



"IN THE BEGINNING GOD"

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-II Cor. 4:6

1. Because it is clear that the physical universe did not have an eternal past, what can we learn about its eternal future? Ps. 102:25-26; II Peter 3:10-12
2. What will replace this present physical universe? I Cor. 15:44-50; Rev. 21:1
 - What will happen to all mankind at this time? Matt. 25:46; Ps. 102:27-28
3. Why then was the earth created in the first place? Isaiah 45:18; Psalm 115:15-16; Titus 1:1-3
4. When was the gospel prepared? Eph. 1:3-4
 - A) Before the beginning of creation B) After man was created C) After the fall of man
 - Why is this significant? II Tim. 1:9; Jer. 10:23
5. Why does "darkness" first have to be established in Genesis 1:2?
 - Compare Proverbs 4:18-19 to Genesis 1:2-3?
6. To what does "the earth was without form and void" compare? Isaiah 40:17
7. How does Paul connect the gospel to Genesis 1:3? II Cor. 4:6
 - What similarities are found in John 1:6-10?
8. Read Genesis 1:4. As light was divided from darkness, what else is divided in the gospel? Romans 11:6
 - What is the warning found in Isaiah 5:20?
 - To what must a child of God be held accountable? Amos 3:3; II Cor. 6:14
9. Read Genesis 1:5. To what can "morning" be affiliated? Lamentations 3:23; Rev. 22:16
10. All things are in God's hands and time is the tool. Correspond this concept to Galatians 4:4-5 and Psalm 39:4-6.



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