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Meanings:

* Beginning * Finest (or choice) * First (first fruits) * Principal thing

Embraces the idea of beginnings, first part, chief value and first-fruits. The context determines the specific meaning.

Derived from ראש

Feminine, noun בַּרָאplugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigבָּרָא

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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, יָצֵיך (to make or do) and יָצֵיך (to form and to build) do often have humans as the subject. אֱלֹהָים plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip big אֱלֹהָים

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine אֶת plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigאָת אַת

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Meanings:

* Heaven or heavens * Sky * Compass

Masculine noun. The word is dual in form (ending in -יַם) which normally indicates two things (like eyes and hands), however, however it functions as a plural. Deuteronomy 10:14 states that Genesis

1:20Psalm 115:3 אתplugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigאת

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Meaning:

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

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

When coupled with heavens (שַׁמֵיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order.Genesis 12:1

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