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## **The Days of Filling- Assigning Functions**

Text: Genesis 1:14 – 2:3

*1:14-19 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for festivals, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, day four. (VMT)*

first three days are days of forming/fashioning / / second three days are days of filling

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| 1- light, day & night                     | 4- Sun, moon, stars                      |
| 2- Expanse between waters below and above | 5- Fish and birds fill water and expanse |
| 3- Dry land and vegetation                | 6- Living creatures on land              |
|   | Man and Woman                            |

Five functions God gives to these lights

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

- + “seasons (ESV, NIV, KJV)”- Appointed times/festivals = Exodus 23:15
- + Throughout Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, we see the “Tent of Meeting” = Tabernacle
- + Countless other OT verses use this word to note specific times of worship for Israel.

Psalm 104:19

- + If the Cosmic Temple has Light (Gen 1:3-5, 14-19) the Tabernacle/Temple should reflect that Light (Ex. 25:31-40; 2 Chron 4:7).

*1:20-23- “And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, day five.”*

Day two set up the tent of the tabernacle, day four fills its surroundings below and above with birds and sea creatures.

*1:24-25- And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.<sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

Day three sprouts vegetation like trees with fruit // Day six fills God's cosmic temple with life  
Look at the Tabernacle and Temple diagrams, where do we see trees? Where do we see living creatures?  
But things have changed since the Fall... why are the animals present in Israel's Tabernacle/Temple?

*1:26-31- Then God said, "Let us make man (hbr- adam) in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

*<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.*

*<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, day six.*

+ Let US make man in OUR image... in the image of God he created him.  
Royal "we"? Or angels? Or Triune foreshadowing?

+ So God created man in his own image. What does this mean?

+ Family is a blessing! How does our society treat family and the prospect of bearing children?

*2:1-3- <sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.*

2:1 brings us to the conclusion of the narrative begun in 1:1

Why does God rest? Does He need it?

How is this day made holy, kept holy, and what places does it serve among Christians?

Colossians 2:16-17

Psalm 148

All: <sup>1</sup>**Praise the LORD!**

M: Praise the LORD from the heavens;

W: Praise him in the heights!

M: <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;

W: praise him, all his hosts!

M: <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,

W: praise him, all you shining stars!

M: <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,

W: and you waters above the heavens!

All: <sup>5</sup>**Let them praise the name of the LORD!**

**For he commanded and they were created.**

**<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;**

**he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

M: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,

W: you great sea creatures and all deeps,

M: <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,

W: stormy wind fulfilling his word!

M: <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,

W: fruit trees and all cedars!

M: <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,

W: creeping things and flying birds!

M: <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,

W: princes and all rulers of the earth!

M: <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,

W: old men and children!

M: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

W: for his name alone is exalted;

M: his majesty is above earth and heaven.

W: <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people,

M: praise for all his saints,

W: for the people of Israel who are near to him.

All: **Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**