



### **Creation Command 7: The Earth is set-up for Blood**

Genesis 1:20 And God said, *“Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures.”*

Have you noticed that throughout this whole study I have ignored the ending of each day? It says there was evening and morning. Jesus called himself the Alpha and omega. We know that is the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. We also know that the definition of those terms is the first and the last respectively. Did you know that the Jewish day begins at 6pm? That it ends the next day (by our standards) at 6pm. I actually don't think this was by accident. God began by separating the darkness. It begins to get dark at 6pm. What do we look forward to? It's the daylight.

If we could have witnessed creation it might have looked like this. God created light, waters, land, plants, and then he set the heavens in motion as time begins. That is where the setting up of life began. It's also where it's finished. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. That is done. The earth is complete within itself. God could have stopped there and created a terrarium. Yet, he is not done quite yet. There is still something more.

All of a sudden two things are different now. It's all in the blood. Sea creatures have blood. Well, that is any of them that have a circulatory system. Some creatures have red blood and others have blue. All creatures need oxygen to survive. God is building something. I love the creation account because it has purpose. Everything we need to exist was being built one step at a time. In the Bible is this statement 2 Peter 3:8 *“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:*

*With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.*” I think it’s pointing out that God does not need time to do what he wants. Yet, I believe time was needed to make creation work. Why make oceans first and fish second last? Was time needed to make the ocean habitable for sea creatures?

I will admit that I think creation was done in more than 6 days. Christians love to argue “our God is so powerful that he did it in 6 days.” Yet, they equally say God is patient. I suspect 2 Peter is a hint. It may have taken thousands of years to populate the earth. Setting up an ecosystem and shaping the land. Yet, to God (who is outside time) it was a day. I truly go down this road because of this creation account. It’s done in a certain order. This is thought out and calculated. I find it interesting that the oldest creatures alive today are sea creatures.

Jerimiah 23:24 *“Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.”*

There are three places in creation to fill on this earth. The first is found in the oceans. God separated the waters and put sea creatures in the oceans below. Then it says that God created a dome, vault, or expanse and called it sky. Here in the seventh command of creation, God fills the sky with flying things. Next week we will see God create creatures to fill the land. This is technically picky but it does not say that God created the bugs. Are the bugs part of the creatures or flying birds? I have always thought that bugs are part of death. They eat our food and eat our dead bodies. Were bugs not a part of the original creation?

Again, the Bible story of creation is consistent. God tends to make something and then tweak it. He obviously made the earth then he tweaked it. He separated the waters and then filled the oceans and sky. The sky is filled with birds and lights. The heavens are filled with celestial

beings like stars. Each piece of creation is commanded into being. Then later on a second command fills them. Although this is a very small account, it has tremendous purpose. Clearly each first command sat for a bit while he made the others. Then he methodically filled each one in the same order.

Blood animals need oxygen. It's how circulatory creatures' function. For writing so old it's amazing how correct it is. A plant can't exist before light. A sea creature can't function before water. We now see God add living creatures and things are changing. God did separate the plants into various kinds. He gave them specific seeds to multiply. The earth is now ready of living creatures on land. We eat fish. We eat plants. In many ways this is a vegan paradise. What an amazing world it must have been. Next week God is going to make a change in his creating.