarit² – ancient Canaanite civilization (coastal northern Syria):

- Discovered in 1928 by a farmer
- Main gods
 - El (Father of the gods)
 - Baal (Son of El, a warrior god who battles chaos and brings order)
 - **Yam** – the enemy god of the sea who tried to disrupt order by hurling storms at the land (personification of the Mediterranean Sea and the chaotic waters)

5. Authority of Father

- Authority of the Father is passed down to Son
- Look at what Jesus does and then where in the Old Testament God (YHVH) does the same thing.

6. Luke 8:22-25

- Luke 8 begins with Jesus and the disciples in the NW corner of the lake (Religious Jews)
- Luke 8:22 – “Let us go over to the **other side of the lake.**”
- Jesus is going to bring the **Good News** of God’s reign and order to a **pagan world** that believes their ways are the ways to bring order (the folly of man).
- What happens when you try to bring the Good News to an unbelieving world?
 - The monster of chaos rises up to try to stop you.
- v. 23. A “storm squall” is hurled at them, and the sea (Yam) rises up.
- v. 24 Jesus “stills” the storm

7. Authority of the Father is passed down to the Son

- Who stills the storm in the Old Testament?
- **Psalm 89: 9-10**

9. You (YHVH) rule over the surging sea (*yam*); when its waves mount up, you still them.
10. You crushed Rahab (mythical sea monster) like one of the slain; with your strong arm you scattered your enemies.

- See also: Job 26:12; Isaiah 51:9

² <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ugarit>