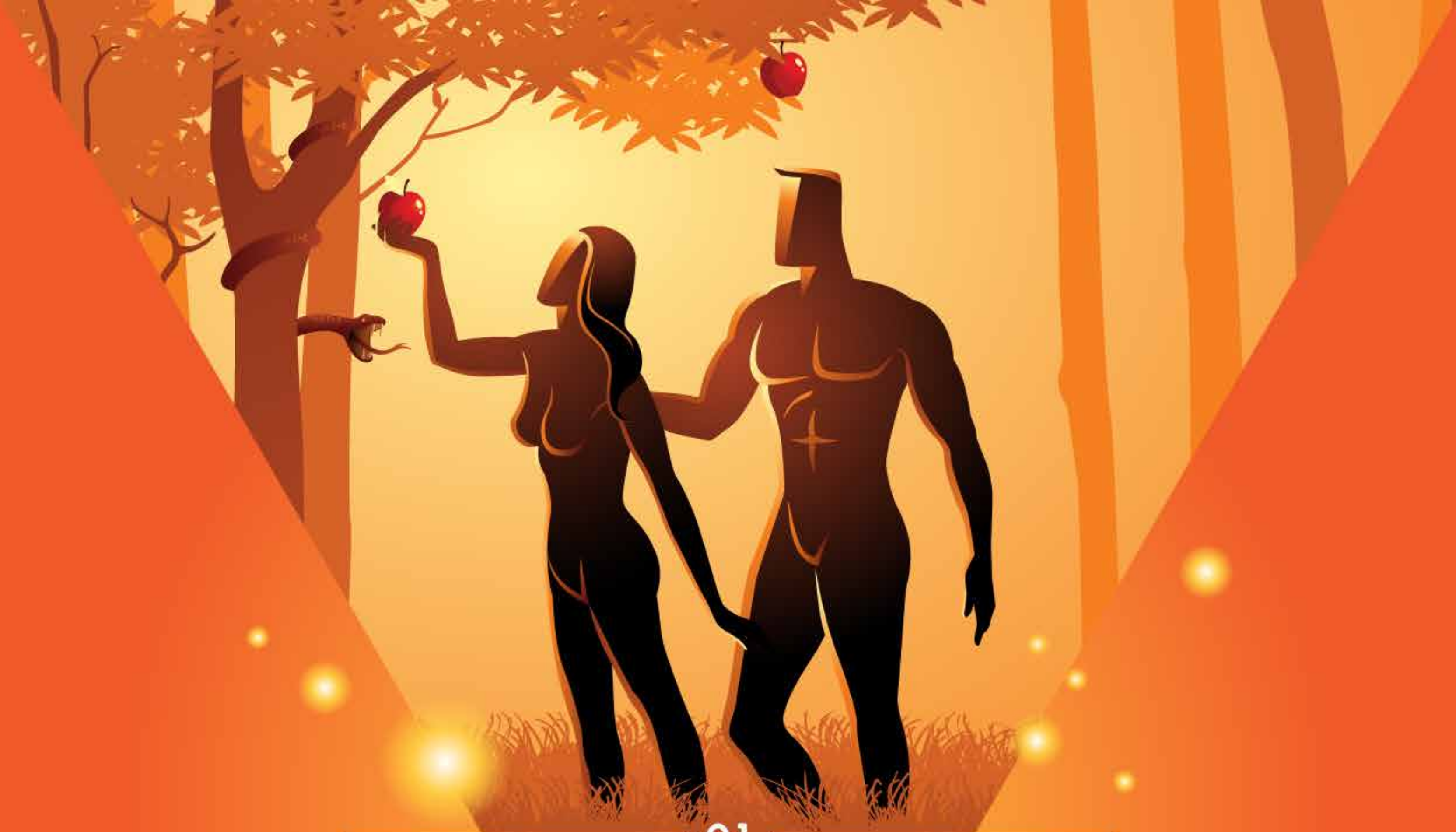


THE

STORY OF THE WORLD

GOD'S GRAND NARRATIVE





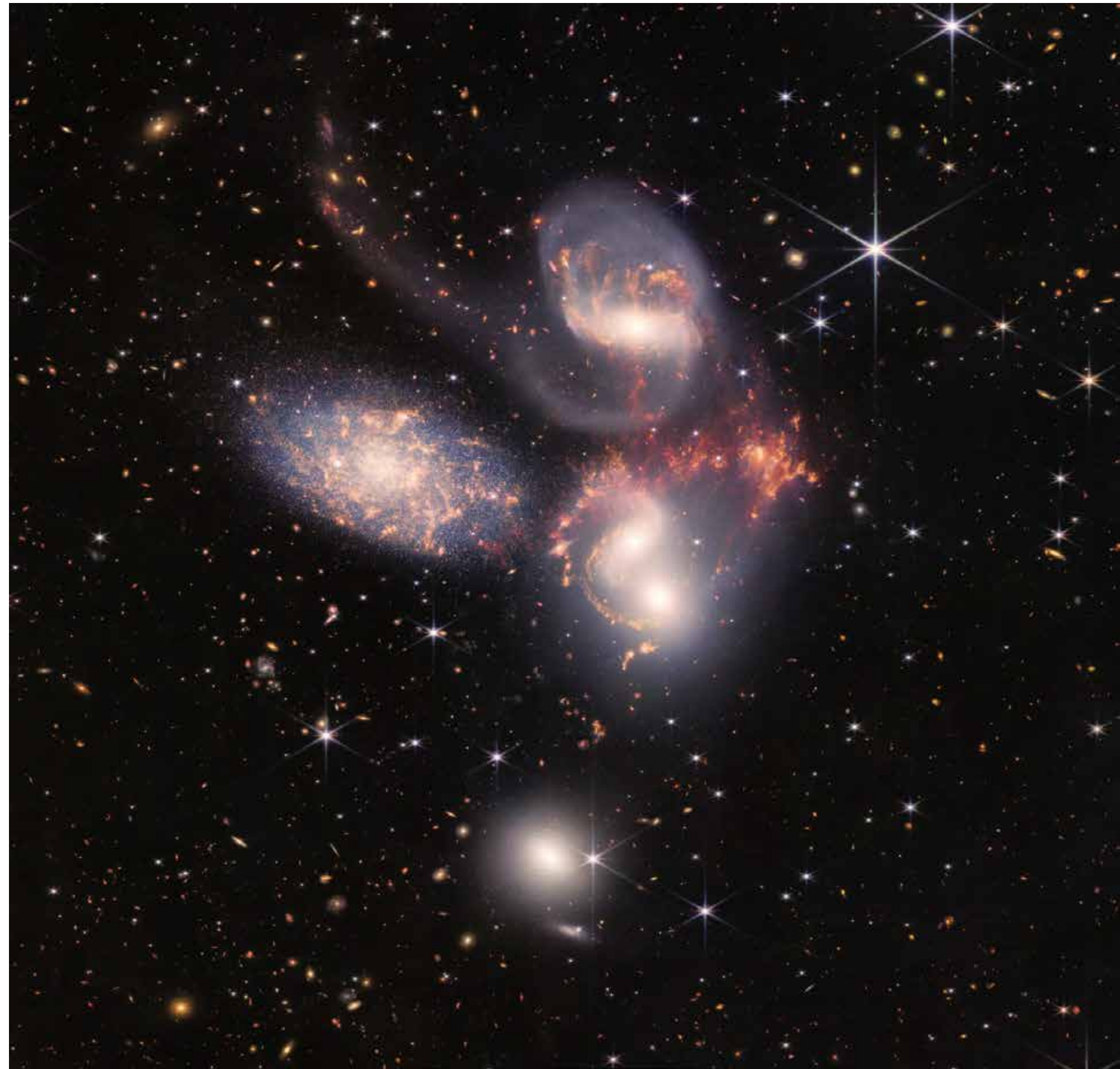
01

CREATION

— GOD'S GRAND NARRATIVE —

And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” **And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

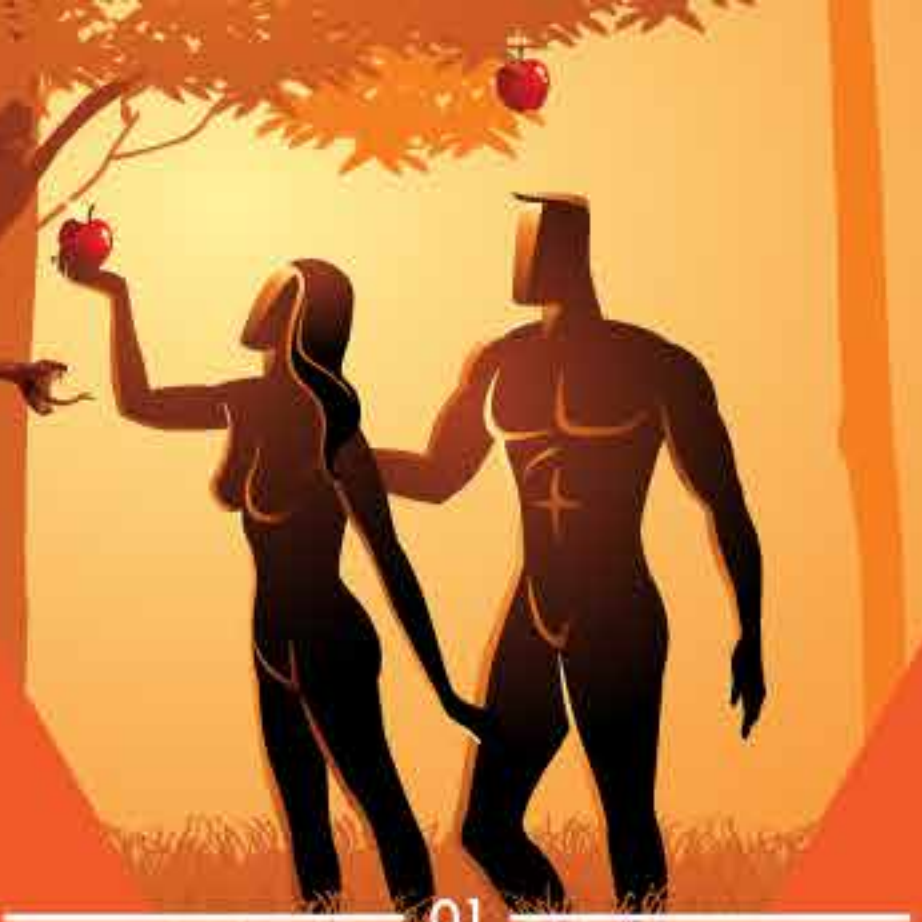
LUKE 24:25-27



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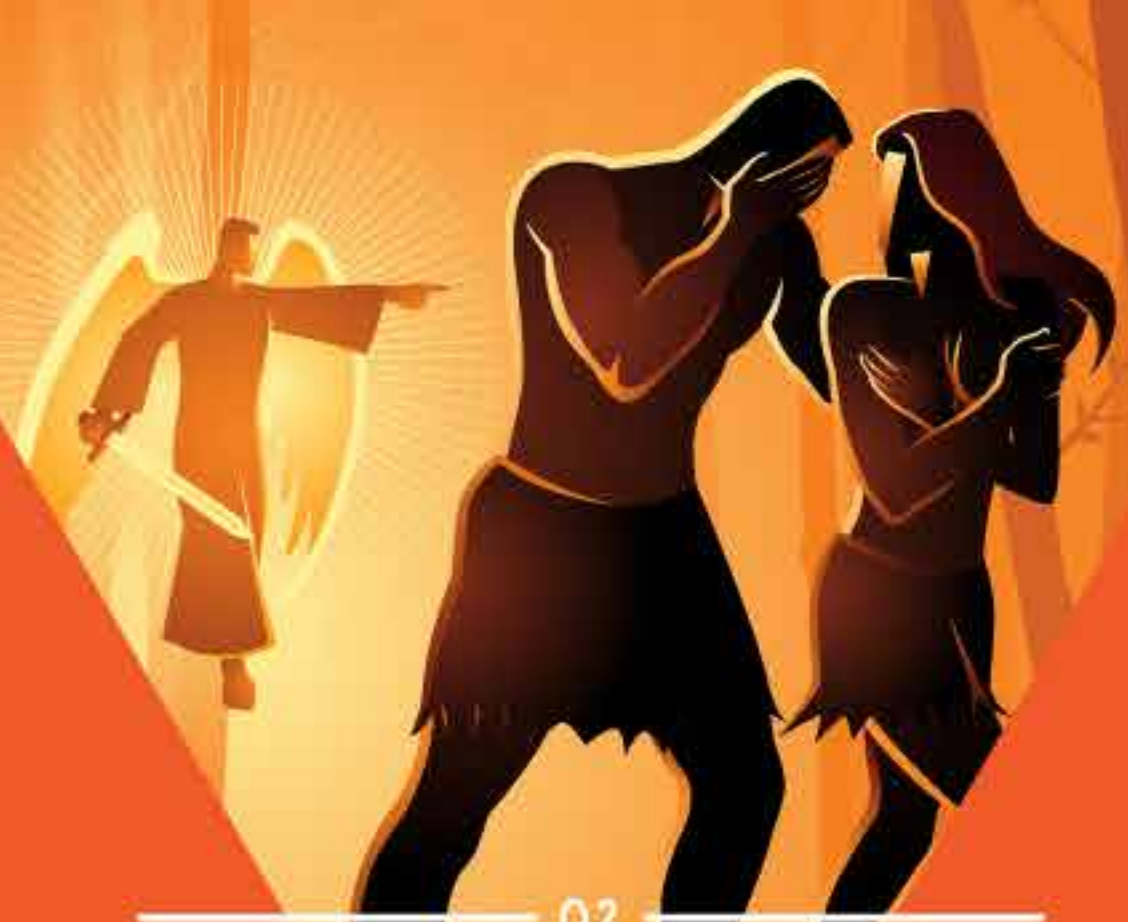


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CREATION



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FALL



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CHOSEN NATION



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REDEMPTION



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NEW CREATION

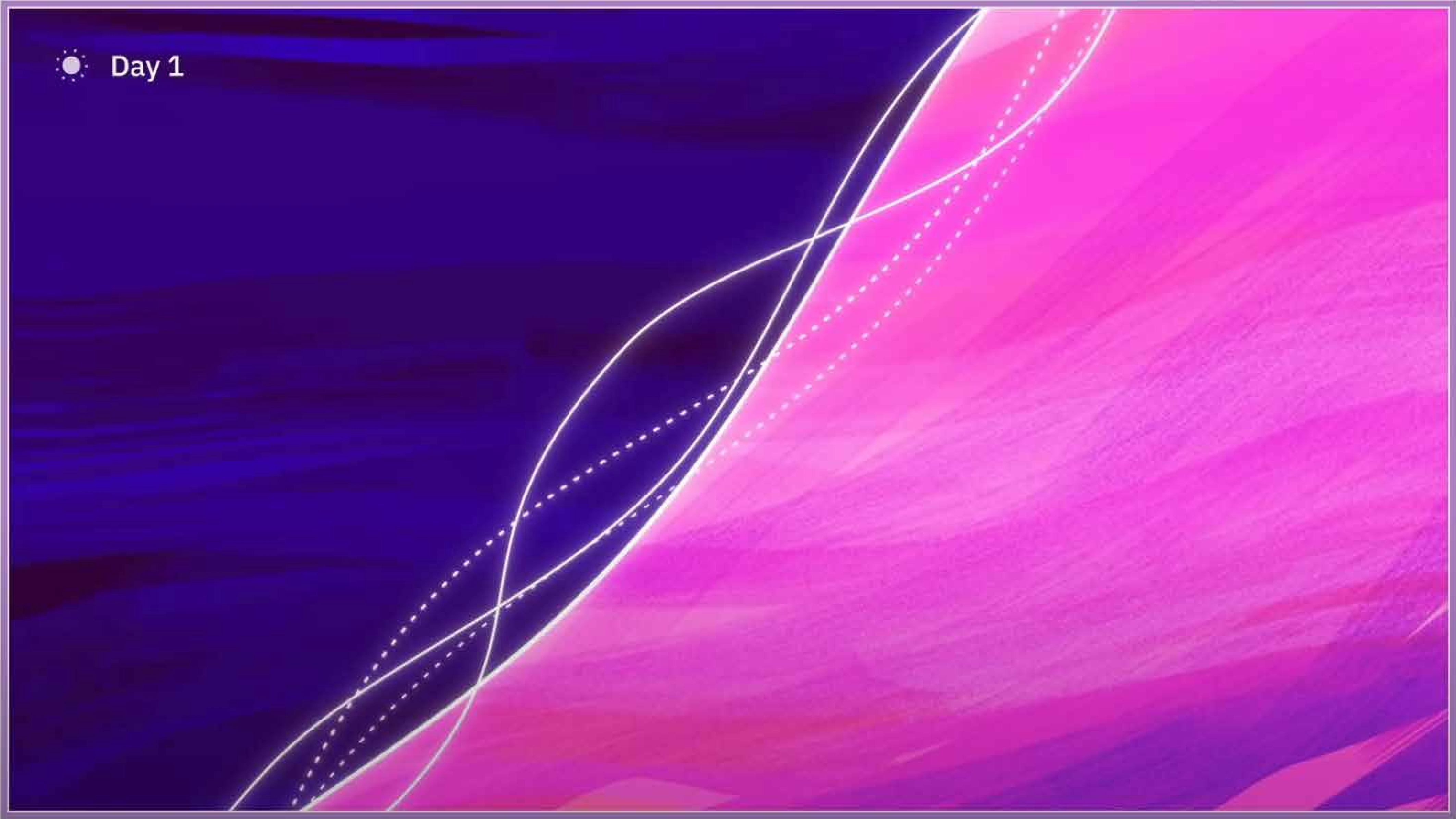
In the beginning, God created the heavens (sky) and the earth (land). The earth was **without form and void (Tohu Va Vohu - wild & waste)**, and darkness was over the face of the deep (deep waters). And **the Spirit (Ruach) of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

GENESIS 1:1-2

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **And God saw that the light was good.** And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

DAY 1 - GENESIS 1:3-5

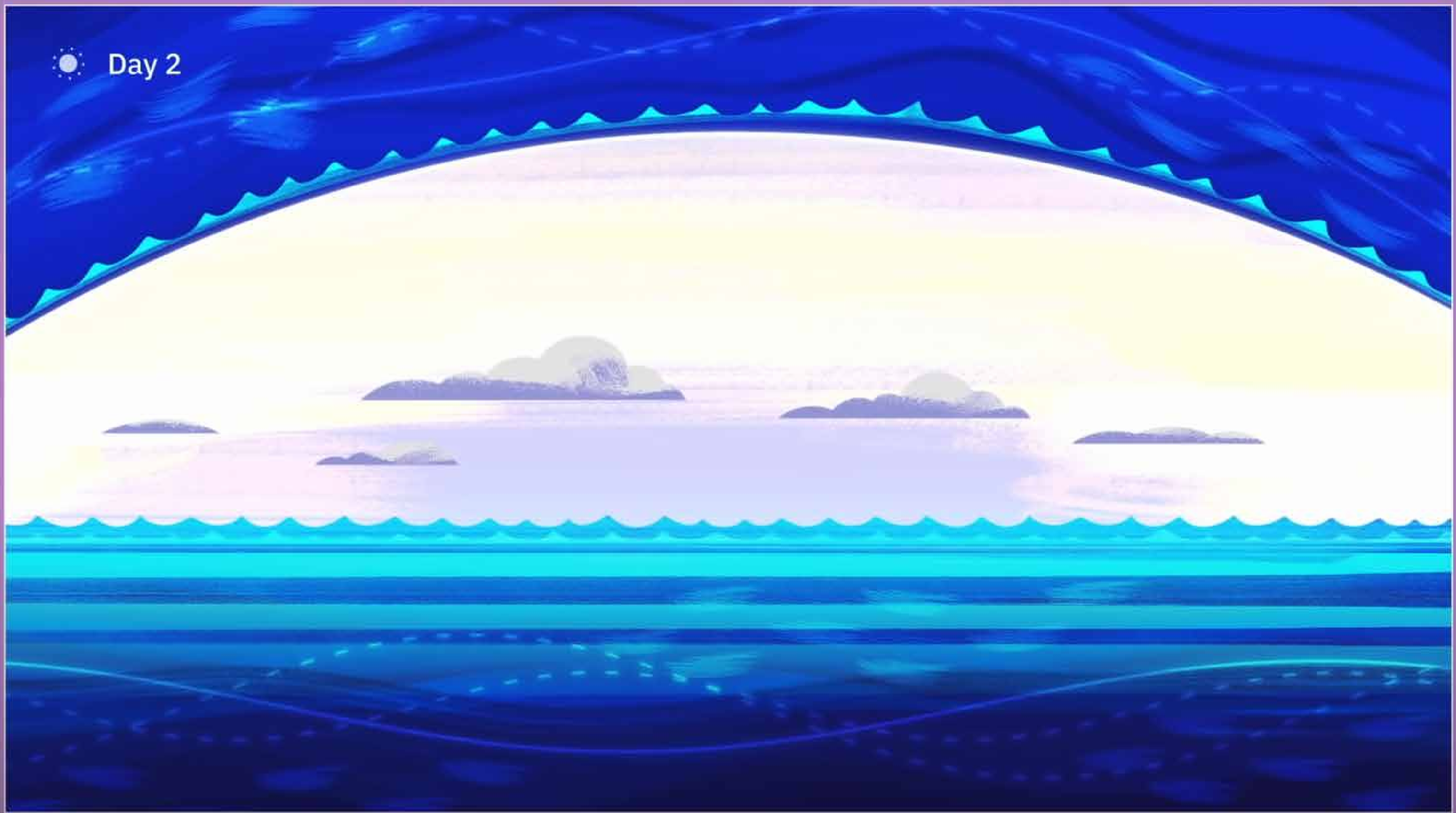
● Day 1



And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. **And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.**

DAY 2 - GENESIS 1:6-8

☀ Day 2



And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. **And God saw that it was good.**

DAY 3A - GENESIS 1:9-13

☀ Day 3



And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

DAY 3B - GENESIS 1:9-13

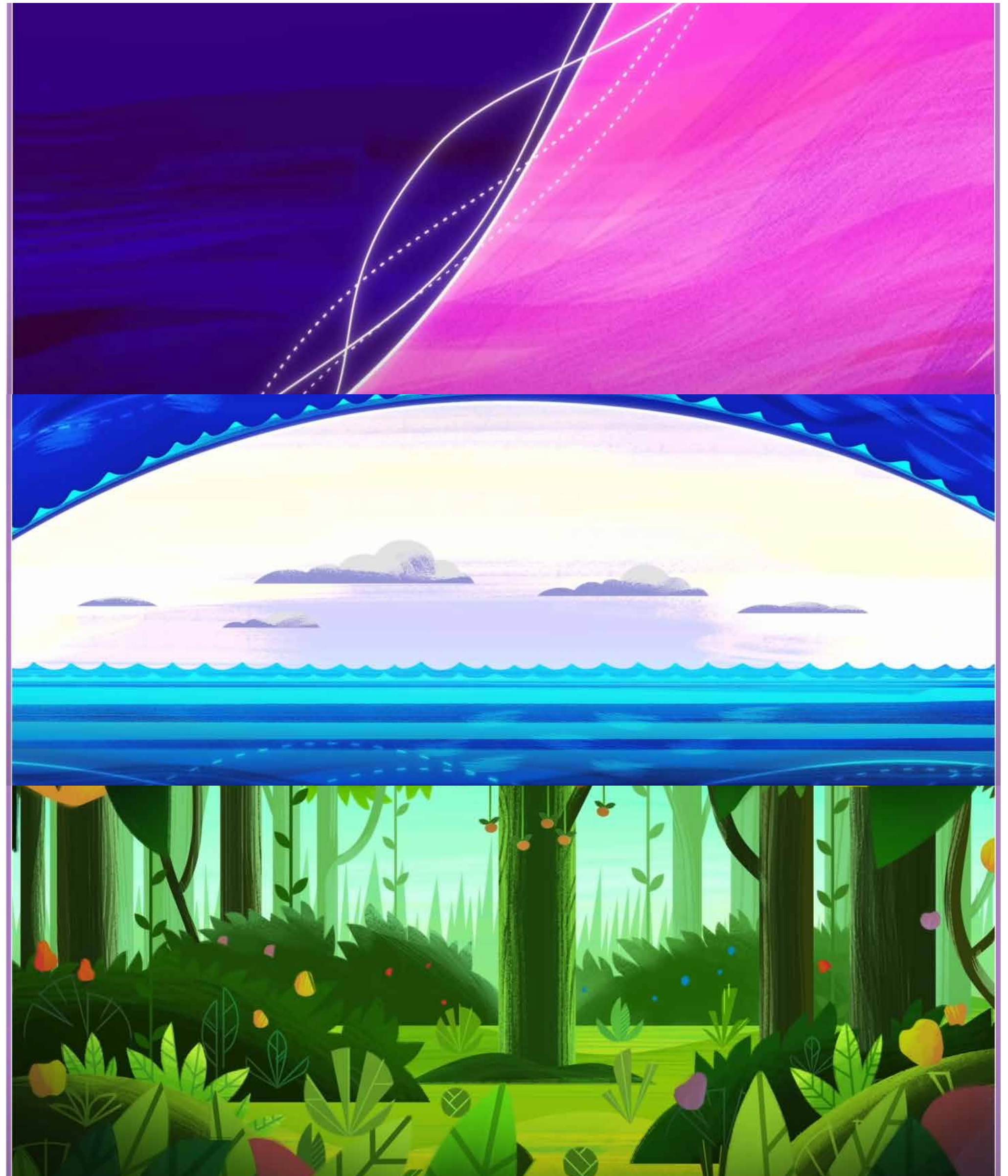


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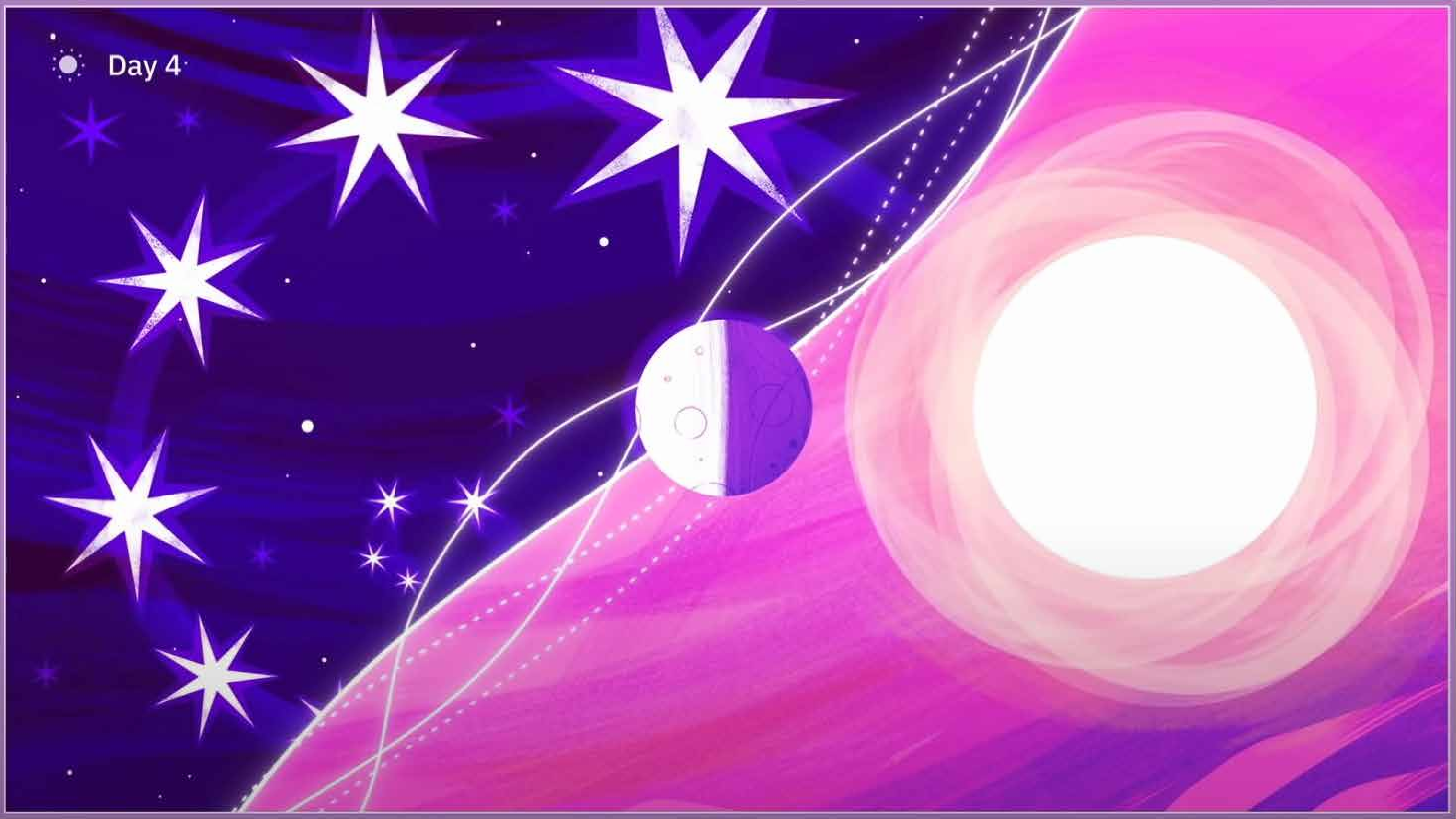
Instead of chaos,
there is now order



And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.**

DAY 4 - GENESIS 1:14-19

● Day 4



And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.** And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.**

DAY 5 - GENESIS 1:20-23

Day 5

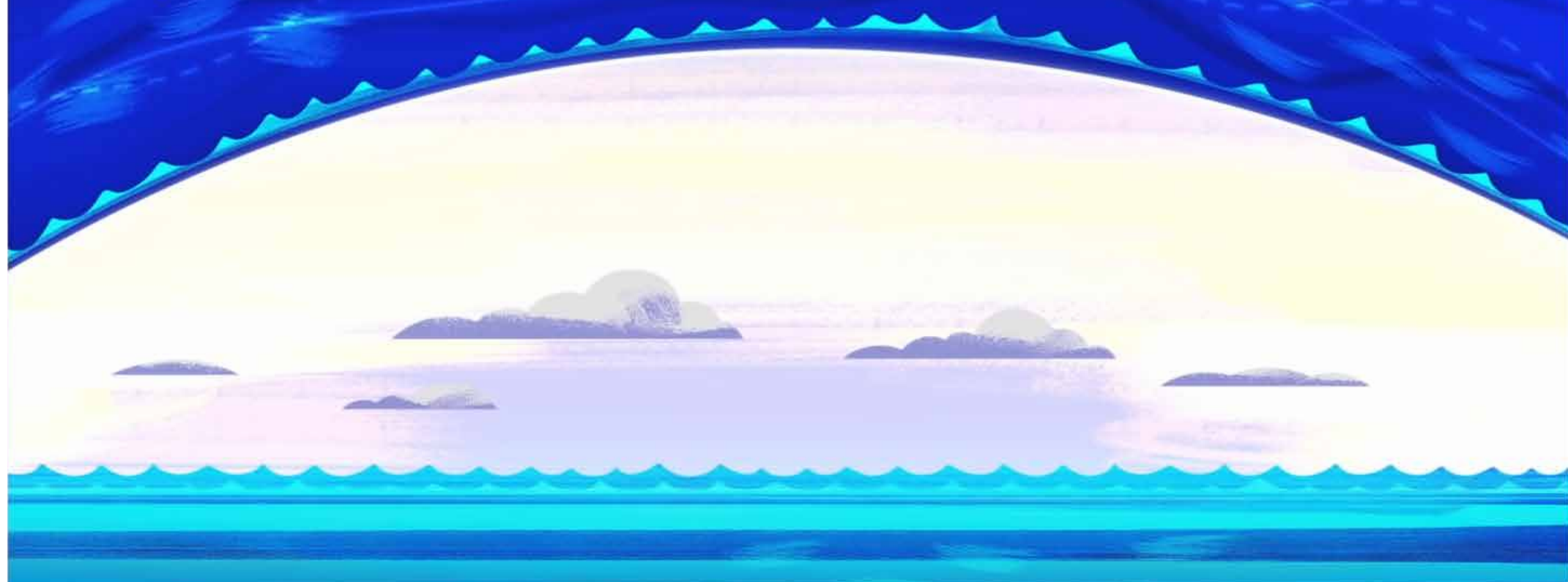
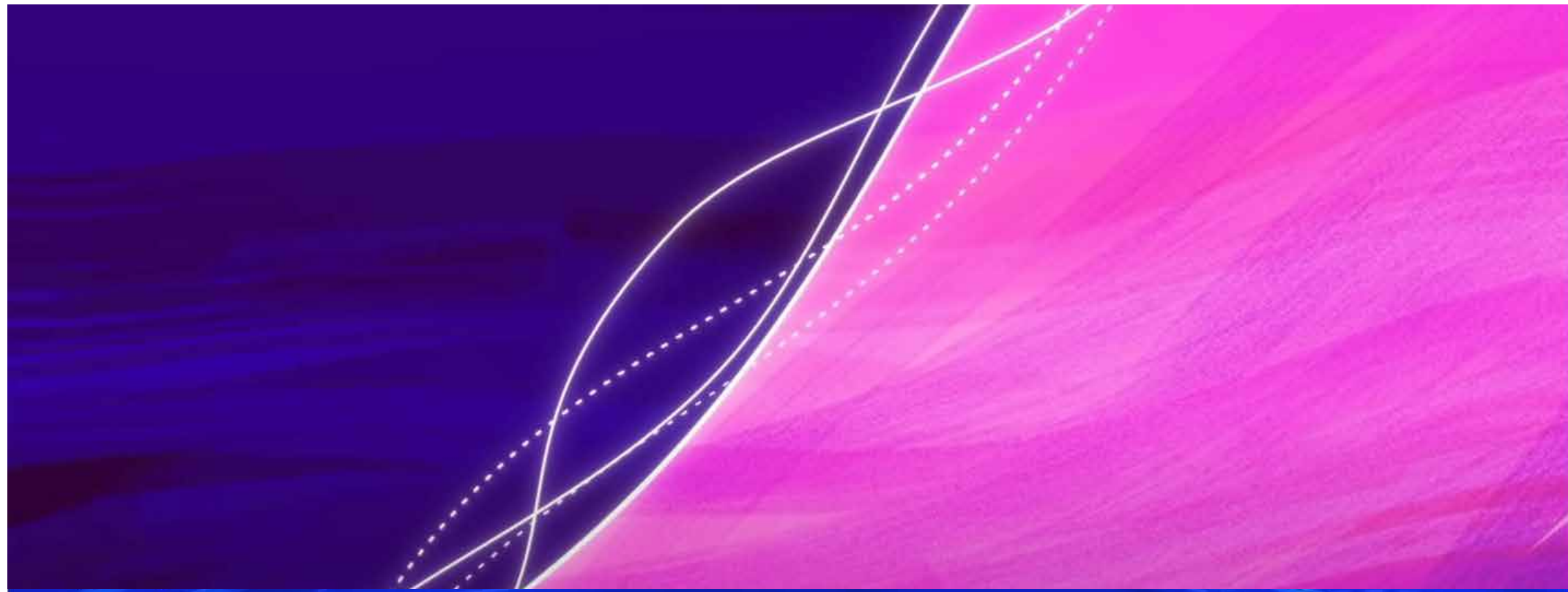


And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” **And it was so.** and God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

DAY 6A - GENESIS 1:24-26

Day 6





Then God said, “Let us make man in our **image (tselem)**, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

DAY 6B - GENESIS 1:27-30

And God **blessed** them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and **fill the earth and subdue it**, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have **given** you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

DAY 6B - GENESIS 1:27-30

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

GENESIS 2:5-15

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

GENESIS 2:5-15

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. **And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.** The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

GENESIS 2:5-15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it and keep it.**

GENESIS 2:5-15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it and keep it (serving and guarding)**.

GENESIS 2:5-15

They are to perform duties for him and for the whole community at the tent of meeting by doing the **work** of the tabernacle.

NUMBERS 3:7-8

They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by **keeping guard**, but they shall do no service. Thus shall you do to the Levites in assigning their duties.

NUMBERS 8:26

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT HUMANITY?

- 1.** We are images of the divine.
- 2.** We are kings, chosen to rule the Earth under God's authority.
- 3.** We are priests, chosen to work and keep His dwelling place.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

GENESIS 1:31

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

DAY 7 - GENESIS 2:1-3

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT GOD?

- 1.** God is powerful.
- 2.** God creates to bless, give, and share His world and creation.
- 3.** God created a world to relate and dwell with humanity.

Day 7

