

HOW GOD FILLED THE HEAVENS AND EARTH Pt.2 **(Genesis 1:20-23)**

A. The STRUCTURE of GENESIS 1:1-2:3.

B. The INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT of CREATION. “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*” (1:1)

C. The SPECIFIC DETAILS of CREATION. (1:2 – 31)

1. **The initial existence and condition of the Earth. (1:2)** - “*The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.*”
2. **DAY 1. (Genesis 1:3-5)** On Day 1, God created earth, space, time, light & water.
3. **DAY 2. (Genesis 1:6-8)** On Day 2, God forms 2 essential elements for human life – an oxygen atmosphere and hydrogen of water.
4. **DAY 3. (Genesis 1:9-13)** On Day 3, God continues to form the Earth by forming the land & seas, and then begins to fill the land with the creation of plants, vegetation, seed, and fruit – all with man’s habitation and God’s glory in view.
5. **Day 4. (1:14-19)** On Day 4, God creates the sun, moon, and stars to fill the firmament for great purposes relative to the Earth.
6. **Day 5. (1:20-23)** On Day 5, God creates living creatures to fill the uninhabited waters and the sky, with the divine command and ability to reproduce after its own kind.
 - a. **God’s proclamation** was, “Then _____, “Let the waters abound with an _____ of _____, and let _____ above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” (1:20)
 - How is this similar to God’s other acts of creation?
 - How does the word “living” distinguish these creatures from God’s prior creations?
 - b. **God’s production** resulted in, “So _____ great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters _____, _____, and every winged bird _____. (1:21a)
 - What does this involve?

- What is repeated twice for emphasis and clarity?
- Let's marvel at the Creator and His creation:
- What does this act of creation show us about God?

c. ***God's personal evaluation of His creation*** was, "And God saw that it was _____." (1:21b)

- How does this correspond to the previous days of creation?

d. ***God's personal care for His creation*** is announced by the reality that, "_____ them". (1:22a)

- What should this remind us of?

e. ***God's procreative command to these creatures*** is, "'Be _____ and _____, and _____ the waters in the seas, and let birds _____ on the earth.'" (1:22b)

- What is new in creation with this command?
- How does this day and section end like the previous ones?
- Let's marvel at the Creator and His creation:
- Some closing thoughts: