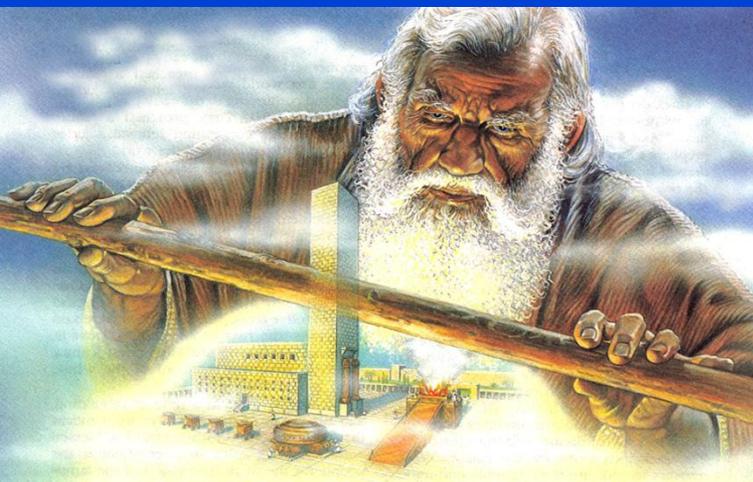
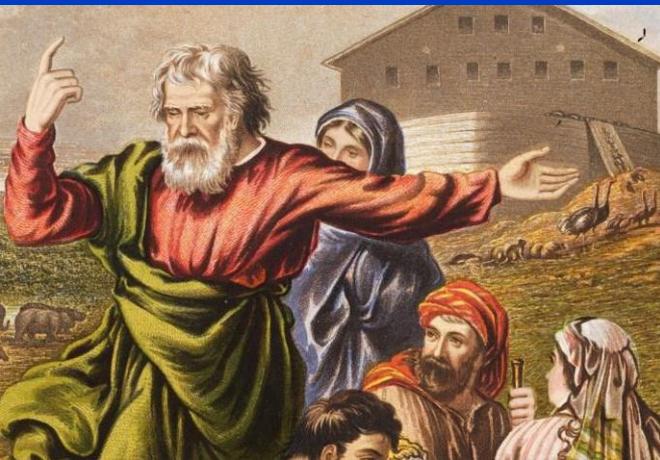


- Genesis 1:1 ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and earth....”***
- Rev. 21:1 ***“Then I saw a new heaven and new earth....”***
- Science and theology were not always enemies
- N.T. Wright “Theology is trying to think straight about who God is”
- Galileo, Copernicus, and Newton were curious about the workings and purposes of a God-created Universe

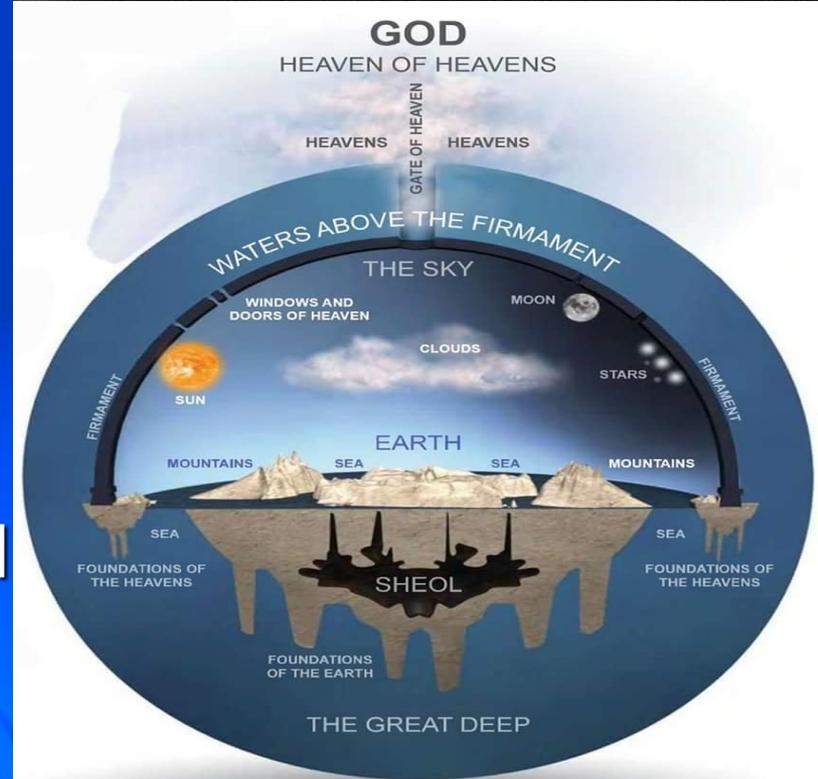
REVELATION CHAPTER 21: THE RE-CREATION



- We must not force our modern ways of thinking on the Bible
- Biblical culture changed over the centuries
- Human nature may be universal; but culture isn't
- Ancients made no distinction between “natural” and “supernatural”
- “Nature” meaning everything from weather to organisms to humans is not found in the Bible

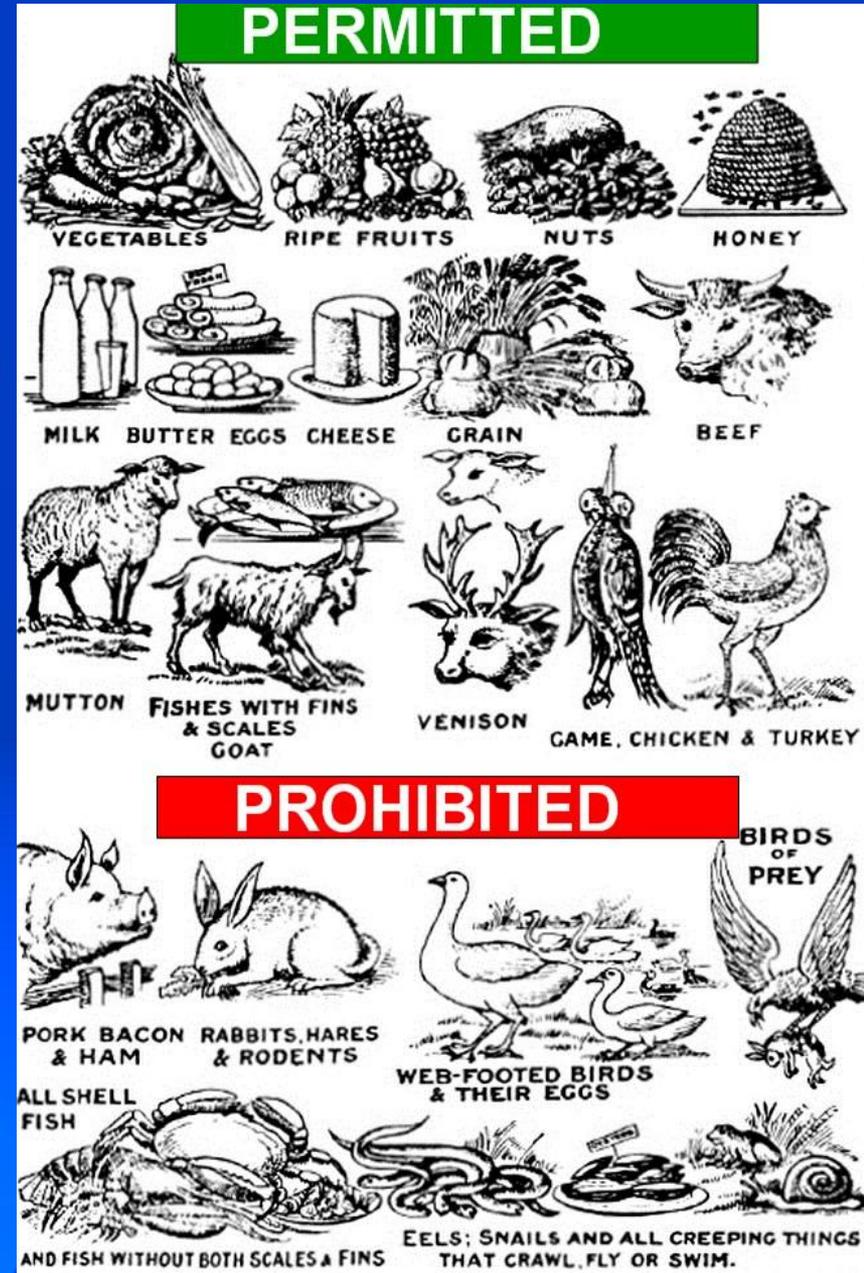
CREATION STORY NOT MEANT AS SCIENCE

- Gods controlled everything
- A miracle was not “supernatural”
- The Hebrew mind sought purpose, order and function
- Lights in the sky had the purpose to indicate signs, seasons, days, and years
- Lights were only light; they had no physical substance so far as the Hebrews knew



IT'S NOT ABOUT EATING HEALTHY

- Kosher diet of Leviticus was God mandated; so the Hebrews obeyed for that reason
- No logical reason to be discerned from what items are included and excluded
- Cause and effect were strictly functions of the gods
- No knowledge of “elements” until near New Testament times
- The Bible is not a science book, and how the biblical writers perceived the world is different than how we do





REDEEMED



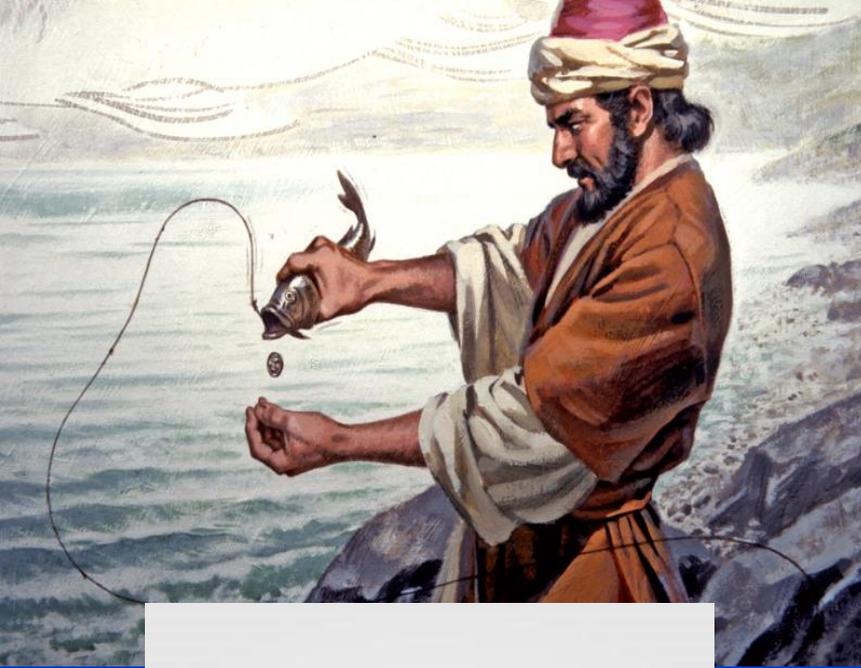
You are a new
creation.

-2 Corinthians 5:17

- Being re-created is the automatic result of redemption
- ***Ktisis*** = process of establishing something
- Same principle extends to the earth and the Universe
- Humans are important to God; but so is ALL of His Creation!
- Isaiah 65
- Redemption and re-creation cannot be separated

PETER SPEAKS OF ELEMENTS

- Isaiah prophesied of a new earth and heavens 8 centuries before John
- 2Peter 3:1 – 13
- Modern science agrees that things are made up of elements
- Peter says that intense heat will melt the current material earth and Universe back to elements



the Four Elements



EARTH



WATER



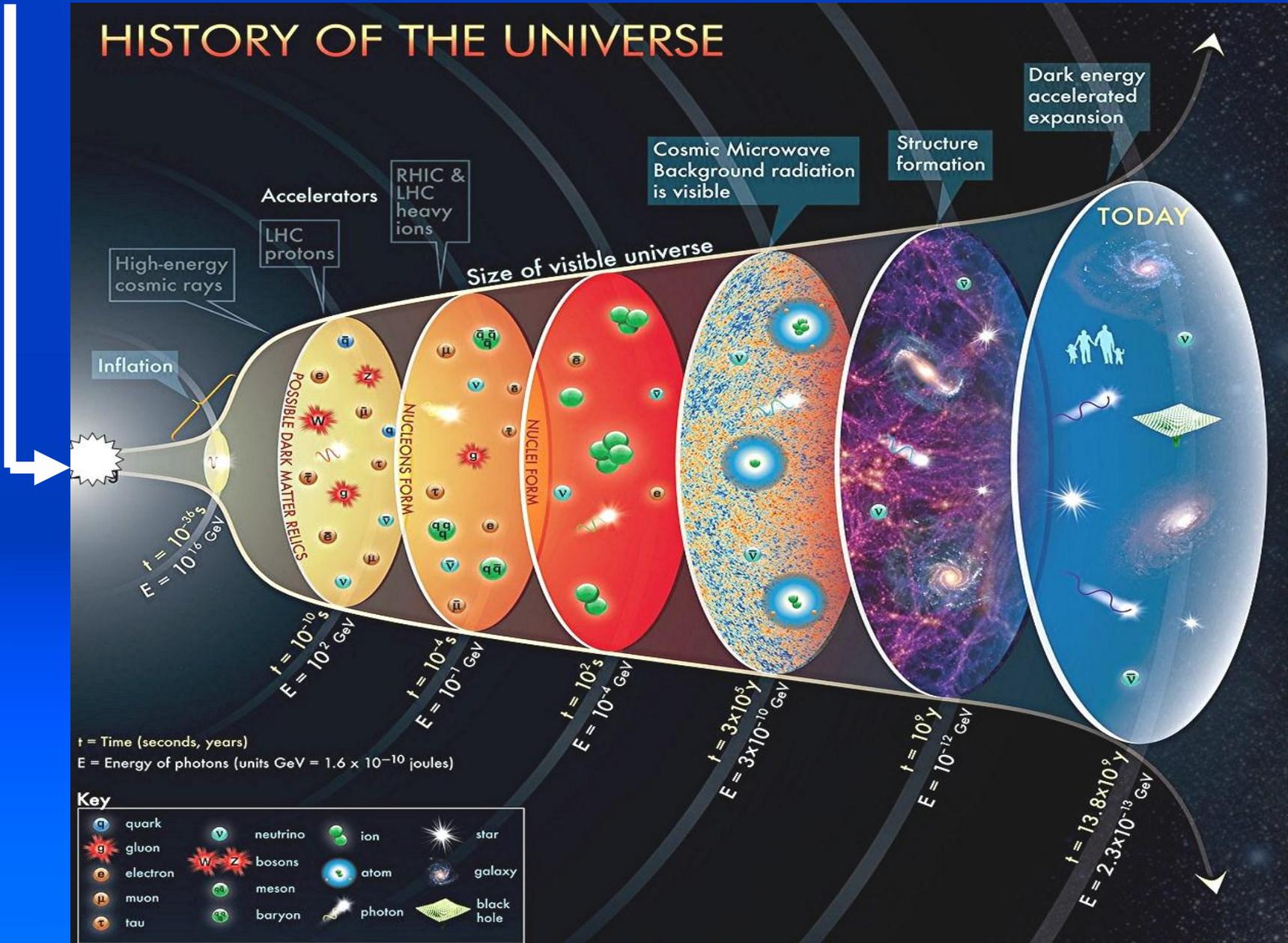
AIR



FIRE

IT ALL BEGAN AS A TINY POINT

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE



A CREATION WITH FREEDOM?



- God created a Creation that has freedom therefore choice
- Humans can choose both in preference and morality
- Animals can choose in preference
- Plants seem to have some level of freedom to adapt and change
- God's creation was not created on its own, and cannot be sustained on its own Colossians 1:14 - 17



THE LAW FADES AWAY



- Upon arrival of the new heaven and earth, the Law ends
- Matt. 5:17 – 18
- Conditions of the new heaven and earth will be radically different
- Will humans no longer sin?
- Will humans no longer have evil inclinations?
- Will the Universe no longer be one of opposites?

