

God's Activity before Genesis 1:1

- I. An *age* reveals something about God, either by comparison or by contrast (Eph. 2:7).
 1. In contrast dispensations are related to mankind (Eph. 3:2).
 2. A 'plan', or degree was agreed upon by the three Persons of the Godhead before the ages (Heb. 1:2; 11:3).
 3. This plan was before any creation (Eph. 1:4).
 4. All creation was performed by God the Son (Jn. 1:3).
 5. 'To create' is to make substance out of that which does not exist (Heb. 11:3).
 6. The sequence of activity: 1) council: the planning 2) counsel: the plan (Acts 20:27; cf. *purpose* Rom. 8:28; Eph. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9).
 7. The 'plan', (also called degree, or purpose), occurred in eternity-past.
 - 1) God dwells in eternity (Is. 57:17).
 - 2) The 'plan' was before time (1 Cor. 2:7).
 - 3) 'Time' exists between eternities (2 Tim. 1:9).
- II. The First Age, the creation of Spirit Beings.
 1. Before the creation of the material universe.
 2. Spirit Beings, Cherubim, Seraphim, and angels existed before the creation of the material universe (Job 38:7).
 3. There was no Throne in Heaven before the creation of Genesis 1:1.
 - 1) No matter where Spirit Beings went, there already was the essence of God.
 - 2) This revealed that created beings are finite in contrast to God's essence.
- III. The Second Age, the creation of the material universe.
 1. "In a beginning ..." (Gen. 1:1).
 2. Masorettes' pointing system: Niqqud.
 3. Sheva not a Kamatz under the ׁ 'bet'
 4. The universe was created by God the Son (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16-17).
 5. All the universe was initially created to be inhabited (Is. 45:18).