

## Genesis 1C

[Gen. 1:20](#) ¶ Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.”

[Gen. 1:21](#) God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

[Gen. 1:22](#) God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

[Gen. 1:23](#) There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

- God fills the seas and the air
  - Shamayim means air
- Important new detail on this day
  - Living creatures
    - Chay nephesh
      - Living soul, or living being
      - Something that has a new kind of life
      - Different than plants (conscious life)
      - Plants can't “die” like an animal
- Day Age theorists see the order of creation as supporting their theory
  - Life began in the seas according to evolution
  - The Cambrian Explosion 530 million years ago when most of the species in the fossil record suddenly came into existence (4 billion years after the earth was formed)
  - What's overlooked in this assumption concerning the fifth day?
    - Birds also created that day
    - But birds came long after land animals in Evolution
- Fifth day – chart

[Gen. 1:24](#) ¶ Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so.

[Gen. 1:25](#) God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

- More living creatures
  - For the earth
  - Cattle – domesticated animals
  - Beast – wild animals
  - No death meant that no animals were to be feared
    - Dinosaurs could roam without threatening Adam and Eve
- And it was good – again for man
- Stage is set for man
  - The earth has been prepared for man’s entrance
    - The earth is formed, seas present, animals waiting, food prepared on the trees
  - The fact that man is created last also shows the building to a pinnacle – saving the best for last, most important
  - Why did God take so long?
    - To show the care and preparation for man’s entrance
      - If it happened in an instant, the purpose and focus would have been lost

[Gen. 1:26](#) ¶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

[Gen. 1:27](#) God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

[Gen. 1:28](#) God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

[Gen. 1:29](#) Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

[Gen. 1:30](#) and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food”; and it was so.

[Gen. 1:31](#) God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

- God creates man
  - Notice a difference in how man is created?
    - By God’s hands, not by His voice
      - Could He have spoken men into existence? Yes
      - What do the use of His hands suggest?
      - And what of the materials?
  - God says let us do this work
    - Interesting that the idea of a God with more than one person is shown even in the first chapter of Genesis
- God creates man (adam)
  - Creates mankind – male and female
    - In his image (likeness) , according to His likeness (pattern)
      - This detail alone sets man apart from the rest of creation
      - God cannot enter into covenants with something that could not be a suitable partner to the bond
        - It had to be a real relationship to be a legitimate covenant
    - In what ways are we like God?
      - Our intellect, reasoning, expression of emotion, appreciation of good
      - An appreciation of God Himself

- And our capacity to understand His love, grace, mercy
- Our ability to worship with a heart to obey by choice
- Christ was the perfect embodiment of what man, created in God's image, could aspire to be absent sin
  - God's sons
  - Col 3:9-10; Eph 4:20-24
- God tells men to fill earth, subdue it and rule over animals
  - Rule = nadah = dominion
  - Man initially had dominion over the earth – unearned
    - It was created for men – a dominion prepared for man
- God gives men plants to eat
  - No meat...why?
  - Meat would require death...no death
  - With the introduction of chay nephesh, we have another huge problem with the Day Age theory
    - Day Age (evolution) requires death to advance creation
      - Bible says death came only after man sinned (Chap 3)
      - No death until then
      - Rom 5:12-14; 8:18-22; Isa 11:6-10
- Sixth day – chart completion (create vs. fill)