

BIBLICAL READINGS
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Chapter 6

A. The opening of the book of Genesis:

ἐν ἀρχῇ ἐποίησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν. (LXX Gen. 1.1)

ἀρχή -ῆς ἡ "beginning" ποιέω "make" Θεός -οῦ ὁ "God"
οὐρανός -οῦ ὁ "heaven" γῆ γῆς -ου ἡ "earth"

B. The beginning of the second account of creation in Genesis:

Αὕτη ἡ βιβλος γενέσεως οὐρανοῦ καὶ γῆς, ὅτε ἐγένετο, ἡ ήμέρα ἐποίησε Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν (LXX Gen. 2.4)

Αὕτη "This (is)" βιβλος -ου ἡ "book" γενέσεως "of the creation" (gen.)
ὅτε ἐγένετο "when the creation happened" ἡ ήμέρα "on which day"

C. The heavenly host sings upon the announcement of Christ's birth:

Δόξα ἐν ψυστοις θεῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνῃ ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκίᾳς. (Luke 2.14)

ἐν ψυστοις "in the highest" ἐπί + gen "on" εὐδοκία -ας ἡ "good will"

D. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns of false prophets:

οὕτως πᾶν δένδρον ἀγαθὸν καρποὺς καλοὺς ποιεῖ, τὸ δὲ σαπρὸν δένδρον καρποὺς πονηροὺς ποιεῖ (Matt. 7.17)

οὕτως "in this way," πᾶν... ἀγαθὸν "each...good" (neut nom. sig), καλός "good, pretty," ποιεῖ "produces," δὲ "and, but," σαπρὸν "rotten" (neut nom. sig), πονηρός "bad, wicked"