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**...so that the world becomes sacred space  
for His presence to dwell.**



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**This is the ideal cosmic setup  
that precedes Genesis 2:4,  
which focuses on God's establishment  
of a sacred center within the cosmos  
He has prepared in Genesis 1.**



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2:4-17	<b>Humanity is Created and Placed in the Garden</b> <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, the human <i>Setting:</i> From outside the garden to inside the garden.	
2:18-25	<b>Man and Woman Created and Unified</b> <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, the human, animals, woman <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
3:1-5	<b>Dialogue Between the Snake and the Woman</b> <i>Characters:</i> Snake, woman <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
	3:6-7	<b>The Woman and Man Eat from the Forbidden Tree</b> <i>Characters:</i> Snake, woman, man <i>Setting:</i> The center of the garden
	3:8-13	<b>Dialogue Between God and the Humans</b> <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, man, woman <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden
3:14-21	<b>Consequences for the Snake, Man and Woman Divided</b> <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, the man, woman, snake <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
3:22-24	<b>Humanity is Banished from the Garden</b> <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh (active), the human (passive) <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden, moves to the land outside the garden	

A When the woman saw that **the tree** was good for food,  
 B and that it was a delight to **the eyes**,  
 and that the tree was desirable to make one **wise**,  
 C she took some of its fruit and ate;  
 C' and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.  
 B' Then **the eyes** of both of them were opened,  
 and they knew that they were **naked**;  
 A' and they sewed leaves of a **fig tree** together  
 and made themselves waist coverings.

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of the **heavens** and the **earth**  
when they were **created**,  
in the day that the LORD God **made**  
the **earth** and **heaven**.



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**Genesis 2 NASB**

	Text	Narrative Role	Relation to Previous Literary Unit
GEN 2:4A	These are <b>the generations of the heavens and the earth</b> when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.	To be determined...	To be determined...
GEN 5:1	This is the scroll of <b>the generations of humanity</b> . When God created human, he made him in the likeness of God.	Transition from Cain's line to Seth's line	Recursive/Sequel
GEN 6:9	These are <b>the generations of Noah</b> .	Transition from pre-flood rebellion to Noah's story	Sequel
GEN 10:1	Now these are <b>the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth</b> , the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.	Transition from Noah and three sons to the descendants of Noah's three sons	Sequel
GEN 11:10	These are <b>the generations of Shem</b> .	Transition from descendants of Noah's three sons to Shem's line	Recursive/Sequel
GEN 11:27	Now these are <b>the generations of Terah</b> .	Transition from Shem's line to Terah's line and to Abraham	Sequel
GEN 25:12	Now these are <b>the generations of Ishmael</b> , Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;	Transition from Abraham to Ishmael's line	Sequel
GEN 25:19	Now these are <b>the generations of Isaac</b> , Abraham's son:	Transition from Abraham to Isaac's line	Sequel
GEN 36:1	Now these are <b>the generations of Esau</b> (that is, Edom)...	Transition from Jacob to Esau's family line	Sequel
GEN 36:9	These then are <b>the generations of Esau</b> the father of Edom in the hill country of Seir.		
GEN 37:2	These are <b>the generations of Jacob</b> .	Transition from Jacob to Jacob's family	Recursive/Sequel



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of the **heavens(skies)** and the **earth(land)**  
when they were **created**,  
in the day that the LORD God **made**  
the **earth(land)** and **heaven(skies)**.



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**Genesis 2 NASB**

5 Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth,  
and no plant of the field had yet sprouted,  
for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth,  
and there was no *human* to cultivate the ground.

6 But a mist/flow/stream used to rise from the earth  
and water the whole surface of the ground.



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Genesis 2 *NASB*

7 Then the LORD God formed the **human** of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the **human** became a living person/being/soul.

8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the **human** whom He had formed.

9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



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Genesis 2 *NASB*

10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden;  
and from there it divided and became four heads/rivers.

11 The name of the **first** is Pishon;  
it flows around the whole land of Havilah,  
where there is gold.

12 The gold of that land is good;  
the bdellium and the onyx stone are there as well.

13 The name of the **second** river is Gihon;  
it flows around the whole land of Cush.

14 The name of the **third** river is Tigris;  
it flows east of Assyria.

And the **fourth** river is the Euphrates.



15 Then the LORD God took the **human** and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it.  
16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying,  
    “From any tree of the garden  
        you may freely eat;  
17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil  
        you shall not eat,  
for on the day that you eat from it  
        you will certainly die.”



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Genesis 2 *NASB*

**1 Blessed is the person who  
does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners,  
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**

**2 But his delight is in the Law of the LORD,  
And on His Law he meditates day and night.**

**3 He will be like a tree planted by streams of water,  
Which yields its fruit in its season,  
And its leaf does not wither;  
And in whatever he does, he prospers.**



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**Psalm 1 NASB**

**7 How precious is Your mercy, God!**

**And the sons of mankind take refuge  
in the shadow of Your wings.**

**8 They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house;**

**And You allow them to drink  
from the river of Your delights.**

**9 For the fountain of life is with You;**

**In Your light we see light.**



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**Psalm 36 NASB**

**7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
And whose trust is the LORD.**

**8 For he will be like a tree planted by the water  
That extends its roots by a stream,  
And does not fear when the heat comes;  
But its leaves will be green,  
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought,  
Nor cease to yield fruit.**



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**Jeremiah 17 NASB**

**1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. 5 And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.**



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**John 1 *NASB***

**13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life.”**



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**John 4 *NASB***

**37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”**



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**John 4 NASB**