

And it shall come to pass, that fishermen shall stand upon it, from Engedi even to Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread out nets; their fish shall be *according to its kind*, as the fish of the great sea, exceedingly many.

This passage would appear to be speaking of the many varied kinds of fish which shall inhabit the great river of the Millennial Temple, and the Authorized Version translates it in exactly this fashion.

This brings us to the disputed uses in Genesis 1. The word *min* with the preposition  $\text{ל}$  occurs ten times in the first chapter of Genesis. Three of these instances are associated with the Immediate Creation of plants, one instance is connected with the Immediate Creation of aquatic animals, one instance is concerned with the Immediate Creation of birds, and the remaining five instances relate to the Immediate Creation of terrestrial animals.

One point, which may at first appear to be a truism but must nevertheless be made, is that these plants and animals which God created did not exist before God created them. There are many who are quick to give assent to this proposition, but who reject its clear implication. The clear implication of this proposition is that, in the Genesis account of Creation, we are not dealing with *reproduction*, but with the *original creation* of all living things. Genesis 1 is not speaking of plants *reproducing* other plants; it is speaking of God *creating* plants. Again, Genesis 1 is not speaking of animals reproducing animals; it is speaking of God *creating* animals. With this clarification firmly in mind, let us proceed to an examination of *min* in the first chapter of Genesis.

In the following translations I have translated *min* with the preposition in the same fashion as in all the instances already noted. I have done this for at least three reasons:

- (1) An examination of the 21 instances of *min* outside of Genesis I has revealed the fact that *min* with the preposition  $\text{ל}$  uniformly means "according to its kind(s)."
- (2) Twenty of those 21 instances fall within the writings of Moses (7 in Genesis, 9 in Leviticus, and 4 in Deuteronomy); Moses also wrote Genesis 1.
- (3) In Genesis 1 we are dealing with the Immediate Creation of all living