

“The 2nd Three Days: God Begins to Fill the Earth”

Genesis 1:14-25

THE SECOND THREE DAYS. v.14-31

1. The Fourth Day. v.14-19

- God spoke lights into existence. **v.14** Ref. v.3
- God assigned three purposes for these lights. **v.15**
1) They separate day & night, 2) They serve for the division of time, 3) They provide light for the earth.
- God made the sun and the moon to “rule” the day and the night. **v.16-19**

2. The Fifth Day. v.20-23

- God filled the sea and sky with life. **v.20-21**. NOTE Language of abundance.
 - And God blessed them. **v.22-23**
 - God blessed them, commanding 3 imperatives: 1) Be fruitful, 2) multiply, 3) fill the seas and the skies
- NOTE: No distinction between God blessing them and commanding them.

3. The Sixth Day. v.24-31

- God filled the earth with animals. **v.24-25**
- Three categories: Livestock (large, domesticated animals), creeping things (small animals), and “beasts of the earth” (likely signifies wild, non-domesticated animals). Same as in Gen. 7:14; Ps. 148:10.
- God created man in His image—distinct from the animals. **v.26**

Creation Day Structure: God providing for His Creation

Day 1: Separation of light from darkness	→	Day 4: Created lights to inhabit the day & night
Day 2: Separation of sea & sky	→	Day 5: Created fish & birds to inhabit the sea & sky
Day 3: Separation of earth into land & sea	→	Day 6: Created animals & man to inhabit the earth
Day 7: Sabbath; Completion of heavens & earth		

MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. v.26-31

1. Man’s creation reveals a divine PLAN. v.26

- God created man personally and directly.

“Let us make man...”

2. Man’s creation reveals a divine PATTERN. v.26

- No other creature or part of creation was made in the image and likeness of God.

“...in our image, after our likeness.”

3. Man’s creation reveals a divine PURPOSE. v.26, 28

- God created man to co-rule the earth. No other creature was given dominion to rule.

“And let them have dominion...”

4. The text emphasizes that God created man. v.27

- God created matter (v.1), life (v.21), and mankind (v.27). 3 X’s!
- Man was the crowning achievement of God’s creative work. v.31; Psalm 8:3-8

MANKIND AS “IMAGE-BEARERS” OF GOD

1. Man is like God in his capacity for intelligence and rationality.

2. Man is like God in that he is equipped with a mind, heart, and will.

3. At least part of the image of God in man is reflected in manhood and womanhood. v.27

- There is something about Masculinity & Femininity which reflect the image of God.

4. Every man, woman, and child (born and un-born) still bears the image of God.

- Our fall into sin (Genesis 3) distorted the image of God in man—but did not destroy it.
- Every person still bears the mark of God’s image, but also carries the consequences of Adam’s sin.

→ The only way out is for a new man—a second Adam—to fulfill the perfect life of obedience intended by God.

- I Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.