

In The Beginning

The Eternal plan of God

Before Genesis 1:1...

Comment on the astounding truth of IPet.1:20. IPet.1:13-21

Before anything was created, it was planned that Jesus would be slain for our sin.

Were any of the events in Genesis 1-3 unexpected? Was God surprised by sin?

No surprises! Sin was known, plan was made, Lamb was slain, BEFORE anything...

Additionally, what else was known, planned, detailed, before time began? Eph.1:4

He chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world was laid (Gen.1:1).

According to this verse, the choosing was done by Whom? When?

God chose. Before the believer even existed, before there was anyone/thing but God.

Is this choosing “collective” (i.e., some group), or individual? Jn.13:8;

This is clearly individuals. He knows His own, by name, before time began.

How is this same truth taught (individual choosing) in Rev.13:8? also Rev.17:8

Each true believer’s name (chosen individual) has been written in the book of life, before...

What is usually the response to teaching this truth? Rom.9:10-14

That if this is true, then God is unjust! Our finite minds cannot comprehend His ways.

In addition to the Lamb and individual believers, what else was planned before time? Mt.25:34

The yet-future kingdom, prepared for those He chooses, before time begins.

Meditating on the things before Genesis 1:1...

Before God created in Gen.1:1, what was it like? Jn.17:24

God the Father has given great glory to God the Son. Co-equal but different roles.

God’s plan included Jesus crucified, individual believers chosen and named, bestowed glory on the Son. When did He reveal these things to us? ICor.2:6-10

He revealed them through Jesus and the NT writers, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

And why did He keep these truths hidden from men and angels? ICor.2:8

Had Satan (ruler of this age) known, he would not have crucified Jesus.

What else does this reveal that God knew and planned before Genesis 1:1?

The fall of Satan and the ensuing battle for the souls of men. God knew it all.

In Paul’s final words to Timothy, what does he remind him of? IITim.1:7-9

Be bold in service to the Lord. He chose you from eternity past. You can trust Him!

Chosen in Him before time began... How then should we live? IIThess.2:13