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Meaning:

* Face * Presence * Front or surface

Noun. Masculine. Although it looks plural in form (ending in -ים), it is almost always used as a singular in meaning - a type of plural of intensity or plural of form common in Hebrew for body parts that come in pairs or have multiple aspects. הָיָה הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big בָּרָא

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Meaning:

* To create * To cut down, select, feed

Bara is a verb that is never takes a human subject; God is always the one who creates in the Old Testament. In contrast, עָשָׂה (to make or do) and יָצַר (to form and to build) do often have humans as the subject. בָּרָא plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big בָּרָא

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine אֲרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֲרֶץ עַל הָאָרֶץ

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Meaning:

* Earth (e.g. Genesis 1:1) or world * Land * Countries or country

The word אֲרֶץ can designate the whole of planet earth, or the inhabitable world or the national territory or ground.

When coupled with heavens (שָׁמַיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1 וְלִמְקָצָהּ
 וְלִשְׁמַיִם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big שָׁמַיִם

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Meanings:

* Heaven or heavens * Sky * Compass

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