

Creation: Day 5
Genesis 1:20-23
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Genesis 1:20-23 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." **21** So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

I. Fish and Sea Creatures

- Then God said
 - Again God creates by speaking
- First time living creatures made
 - Plants are alive but they are not conscious
 - Animals have conscious
 - They move around and react to the environment
 - However, animals are not self-aware
- Fish and sea creatures
 - Includes whales, lobsters, snails, etc
 - Abound with abundance
 - Swarm of swarming things (in Hebrew)
 - Emphasized in movement
 - Huge diverse environment
 - Huge population of living creatures in the sea
 - Created mature and moving
 - Instantaneous creation
 - There is no incremental changes from non-life to life
 - Every sea animals are enormously complex and not simple
 - Waters
 - Includes seas, rivers and lakes
 - Fresh and salt water creatures
 - Includes fish deep in the oceanic trenches
 - All sizes
 - Great sea creatures
 - Mentioned here because many of the pagan cultures that the Jews encountered after the Exodus believed them to be gods

Isaiah 27:1 *In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.*

- God created them—they are nothing but an animal
- There are several Biblical references to these great sea creatures

Job 41:1-5 *Can you pull in the leviathan with a fishhook or tie down his tongue with a rope? 2 Can you put a cord through his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? 3 Will he keep begging you for mercy? Will he speak to you with gentle words? 4 Will he make an agreement with you for you to*

take him as your slave for life? 5 Can you make a pet of him like a bird or put him on a leash for your girls?

Psalms 148:7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths;

- All these great sea creatures are created by God and under His control
- Reproduction after their own kind
 - Immense variations among their kind
 - Cannot cross breed with each other and get a different kind
 - Bass + trout cannot happen

II. Birds

- Fly across the heavens
 - Face of the firmament—at the lowest part of the expanse
- This might include every flying creatures (birds, bats, reptiles, and insects)
- God gave some of the animals the ability to fly
 - Controlled flight, take-off, landing and movement
 - Master Designer
 - All birds and flying creatures have been created at once
 - There were no changes over time
 - Birds (videos)
 - Feather
 - Supremely complex design
 - Wind resistant
 - Hook and ridge design (to slide and “Velcro” together)
 - Birds have oil to keep feathers lubricated!
 - Bones
 - Lightweight and hollow but containing cross-membranes for support
 - Flexible and strong
 - They must all work together or the bird cannot fly
 - Bats (video)
 - Their wing is part of skin, very flexible
 - Echolocation sonar—highly sophisticated
 - Insects (video)
 - Their structure is completely different from birds and bats!
 - Their wing flight is more circular, creating eddies of air for lift off
- The blessing
 - This is a new act by God
 - He gave them the ability to reproduce
 - I believe it is that He gave them instinct to care for themselves

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

- It was good