

## **God's Revealing about Himself through Creation**

### **I. The first Age: the creation of spirit beings.**

1. Revealed the immensity of God's essence.
2. Revealed His eternal nature.
3. Before any creation the three Persons of the Godhead agreed upon a plan: the decree.
4. The decree was before all other beginnings.
5. Spirit beings were created prior to the creation of the material universe (Gen. 1:1).
6. Revelation about God from creation is called "natural revelation" (Rom. 1:20).
7. God dwells in eternity (Is. 57:17).
  - 1) We exist in times between eternities (2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 16:25).
  - 2) The decree was in eternity past (Tit. 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:20).

### **II. The Second Age: the creation of the material universe (Gen. 1:1).**

1. Created to be inhabited (Is. 45:18).
  - 1) Angels reside on stars (Eph. 6:12 cf. 1:20-21; Is. 40:22-26; Ps. 33:3).
  - 2) The universe is God's house (Is. 66:1).
  - 3) The creation and arrangement of the universe (Job. 38:1-7).
2. "was" KJV better translated "became" (Gen.1:2).

### **III. The universe was ruled from earth before Genesis 1:2 (Ez. 28:14-19).**

1. The concept of a 'foil' when referring to Satan.
  - 1) The power behind human activity (Rev. 2:13).
  - 2) Used a snake (Gen. 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:3, 14; Rev. 12:9, 14-15; 20:2).
  - 3) Used Peter (Mt. 16:22-23).
2. Key terms proving use of a 'foil':
  - 1) Anointed Cherub (v. 14).
  - 2) Created (v. 15).
  - 3) Mountain of God (vv. 14, 16 cf. Is. 2:2; Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45).
  - 4) Eden the Garden of God (v. 13 cf. Gen. 2:8).