The Flat Earth Bible

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This is a clay tablet from Ancient Mesopotamia showing a Map of the known World.

The World is a flat circular disk with Babylon in the centre. The Flat Circular Earth is surrounded by a circular World Ocean.
Reconstructed map of the known World according to Hecataeus of Miletus (550-490 BC) with Greece in the centre.

The World is roughly circular & surrounded by a World Ocean.

Similar ideas are found in the Bible.
Generic Cosmos of the Ancient World

Tripartite Universe,

Sky - The Gods
Earth - Humanity
Underworld – Dead

Both the good and the evil go down to the Underworld after death.

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This is the sort of Universe that was believed in by most peoples in the Ancient World.
According to the Bible, the Earth is Flat, Circular & is held up by Pillars

1) The Earth is flat and circular. (Isaiah 40:22, Proverbs 8:27, Genesis 10-11, Zechariah 9:9 & 10)
2) Israel is in the centre of the Flat Earth. (Ezekiel 5:5 & Ezekiel 38:12)
3) The Earth is supported by Pillars (1 Samuel 2:8, Psalm 75:3, Job 9:6, Job 38:4 – 6)
4) The Earth sits in the Great Deep (Psalm 24:2, Psalm 136:6, Exodus 20:4)
All the parts of the World mentioned in the Bible fit into this map.

The Americas, East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Australia were unknown to the writers of the Bible.
The Biblical Cosmos  (See next page)
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Isaiah 40:22: Shape of the Universe

“It is he who sits above the circle of the Earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the Heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in.” RSV & KJV

“It was made by the one who sits on his throne above the Earth and beyond the Sky; the people below look as tiny as ants. He stretched out the sky like a curtain, like a tent in which to live.” GNB

“He who sits enthroned above the circle of the Earth, the inhabitants of which are like grasshoppers, stretches out the Heavens like a cloth, spreads them out like a tent to live in.” JB

“There is One who is dwelling above the circle of the Earth, the dwellers in which are as grasshoppers, the One who is stretching out the Heavens just as a fine gauze, who spreads them out like a tent in which to dwell.” NWT**

*Note how the words for “Heaven” & “Sky” are interchangeable.

* *New World Translation (Jehovah’s Witnesses)
Isaiah 40:22: Shape of the Universe

God sitting above the Circle of the Earth

Sky spread out like the cover of a Tent

See also Psalm 104:2
Job 28:24: God sees all the Earth from up in Heaven

“For he looks to the ends of the Earth, and sees everything under the Heavens.” RSV & KJV

“Because he sees the ends of the Earth, sees everything under the sky.” GNB

“For he sees to the remotest parts of the Earth, and observes all that lies under Heaven.” JB

“For he himself looks to the very ends of the Earth; Under the whole Heavens he sees” NWT
Job 28:24 God sees all the Earth from up in Heaven

God can see the whole of the Earth's Surface as far as the edge of the World from up in Heaven.

This could only happen on a Flat Earth.
Job 28:24: God sees all the Earth from up in Heaven

From up here God can easily watch all of the Earth
Proverbs 8: 27 The Ancient of Days 1

“When he established the Heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,” RSV

“When he prepared the Heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth” KJV

“I was there when he set the sky in place, when he stretched the horizon across the ocean” GNB

“When he fixed the Heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a circle on the surface of the deep” JB

“When he prepared the Heavens I was there; when he decreed a circle upon the face of the watery deep” NWT
Proverbs 8:27: The Ancient of Days

God marks out the flat Circle of the Earth upon the waters of the Great Deep in a painting by William Blake.

A compass cannot draw a sphere
Proverbs 8:27 The Ancient of Days

God would have drawn out a circle on the Waters of the Great Deep or Cosmic Ocean During the early Stages of creating The Flat Earth. This would be the edge of the Universe.
Next, God would have created the Earth using the circle that he had just drawn in order to determine its size.
These are the Nations listed in the known World India or "Hoddu" is referred to in the Book of Esther East Asia & the Americas are unknown
Zechariah 9: 9 & 10 The Small World of the Bible

“He shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the Earth.” RSV & KJV

“Your king will make peace among the nations; he will rule from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the Earth.” GNB

“He will proclaim peace to the nations, his empire will stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the limits of the Earth.” JB

“And he will actually speak peace to the nations; and his rulership will be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of [the] Earth.” NWT
Zechariah 9: 9 & 10 Flat Earth from Sea to Sea

If the Biblical writers imagined the World as looking like this, then it is easy to see why the phrase “from sea to sea” is used as a synonym for the whole World.
Zechariah 9: 9 & 10 Flat Earth from the River to the End of the Earth

On a map like this, it is easy to see why “From the River Euphrates to the End of the Earth” means the whole World.

It is saying ”From the middle to the edge of the World”
Ezekiel 38:12 Israel at the centre of the World

“And the people who were gathered from the nations, who have gotten cattle and goods, who dwell at the centre of the Earth”  RSV

“And upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land”.  KJV

“They have been gathered from the nations, and now they have livestock and property and live at the crossroads of the world”  GNB

“Against this people gathered back from the nations, these stock-breeders and traders who live at the Navel of the World.  ”  JB

“And upon a people gathered together out of the nations, [one] that is accumulating wealth and property, [those] who are dwelling in the centre of the Earth”.  NWT
Ezekiel 5:5 & 38:12 Israel at the centre of the World

Israel being in the centre of the World implies that the Earth is flat. A spherical surface has no centre or edge & the centre of a sphere is underground.
Isaiah 13:13 & Job 38:13 - God lifts the Flat Earth by its edges

The Pillars or Foundations are the place where the Earth is moved out of in the Book of Isaiah.
Isaiah 13:13 God shakes the Earth out of place

“Therefore I will make the Heavens tremble, and the Earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts.”  
RSV

“Therefore I will shake the Heavens, and the Earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger”  
KJV

“will make the Heavens tremble, and the Earth will be shaken out of its place on that day when I, the Lord Almighty, show my anger.”  
GNB

“This is why I am going to shake the Heavens, why the Earth will reel on its foundations, under the wrath of Yahweh Sabaoth, the day when his anger ignites”  
JB

“‘That is why I shall cause Heaven itself to become agitated, and the Earth will rock out of its place at the fury of Jehovah of armies and at the day of his burning anger.”  
NWT*
Job 38:13 God holds Earth by its edges and shakes out sinners

“That it might take hold of the skirts of the Earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?.” RSV

“That it might take hold of the ends of the Earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it.” KJV

“Have you ordered the dawn to seize the Earth and shake the wicked from their hiding places.” GNB

“Or sent the dawn to its post to grasp the Earth by its edges and shake the wicked out of it?.” JB

“To take hold on the extremities of the Earth, that the wicked ones might be shaken out from it.” NWT
God sends King Nebuchadnezzar a prophetic dream involving a giant tree reaching up to Heaven & visible from all over the Earth. The story only makes sense on a Flat Earth.
Dan 4:10 & 11 Nebuchadnezzar's Tree

“The visions of my head as I lay in bed were these: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the Earth; and its height was great. The tree grew and became strong, and its top reached to Heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole Earth”    RSV & KJV

"While I was asleep, I had a vision of a huge tree in the middle of the Earth. It grew bigger and bigger until it reached the sky and could be seen by everyone in the world. “    GNB

"The visions that passed through my head as I lay in bed were these: I saw a tree in the middle of the World; it was very tall. The tree grew taller and stronger, until its top reached the sky and it could be seen from the very ends of the Earth. "    JB

“Now the visions of my head upon my bed I happened to be beholding, and, look! a tree in the midst of the Earth, the height of which was immense. The tree grew up and became strong, and its very height finally reached the Heavens, and it was visible to the extremity of the whole Earth.”    NWT
1 Samuel 2:8 The Earth sits on Pillars

“For the pillars of the Earth are the Lords, and on them he has set the World.”
RSV & KJV

“The foundations of the Earth belong to the Lord; on them he has built the world.”
GNB

“For to Yahweh belong the pillars of the Earth, on these he has poised the world.”
JB

“For to Jehovah belong Earth’s supports, and he places upon them the productive land.”
NWT
Psalm 75: 3 The Earth sits on Pillars

“When the Earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars.” RSV

“The Earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.” KJV

“Though every living creature tremble and the Earth itself be shaken, I will keep its foundations firm.” GNB

“The Earth quakes and all its inhabitants; it is I who hold its pillars firm” JB

“The Earth and all its inhabitants being dissolved, it was I that adjusted its pillars.” NWT
Job 9:6 The Earth sits on Pillars

“Who shakes the Earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble.” RSV & KJV

“God sends earthquakes and shakes the ground; he rocks the pillars that support the Earth.” GNB

“He shakes the Earth, and moves it from its place, making all its pillars tremble.” JB

“He is making the Earth go quaking from its place, so that its very pillars shudder.” NWT
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the Earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements -- surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone. “ RSV

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the Earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof” KJV

“Were you there when I made the world? If you know so much, tell me about it. Who decided how large it would be? Who stretched the measuring line over it? Do you know all the answers? What holds up the pillars that support the Earth? Who laid the cornerstone of the world? ” GNB
“Where were you when I laid the Earth’s foundations? Tell me, since you are so well-informed! Who decided its dimensions, do you know? Or who stretched the measuring line across it? What supports its pillars at their bases? Who laid its cornerstone?”     JB

“Where did you happen to be when I founded the Earth? Tell [me], if you do know understanding. Who set its measurements, in case you know, or who stretched out upon it the measuring line? Into what have its socket pedestals been sunk down, or who laid its cornerstone?”     NWT
Psalm 24:2  The Earth sits in the Great Deep or Cosmic Ocean

“For he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers”  RSV

“For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods”  KJV

“He built it on the deep waters beneath the Earth and laid its foundations in the ocean depths”  GNB

“It is he who laid its foundations on the seas, on the flowing waters fixed it firm”  JB

“For upon the seas he himself has solidly fixed it, and upon the rivers he keeps it firmly established”  NWT
Psalm 136: 6 The Earth sits in the Great Deep

“To him who spread out the Earth upon the waters, for his steadfast love endures for ever”  RSV

“To him that stretched out the Earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever”  KJV

“He built the Earth on the deep waters; his love is eternal.”  GNB

“He set the Earth firm on the waters, for his faithful love endures for ever”  JB

“To the One laying out the earth above the waters: for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite”  NWT
Exodus 20: 4 The Earth sits in the Great Deep

"You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the water under the Earth." RSV & KJV

"Do not make for yourselves images of anything in Heaven or on Earth or in the water under the Earth." GNB

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in Heaven above or on Earth beneath or in the waters under the Earth" JB

"You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the Heavens above or that is on the Earth underneath or that is in the waters under the Earth. “
Nowhere in the Bible is there any direct reference to a Circular World Ocean around the Earth. However such ideas are alluded to in the Bible.
The Bible describes a large circular bronze water tank that is used in the Solomon's Temple as a “Sea”. This may be an allusion to a Circular World Ocean in which the Earth sits.
1 Kings 7:23 Solomon's Circular Sea

“Then he made the molten sea; it was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.” RSV

“Then he made the Molten Sea; it was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.” KJV

“Huram made a round tank of bronze, 7 1/2 feet deep, 15 feet in diameter, and 45 feet in circumference.” GNB

“He made the Sea of cast metal, ten cubits from rim to rim, circular in shape and five cubits high; a cord thirty cubits long gave the measurement of its girth.” JB

“And he proceeded to make the molten sea ten cubits from its one brim to its other brim, circular all around; and its height was five cubits, and it took a line of thirty cubits to circle all around.” NWT
Earth sits in the Great Deep on top of Foundations/ Pillars