Main Thought  A number of important events took place in eternity past prior to the beginning of our story in Genesis.

**THE TRINITY**

- In eternity past, God has always existed (Psa. 90:2).
- God (HEB-elohim) has always existed as three persons as all were involved in creation: God the Father (Gen. 21:33), God the Son (John 1:1), and God the Holy Spirit (Job 33:4).
- While God's existence is ASSUMED in the bible, it is also PROVED by: (1) first cause (COSMOLOGICAL argument – Psa. 19:1); (2) complex design (TELEOLOGICAL argument – Rom. 1:18-20); (3) uniqueness of man made in His image (ANTHROPOLOGICAL argument – Acts 17:9).

**THE PLAN**

In eternity past, God devised a master plan called His DECREES (Isa. 14:26).

- PRE-TEMPORAL (Isa. 46:9-10; Eph. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Tit. 1:2).
- INDEPENDENT (Psa. 135:6; Dan. 4:35; Eph. 1:11).
- INDIVIDUALS (Gen. 45:8; Prov. 21:1).
- ALLOWED EVIL (1 Chron. 16:19-22; Hab. 1:6; Prov. 16:4; Ex. 14:17; Rev. 17:17).
- ALL THINGS:
  - Universe (Psa. 103:19).
  - Animals (Psa. 104:25-29).
  - National affairs (Dan. 4:24-25).
  - Mans birth (Psa. 139:16), earth (Job 14:5), and success (Psa. 75:6-7).
  - Things thought to be by chance (Prov. 16:33; Ruth 2:3; 1 Kings 22:23b, 34).