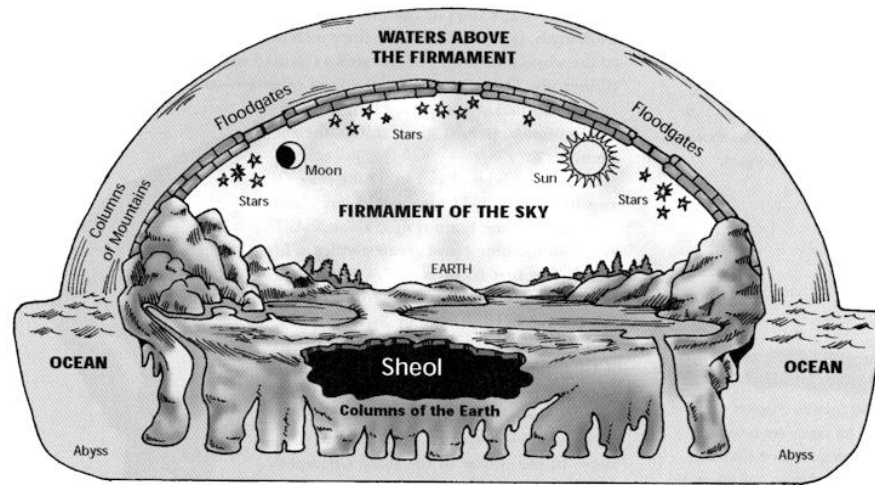


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1. Why is the book of Genesis so named?
 2. What is the Primeval History? Why is it sometimes called "Prehistory"?
 3. What is the primary purpose of the Primeval History? In other words, what meaning is the Primeval History trying to convey?
 4. Which two Documentary Theory sources contributed to the Primeval History? What evidence leads scholars to this conclusion?
 5. What are the opening words of Genesis? What is a possible better translation, and why does it matter?
 6. What does it mean to say that creation was "ex nihilo"?
 7. Chart the structure of the first creation story below.



8. In the Priestly Cosmology (above), what does water symbolize? What is another ancient literary symbol for the same thing?

9. How is the Priestly creation story a response to Babylonian mythology? How should this influence our interpretation of it?

10. Read Psalms 74, 89:2-19, and 104. What do these psalms have in common with both the Priestly creation story and the *Enuma Elish* myth? (suggestion: read the footnotes)