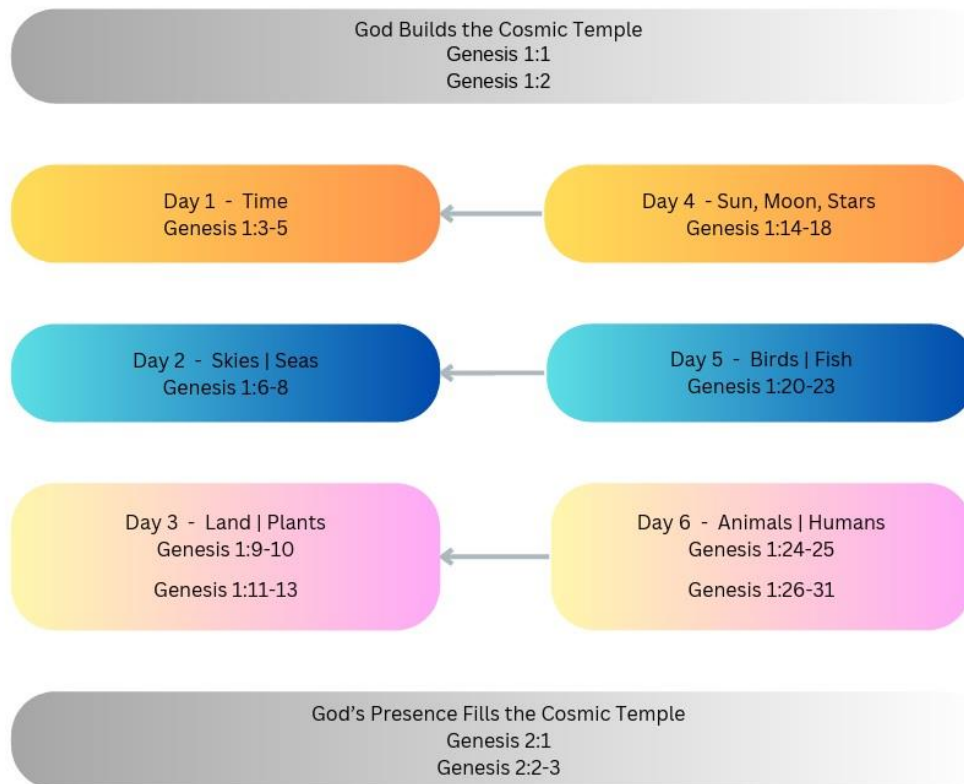


Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1–5 (NIV)

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

1) A cosmic temple



Genesis 2:4 (NIV)

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

2) Imagers

Genesis 2:5–7 (NIV)

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

a) Rib

Genesis 2:21 (NIV)

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

b) Helper

Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:24–25 (NIV)

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

3) The divine command

Genesis 2:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

Genesis 2:17 (NIV)

¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

4) Mountains (high places) and rivers

Genesis 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.

John 1:14 (NIV)

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 4:10 (NIV)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

John 19:16–18 (NIV)

¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

John 19:33–34 (NIV)

³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

John 7:37–39 (NIV)

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.