
THE ANCIENT CONCEPT OF AN ANCIENT EARTH

- R' Nehunya ben ha-Kanah (1st Century)
 - Existence of prior worlds
- R' Shimon bar Yochai (2nd Century)
 - Original earth & its destruction
 - The “Ice Age”
- R' Hamnuna the Elder (3rd Century)
 - The Earth is spherical
- R' Isaac of Akko (1250-1350)
 - Age of the universe = 15,340,500,000 years
- R' Israel Lipschitz (1782-1860)
 - Existence of man-like creatures in the pre-Adamite earth