Scientific Concordism

ASSUMPTION:
- the facts of science align with the Bible.
- that God revealed scientific facts in the Bible 1000s of years before their discovery by modern science.

Features of the Earth from an Ancient Phenomenological Perspective

1. Earth is Immovable
The world is firmly established; it cannot move.
1 Chr 16:30; Ps 93:1, 96:10

2. Earth set on Foundations
God set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.
Ps 104:5
Stated 20X. Like legs of a table
IMPLIES a flat earth

3. Earth Surrounded by Circumferential Sea
LOGICAL notion. Due to the phenomena of:
- travellers in the ancient Near East (ANE) eventually came to a body of water
- visual impact of horizon

Geography of the Ancient Near East (ANE)

Creation of Circumferential Sea
God inscribed a circle on the surface of the deep.
Prov 8:27. Proverbs Creation Account (8:22-31)
God inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters.
Job 26:10. Job Creation Account (26:7-14)

Babylonian World Map (6th century BC)
6. Earth has an Underworld

**OLD TESTAMENT:** *she’ol* 65X
The ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them ... they went down into the **underworld.** Num 16:31-33

**NEW TESTAMENT:** *hades* 20X
Jesus: “You Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven? No, you will go down to **hades.”* Lk 10:15
Also called *katachthonios*

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
[1] in heaven and,
[2] on earth and,
[3] in the **underworld,**
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:10-11

καταχθονιος underworld, subterranean world
κατα = down  χθονιος = chthonic realm
kata                     chthonios

7. Earth is Flat

NO passage in Scripture states: “The earth is flat.”
Flat earth clearly IMPLIED in Scripture:
The devil took Jesus to a very high mountain & showed Him **ALL the kingdoms of the world.**
Matt 4:8

Earth-Dearth Argument

IF Scientific Concordism were true, and
IF God wanted to reveal scientific facts ahead of time,
THEN one would reasonably expect God to at least reveal the shape of the earth EG, comparing it to ball, orange, etc.

**Hebrew** ‘eres
earth, land 2500 X in Old Testament never referred to as a sphere or ball

**Greek** γῆ
earth, land 250 X in New Testament never referred to as a sphere or ball

Conclusions

1. The Bible has an ancient understanding of the structure & operation of the earth.
2. The ancient geography/geology in the Bible is based on an ancient phenomenological perspective of the earth.
3. Scientific Concordism FAILS.
4. In order to understand the structure and operation of the earth, we need to open the **Book of God’s Works** & do the science.

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Book Chapter: “Ancient Science in the Bible”
from Denis Lamoureux’s
*I Love Jesus & I Accept Evolution* (2009)
www.ualberta.ca/~dlamoure/ancient_science.pdf.