

## DOCTRINE OF BEGINNINGS

- I. Vocabulary
  - A. Hebrew re'shiyth When a prefixed B is added means in a beginning, or in the beginning.
  - B. Greek arche When used with prepositions like apo, or en means from or in a beginning.
- II. Eternity past is the first beginning referred to in the Word of God.
  - A. This is a beginning which had no beginning, since time was not in existence.
  - B. As Deity God the Son eternally pre-existed all things. Jn. 1:1-2, 17:5,24; Col. 1:15-17
  - C. Wisdom or Bible doctrine existed eternally with God. Prov. 8:22-31
  - D. God's Plan which included eternal salvation existed with Him from this beginning. IITim. 1:9
- III. The next beginning deals with the creation of fabulous creatures known as angels. Ezk. 28:13,15
  - A. All angels were created in a state of sinless perfection. Ezk. 28:15
  - B. Their creation predates everything but God Himself.
- IV. The original creation of the heavens and the earth is called a beginning. Gen. 1:1
  - A. The second person of the Godhead was the agent who actually created the universe. Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2
  - B. The angels were worshiping spectators at this event. Job 38:4-7
  - C. All was spoken into existence from that which did not exist. Ps. 33:6-9, 148:1-5; Heb. 11:2
- V. Sin, which did not exist originally but was first manufactured by Satan via his negative volition, is called a beginning. IJn. 3:8; Isa. 14:13-14; Ezk. 28:12-17
  - A. This is the origin of the Angelic conflict. Rev. 12:4, 7-8
- VI. The creation of man and woman on D+6 of restoration is called a beginning. Gen. 1:26ff; Matt. 19:4
- VII. Satan's introduction of murder, by his deliberate slaying of Adam is called a beginning. Jn. 8:44
  - A. Jesus calls him a murderer.
  - B. His first human victim was Eve, followed shortly by Adam. Gen. 3:1-6
  - C. The nature of his weapons is given in Jn. 8:44.
  - D. Because of his murder of Adam, all mankind is killed via the I/STA. Rom. 5:12ff
- VIII. The public ministry of Jesus Christ is called a beginning. Mk. 1:1; Lk. 1:2; IJn. 1:1
- IX. The day of Pentecost and the beginning of the Church Age is listed as a beginning. Acts 11:15

X. Salvation and experiential sanctification is called a beginning.  
I Jn. 2:7,24, 3:11