

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:1-3 (NIV)

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### 1) Cosmology

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

### 2) The cosmic temple

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### 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

Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

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?