

## Creation

### I. Review of Genesis 1:1

1. “**a**” beginning, no article since there was activity prior to the creation of the material universe.
2. The Three Persons considered various plans: council.
3. The Three agreed upon the Father’s plan: counsel, or decree (Eph. 1:3-4).
4. Spirit beings were already created when the universe came into existence (Job 38:1-7): cherubim, seraphim, angels.
5. “**beginning**” there are other words for beginning.
  - 1) ‘first’ as in a series of events (Job 42:12).
  - 2) The idea is of a ‘former state.’
6. “**created**” is to bring to be, out of nothing (Jn. 1:3; Heb. 11:3).
7. “**created**” also implies completion/perfection (Duet. 32:4; 1 Cor. 14:33; Is. 45:18; Ps. 104:30).
8. Interpretive summary of Genesis 1:1

***In a former state God created perfectly, out of nothing, the heavens and the earth.***

### II. By Genesis 1:2 the conditions on the earth have changed.

1. The order of the words in the verse is irregular.
2. “And” would be better translated “but”.
3. Verse two implies judgment grammatically.
4. Since the only created persons were spirit beings, what happened to cause the judgment in verse two?

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

1. The concept of a ‘prop’ 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 the use of a ‘prop’ in Ez. 28):
  - 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).