GENESIS 1

We are going to deal primarily with:

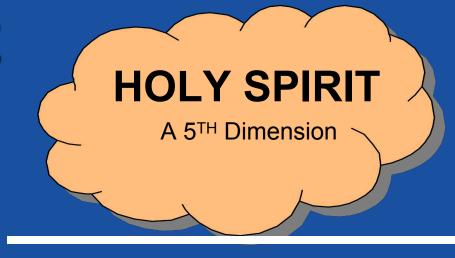
1) SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES

2) GOD'S GOVERNING DYNAMICS

ONLY 2 WAYS WE CAN KNOW GOD

- > HIS NAME AND HIS CHARACTERISTICS
- But, the Holy Spirit gives Believers another means to know God, via a
 5th Dimension

Buddha, Krishna, Brahma, Allah are NOT the God of the Bible!



4 DIMENSIONS

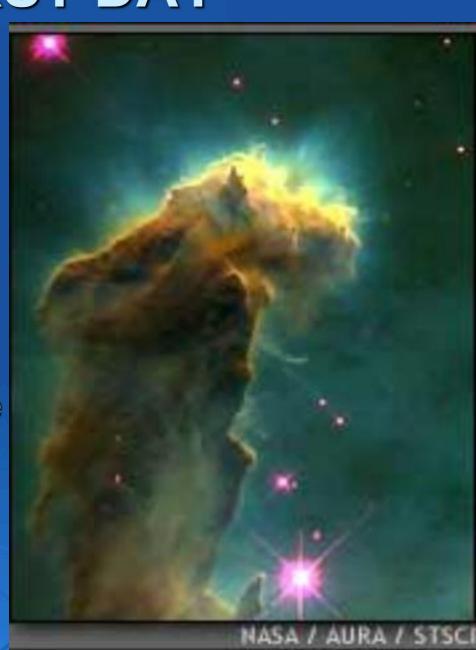


ELOHIM

- > NOT God's name..... it is a title
- > Plural form
- Elohim is used at times to refer to false gods
- > TRUTH: GOD IS ONE, BUT MANY
- i-m ending makes the word plural
- Plural of majesty

THE FIRST DAY

- Science says Universe is 15 Billion years old
- ➤ How long was the 1st day?
- Creation of heavens and earth did not necessarily occur on the 1st day.....it may have occurred before.....at what the Bible calls "the BEGINNING"
- "....a day is as 1000 years" = Hebrew Idiom meaning timeless





LIGHT CREATED ON 1ST DAY

- BUT, light emitting objects weren't created until the 4th day
- Vs. 3 & 4 word used for light = "owr"
- Owr means illumination, enlightenment
- Vs. 14, word used for lights = "maorot"
- Maorot means
 OBJECTS that emit light

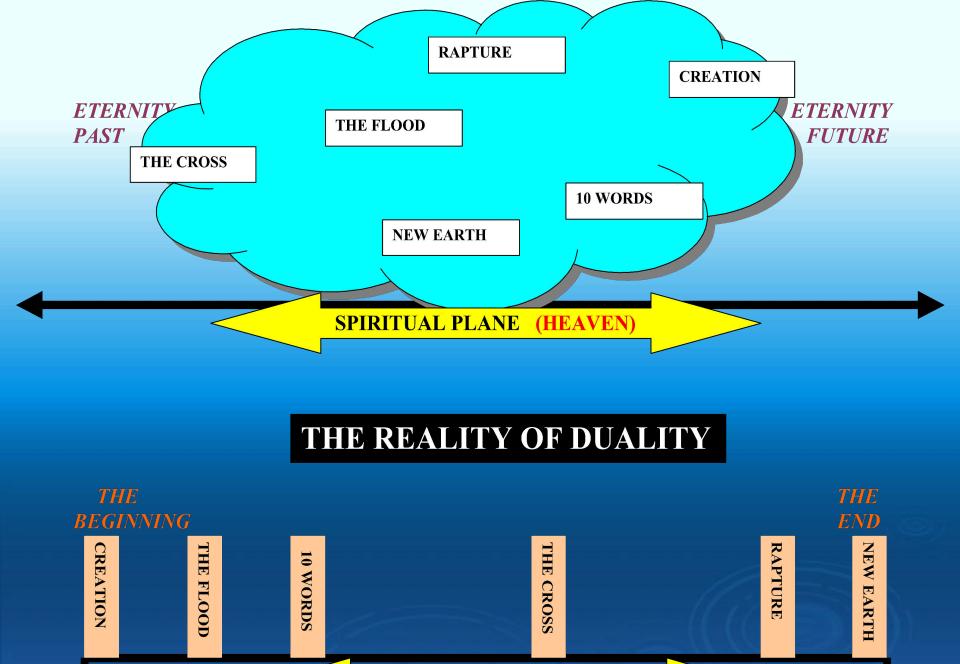


LIGHT DIVIDED FROM DARKNESS

- Light was called "good"
- Darkness was an unsatisfactory state
- Darkness does not support life, and is generally regarded as "against God"
- Maorot was created for visible light waves so our eyes could see, and plants could live using photosynthesis
- NO *Maorot* in the New Creation.....God's *owr* will be our light

DARKNESS = CHOSHEK

- > Choshek is the opposite of owr
- Choshek is a tangible darkness, blindness, misery, falsehood, ignorance
- NOT used the same way as "night-time"
- ➤ Night = *layil layil* is opposite of *yom* (day)
- > Choshek carries evil spiritual overtones
- > Could this illumination be the "shekinah"?
- Darkness (choshek) will be absent in the New Creation



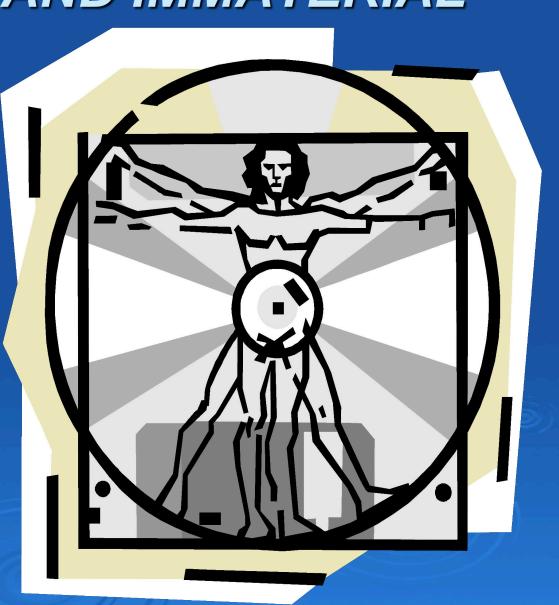
PHYSICAL PLANE (EARTH)

GOVERNING DYNAMICS OF THE REALITY OF DUALITY

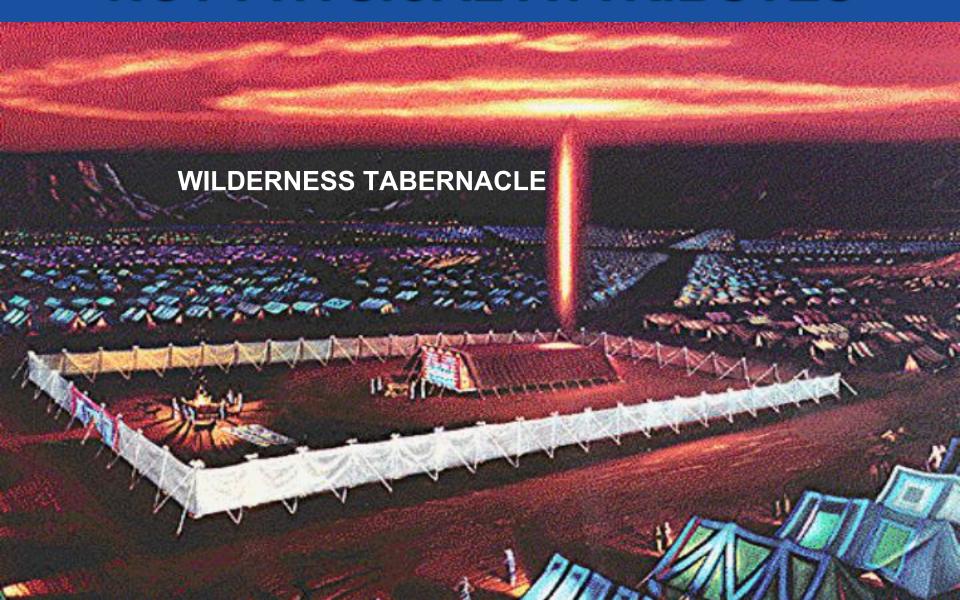
- When the physical and spiritual reality of something exists simultaneously:
 - 1) The spiritual existed first
 - 2) The spiritual is preeminent
 - 3) The spiritual is almost unlimited in its attributes (many dimensions)
 - 4) The physical can ONLY occur in a maximum of 4 dimensions
 - 5) The physical is inferior to the spiritual
 - 6) The physical can only partially mimic or reveal its spiritual counterpart

HUMANS ARE CREATURES OF THE MATERIAL AND IMMATERIAL

- We are 4 dimensional beings BUT.....
- We ALSO have an invisible property as well
- > SOUL SPIRIT
- Universe created from nothing
- Man created from dust



GOOD AND EVIL ARE SPIRITUAL NOT PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES



VS. 20: LIVING CREATURES ARE DELCARED "GOOD"



MAN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

- > WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
- 1) Man has some attributes of God
- 2) Man does NOT have ALL the attributes of God
- 3) Of all Living Creatures ONLY man has the capacity to know God
- 4) Only humans have SPIRITS that can commune with God

