

## **THE FIFTH DAY: AQUATIC AND BIRD LIFE (#1)**

**The Fifth Day creation-restoration introduced the fourth phase of dealing with water of Gen.1.**

- The first phase was the chaotic water of Gen.1:2.
- The second phase was separating this water into Above water and Below water on Second Day (Gen.1:7).
- The third phase was gathering the Below water into seas on the Third Day (Gen.1:9).
- The fourth phase was creating living creatures for the sea on Fifth Day (Gen.1:22).

On the Fifth Day, God also created birds to fly in the sky expanse of Second Day (Gen.1:7, 20).

<b>This lesson will study six aspects of the creation-restoration of the Fifth Day</b>
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(Heb.11:3) “By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”

### **1. There were four divine activities on the Fifth Day (Gen.1:23).**

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| • Gen.1:20  | God said (amar / kal impf)      | Aquatic life (seas) and bird life (sky).  |
| • Gen.1:21a | God created (bara / kal impf)   | Special creation – chayah nephesh   |
| • Gen.1:21b | God saw (raah / kal impf)       | Special creation was divine good.   |
| • Gen.1:22  | God blessed (barak / piel impf) | New divine activity plus 3 kal impv (commands) for reproduction (be fruitful; multiply; fill waters and sky). |

### **2. The Hebrew word for create is bara (to create something out of non-existing materials)**

Reference to the essence of God: – “Who calls into existence that which does not exist.” (Rom.4:17b)

Bara shows that God is the absolute source of creation. It was used three times in relation to special aspects of creation-restoration (Gen.1:1) [original], (Gen.1:21) [The 5<sup>th</sup> Day] and (Gen.1:27) [The 6<sup>th</sup> Day].

It is used with chayah nephesh (living soul) created on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Days. We will give further attention to its biblical concept in the 6<sup>th</sup> Day study.

### **3. Along with winged fowls, two categories of aquatic life were created on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day (Gen.1:20-22).**

(Gen.1:21) “God created the great sea monsters (tannin) and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind.”

Ps.104:25 teaches us that the two categories of aquatic life were considered, small and large.

This is not the word used with the fish that swallowed Jonah (Gen.1:17) [dag] (Gen.1:26). The Septuagint (Greek) translated tannin as ketos. However, this was the Greek word that was used by Jesus for the fish that swallowed Jonah in Matt.12:40. (Tannin) [Whale].

The word Tannin is translated as serpent in (Ex.7:9-12), dragon in (Jer.51:34), or sea monster in (Ps.74:12-14; Isa.27:1).

**4. A Living (chayah) soul (nephesh) was created (bara) on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day for the first time (Job 12:7-10) [dag].**

Chayah nephesh is not evolution, but a new category of creation. **Genesis** teaches that the order of creation is plant (3<sup>rd</sup> Day) [no chayah nephesh] to marine and bird (5<sup>th</sup> Day) [chayah nephesh] to land animals and mankind (6<sup>th</sup> Day) [chayah nephesh] (James 3:7-8).

Job, Jesus, and Paul remind us that creation is a great teacher of divine truth (Job.7:7-10; Matt.6:26; 7:9-11; 8:20; 10:29; 12:40; 13:31-32; 14:17; 17:24-27; Rom.1:20).

**5. The 5<sup>th</sup> Day pronounced the first divine blessing upon creation by using 3 “kal imperative” verbs:**

(Gen.1:22) “God blessed (barak/ piel impf) them saying, ‘Be fruitful (parah) and multiply (rabah) and fill (male) the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

Bara (create) and barak (bless) are connected on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day and on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day. The three commands (kal impv) were programmed into the DNA genetic code of these categories of creation (1 Cor.15:38-39).

Each category of creation will have a self-perpetuating sexual reproduction within its DNA boundaries (after their kind/ min).

Animals of 5<sup>th</sup> Day and 6<sup>th</sup> Day were loaded unto Noah’s ark (clean/ 7 pair) and unclean (2 pair) (Gen.7:2-3, 13-18; 8:15-19). The rest died in the flood (Gen.7:23).

Chayah nephesh introduced the concept of life in the blood and shadow Christology and clean and unclean animals (Lev.17:11-14; John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:19-20; Acts 15:19-21; 1 Cor.10:6-10, 18-32).

As a result, it became associated with the dietary laws of Jewish age (Deut.14:9-20). The dietary laws were removed with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom.10:4; Acts 10:11-16, 34-35; 1 Tim.4:4-5).

**6. The phrase, “and it was so,” was not used on Day One or on 5<sup>th</sup> Day.**

“And it was so” is used for what was divinely decreed from the Plan of God established at the Eternal Life Conference (Eph.1:4-7; John 1:4; 1 John 1:5).

- Day One was the **Light of God** (Gen.1:3-5).
- The 5th Day was the **Life of God** (Gen.1:20-23).

Chayah nephesh of animals is different than mankind (Gen.1:20-31) because - “God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” (Gen.1:26/ tselem demuth).