

## Scripture Reading

### Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

### 1) Cosmology

#### Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

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### 2) The cosmic temple

#### Genesis 1:2-5 (NIV)

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#### Genesis 2:1-3 (NIV)

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

### 3) We are imagers

#### Genesis 1:27-28

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

### 4) elohim

Job 38:4-7 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup>Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— <sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together and all the angels <sup>j</sup>shouted for joy?