

# FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

## Genesis 1-11

### *“A Long Time Ago...”*

**INTRO:** *Genesis is **foundational** to everything we need to know about God, His Kingdom Program, and His crowning achievement, Man.*

- I.** \_\_\_\_\_ **exists.** *Our five senses bear witness to creation.*
- II.** **People have postulated various** \_\_\_\_\_ **views of how** \_\_\_\_\_ **came into existence.**  
*The two major views are that 1) the universe is **eternal** or 2) that **nothing** created everything. Both views are without merit.*
- III.** **Be awed; a long time ago, God created** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(1:1).** *Evidence points to creation being a relatively “recent” event, probably occurring 6,000-10,000 years ago.*
- A.** A \_\_\_\_\_ ago... *The word translated **beginning** refers to an indeterminate time in the past.*
- B.** A long time ago, \_\_\_\_\_... *The word for God is **Elohim**, a plural noun. While this is **not** proof of the Trinity, it opens the door to a key doctrine progressively revealed.*
- C.** A long time ago, God \_\_\_\_\_... *Genesis doesn't explain **WHY** God created, but one possible answer involves God's eternal kingdom purposes.*
- D.** A long time ago, God created \_\_\_\_\_.  
*“Skies and Land” is a Hebrew **merism** which, with few exceptions, is intended to include **everything** material including skies (the heavens, i.e., space) and land.*