

## The Story of Day Two

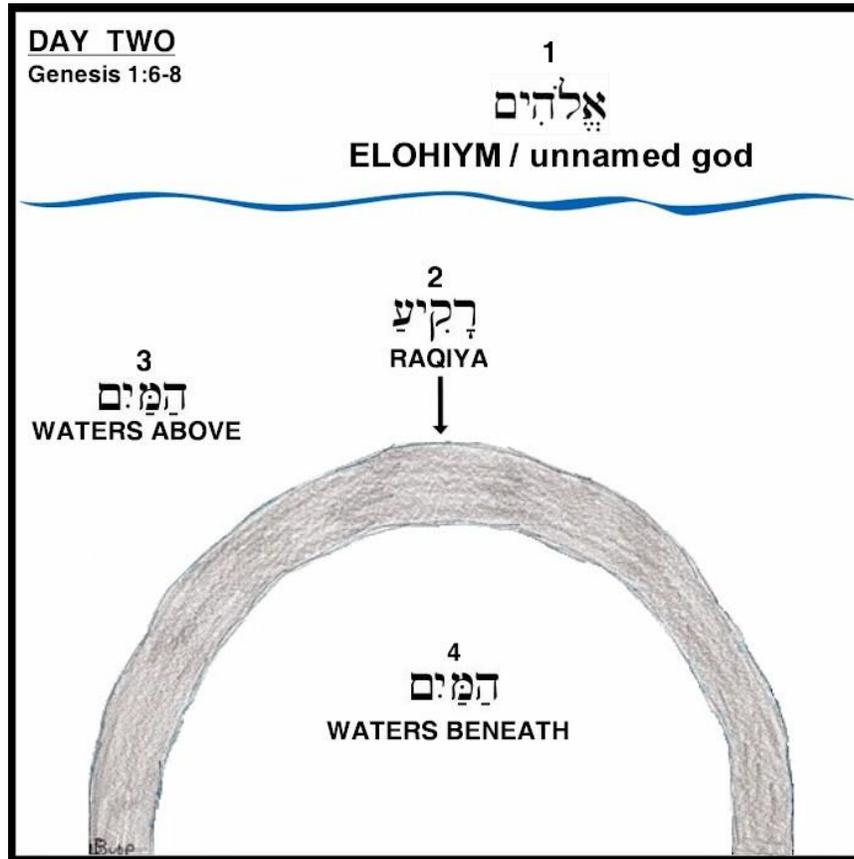
### Genesis 1:6-8

The light of the first cycle of light called Day One is fading away and the evening of Day Two has begun. The time of darkness has begun, but there is a surety that light will return again. On the first day the god chose to use its creative power to change darkness. Today it chooses to change the deep waters.

And the god said:

“Let there be a **RAQIYA** – **a solid dome-like structure** –  
in the middle of the deep waters  
that separates the waters beneath it from the waters above it.”

And the god made the **RAQIYA**.



And the god named the **RAQIYA** “**SHAMAYIM**” –  
**The Two Theres** or **The Two Names**.

In English translations **RAQIYA** is translated **firmament**, **solid arch** and **expanse**.  
**SHAMAYIM** is translated as either “**Heaven**” or “**Heavens**.”

← ← Hebrew read from right to left. ← ←

שמים

→ → English transliteration read from left to right. → →

**ShAM + AYIM**

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The ancient Hebrew manuscripts do not have vowel signs, so the transliteration is – **SHMYM**. The **Masoretes** (Hebrew: המסורה בעלי, romanized: Ba'alei ha-Masora) were groups of *Jewish scribe-scholars* who worked between the 6th and 10th centuries CE. They were based primarily in early medieval Palestine in the cities of **Tiberius** and **Jerusalem**, as well as in **Babylon**. They added the vowel signs and made corrections (from their perspective) to the Hebrew Scriptures. The “**SH**” can mean either “**name**” or “**there**.” The suffix “**-AYIM**” indicates “**two of something**” -- **Two Names** or **Two Theres**.

And of course, **SHAMAYIM** could just be a name without the meanings above, but mystery plays an important role in ancient wisdom. Ancient scribes and audience would have at least recognized the connection of the “**Two Theres**” to what the solid dome-like structure created.

*The god changed the deep waters by placing a solid dome-like structure beneath the surface of the waters. It was solid enough to create two separate bodies of water – one body of water outside the dome and one body of waters inside the dome.*

*Did you picture a solid dome-like structure submerged in deep waters when you read Genesis 1:1 before now – In the beginning God created the **Heaven(s)** . . . ?*

*Are you planning on spending eternity  
in the solid dome-like structure pictured above?*

Before we move on the *Third Cycle*, it is important to note that the god does not measure the *solid dome-like structure* with its **TOV Standard**? Why? It is because the structure hasn't fulfilled the purpose for which the god made it -- *it isn't functioning like it is supposed to function yet.*

*The god completes this solid dome-like structure as evening approaches once again. Its arrival signals the end of the **Second Cycle of Light, Life & Enlightenment** -- **Day Two**.*