

The Original Creation

Introduction

Hebrews 11:3 ***By faith we consider*** (*gather facts to reason*) ***that the ages were framed*** (*thoroughly adjusted*) ***by a single utterance from God for the purpose that*** (*we consider*) ***the things we are glancing at now did not come to being from anything that can be seen.***

1. God the Son crafted the ages (Heb. 1:2).
 2. We can have faith in future ages (2 Pet. 3:10 cf. Isa 65:17).
 3. Faith in future promises from God allows us to gather facts and consider past ages (Heb. 11:3).
 4. We do not have faith in creation; we have faith in the future promises and that affects our understanding of the historical record in the Word.
- A. ***In the beginning . . .*** no article in original text: ***“In a beginning.”***
- B. There were at least four “beginnings” before Gen. 1:1.
- a) The council of the Godhead (Eph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:20 cf. Rev. 13:8).
 - b) The counsel of the Father (Eph. 1:11).
 - c) The creation of Spirit Beings (Job 38:1-7 cf. 1:6; 2:1; Col. 1:16; Psa. 33:6).
- C. Other important beginnings.
- a) The fall of Lucifer and a third of the angels (1 Jn. 3:8).
 - b) A beginning of New Testament truth (1 Jn. 1:1-2, 2:7; 3:11; Jn. 13:34).
 - c) “The beginning” (Rev. 3:14; 21:6; 22:13; Lu. 1:2; Jn. 8:25).
- D. **God** (Elohim) ***created the heavens and the earth*** (Gen. 1:1).
- a) To create בָּרָא *bah-rah’* (Gen 1:1, 21, 27; 2:3; 5:1; 6:7).
 - b) Created the universe out of nothing by a command (Psa. 33:8-9).
 - c) “Create” as distinct from make, form, bring forth, work on and build.
- E. The heavens and earth created to be inhabited.
- a) The heavens by spirit beings (Isa. 40:26; 42:5; 45:12).
 - b) The earth also inhabited (Isa. 45:18).
 - c) Gen. 1:2 תוֹהוּ *to hoo’* ***with out form***—a wasteland.

Isaiah 45:18 *For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; (God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it,) he created it not in vain תוֹהוּ, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*