



**NEW
BEGINNING**

A small green seedling with two leaves is growing out of a crack in dry, cracked earth. The background is a close-up of the cracked soil, with the seedling positioned vertically in the center.

WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP ?

**“The first step
towards getting somewhere is
to decide
that you are not going to stay
where you are”**

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**DO I HAVE TO CUT OFF ...
SOMETHING ?**

**“You raze the old
to raise the new”**

(Justina Chen Headley)

WHAT ABOUT ELOHIM (THE CREATOR) ?

Genesis 1:1 (ESV) In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.

The Beginning: the first of its kind ...

a) **With regard to TIME – first fruits** (Very often used of the first fruits offered in the Temple)

Genesis 49:1, 3 Then Jacob called his sons and said ...

“Reuben, you are **my firstborn, my might, and the first fruits of my strength,**
preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

Reuben (Raa + Ben) Raa - observe, consider, inspect, **look at each other**, give attention to, discern, distinguish.

Genesis 29:32-35 (ESV) And **Leah** conceived and bore a son, and she called his name **Reuben**,
for she said, “Because **the Lord has looked upon my affliction**; for now my husband will love me.”

Preeminent - Superior to or notable above all others (www.thefreedictionary.com). LEAH - delicate, tired and a cow.

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The First, Chief

Amos 6:1 (ESV) (**Woe to Those at Ease in Zion**)

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!”

WHAT ABOUT ELOHIM (THE CREATOR) - YESHUA (JESUS) ?

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Revelation 3:14 (NKJV) **The Lukewarm Church**

“And to **the angel** of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says **the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning** of the creation of God.

(CHRIST – the Head of Creation, not spoken off as a creature)

The message to Laodicea is one of judgement with **a call to repentance**. The oracle contains a number of striking metaphors.

Rev 3:15-16 (ESV) “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

It is thought that the Laodiceans were being criticized for their neutrality or lack of zeal (hence "lukewarm"). Based on this understanding, the negative term Laodicean is used in the English language to refer to those neutral or indifferent in matters of faith. (Wikipedia)

v.v 17-18 Because you say, ‘**I am rich**, have become wealthy, and **have need of nothing**’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me **gold refined in the fire**, that you may be rich; and **white garments**, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your **nakedness** (ARUM - **perfidy**) may not be revealed; and **anoint your eyes with eye salve**, that **you may see**.

The words attributed to the Laodiceans obviously mark **an ironic over-confidence in regard to spiritual wealth**. They are unable **to recognise their bankruptcy**. However the image may also be drawing on the perceived worldly wealth of the city.

So, what wise say about new beginning ?

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. (Chinese Proverb)

You will never win if you never begin. (Helen Rowland)

All our knowledge has its origins in our perceptions. (Leonardo Da Vinci)

Before beginning prepare carefully. (Marcus Tullius Cicero)

**Behold, I stand at the door and
knock.**

**If anyone hears My voice and
opens the door, I will come in
to him and dine with him, and
he with Me.**

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)

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