# **FIRMAMENT**

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The region of the air; the sky or heavens. In scripture, the word denotes an expanse. The original therefore does not convey the sense of solidity, but of stretching, extension; the great arch or expanse over our heads, in which are placed the atmosphere and the clouds, and in which the stars appear to be placed, and are really seen.

To **encircle**; to encompass; to surround; to **inclose**, To *circle* in, **to confine**; **to keep together**.

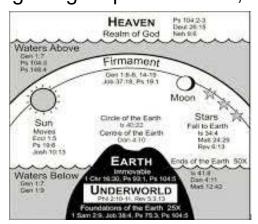
# **Genesis 1:6-8**

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven.



## **Genesis 1:14,16,17**

And God said, Let there be <u>lights in the firmament</u> of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,



## **Ezekiel 1:22,26**

And the likeness of the **firmament** upon the heads of the living creature *was* as the colour of the terrible **crystal**, stretched forth over their heads above. And above the **firmament** that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.



# **Psalm 19:1**

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament

sheweth his handywork.

## Genesis 1:20

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

## Matthew 6:26

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

## 2Corinthians 12:2

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

# Psalm 150:1

Praise ye the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

# Genesis 1:14

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# **ABUNDANCE**

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**An overflowing quantity**; ample sufficiency; the *abundance* of the rich is great wealth.

<u>In the Old Testament</u>, abundance is often connected to: abundance of all **things**;

oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance,

abundance of **spices** abundance of **rain** 

sacrifices in abundance

spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones:

camels in abundance

gathered money in abundance

offerings were in abundance

#### **Ezekiel 16:49**

Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and **abundance of idleness** was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

#### **Psalm 52:7**

Lo, *this is* the man *that* made **not** God his strength; but **trusted** in **the abundance of his riches**, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

<u>In the New Testament</u>, It denotes also fullness, overflowing, as the *abundance* of the heart.

## **Matthew 12:34**

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart** the mouth speaketh.

## **Luke 6:45**

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

## **Luke 12:15**

And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware** of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth **not in** the **abundance** of the things which he possesseth.

## **Psalm 37:11**

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the **abundance of peace**.

## Revelation 18:3

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the **abundance** of her delicacies.

# **JUDGMENT**

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To compare ideas or to ascertain truth

The right or power of **passing sentence**.

Decision or Opinion in Scripture, to enable a person to discern right and wrong, good and evil.

A judicial decision.

A <u>remarkable punishment</u>; an extraordinary calamity inflicted by God on sinners.

Judgments are prepared for scorners.

The final trial of the human race, when <u>God will decide</u> <u>the fate of every individual</u>, and award sentence according to justice

#### **Psalm 72:2**

He shall **<u>iudge</u>** thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

#### Romans 2:16

In the day when <u>God shall judge the secrets of men</u> by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

#### Romans 3:6

God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

## John 5:22

For <u>the Father</u> judgeth no man, but hath <u>committed all</u> <u>judgment unto the Son</u>

## **Ecclesiastes 12:14**

For <u>God shall bring every work into judgment</u>, with <u>every secret thing</u>, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

#### **John 18:31**

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and <u>judge him</u> <u>according to your law.</u> The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: