



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2 (NAS)

Topic: "The Beginning"

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- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

I. AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

A. It Is The Framework For All Scripture

1. For Exodus
2. For the whole Bible

B. Beginning Of All That Pertains To Man

1. Man's existence
2. Man's sin – death
3. The arts and skilled labor
4. Families, cities, nations and the church
5. God's judgment and grace toward man

C. The Divisions Of The Book

1. Chapters 1-11 – record of primeval history
2. Chapters 12-50 – the history of the patriarchs

D. The Great Themes

1. The seed of themes later developed
2. The great doctrines of the faith introduced

II. THE ONE GREAT EXCLUSION FROM THE LIST OF BEGINNINGS

A. God – His Majesty

B. His Eternality Declared

C. His Word Valued *II Timothy 3:16-17*

D. He Reveals That He Is Personal *John 1:1-3, Hebrews 11:3*

E. His Reality Ought Guide Our Every Thought

III. THE THREE OPTIONS

A. The Two Views Held By The World

1. Out of nothing matter came (lesser view)
2. Out of some particle or protoplasm everything evolved *Ps. 14:1*

B. In The Beginning God Created

1. He revealed Himself to us
2. He revealed His salvation