

(John 17:24 ESV) Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me **before the foundation of the world.**

(Ephesians 1:4–5 ESV) Even as he chose us in him **before the foundation of the world,** that we should be holy and blameless before him.

(1 Peter 1:20–21a ESV) He was foreknown **before the foundation of the world** but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God.

(Revelation 13:8b ESV) ... everyone whose name has not been written **before the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

(Matthew 13:35b ESV) "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden **since the foundation of the world.**"

(Matthew 25:34 ESV) Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from the foundation of the world.**"

(Luke 11:50 ESV) So that the blood of all the prophets, shed **from the foundation of the world,** may be charged against this generation.

(Hebrews 9:25–26a ESV) Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly **since the foundation of the world.**

The Divine Council ...

- The divine councils centering on man had first taken place long before the beginning of time (whatever is involved in the concept of "before time"). The Lamb had, in the determination of these councils, been slain before the foundation of the world; the names of the redeemed had been written in His book of life before the foundation of the world; and God had called those who were to be saved by His grace, before the world began.
- On this sixth day, another such council took place, and the ancient plan was now formally announced, recorded, and implemented. The highest, most complex of all creatures was to be made by God and then was to be given dominion over all the rest—all the animals of the sea, air, and land.
- And yet man was to be more than simply a very complex and highly organized animal. There was to be something in man which was not only quantitatively greater, but qualitatively distinctive, something not possessed in any degree by the animals.
- Man was to be in the image and likeness of God Himself!
- Morris, H. M. (1976). The Genesis record: a scientific and devotional commentary on the book of beginnings (p. 73). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

The Divine Council: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

