

Genesis 1:1

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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 plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big בְּרֵאשִׁית

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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. plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֱלֹהִים

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֵת

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The Hebrew אֵת word does not have a corresponding word in English. In Hebrew, it is a marker of the accusative, i.e. the word following it is the object of the sentence.

For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֱלֹהִים (הַשָּׁמַיִם)

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Meanings:

* Heaven or heavens * Sky * Compass

Masculine noun. The word is dual in form (ending in -ים) which normally indicates two things (like eyes and hands), however, however it functions as a plural. Deuteronomy 10:14 states that Genesis 1:20 Psalm 115:3 אֲתָן plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigאֲתָן

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For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by אֶרֶץ (הָאָרֶץ) אֱלֹהִים אֲתָן אֶרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigאֶרֶץ

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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 (שָׁמַיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1

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Preposition meaning "in". ἀρχή plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigἀρχή

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Meaning:

* Beginning * First * Elementary * Rulers, rule, domain

Noun, feminine (first declension)

Occurs 56 times in the New Testament, consistently conveying the idea of primacy - whether temporal (i.e. the start, e.g. John 1:1) or causal (i.e. the source) or governmental (i.e. the ruler, e.g. Ephesians 6:12 ἐποίησεν plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigποίησεν

Meaning:

* To do * To make

This verb - to do or make - is used in connection with a large range of activities including creation, covenant formation, obedience, miracles, sin and worship.

Verb forms

Present tense Person Greek Form ὁplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὁ

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The definite article θεόςplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigθεός

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Masculine noun meaning:

* A god or goddess * God τὸνplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὸ

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The definite article οὐρανὸνplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigοὐρανός

Meaning:

* The sky * Air * Heaven or heavens

278 occurrences in the New Testament.

Οὐρανός is used in Scripture to describe the sky and universe (that is, the visible expanse above the earth) as well as the transcendent realm where God is present. For example, in Matthew 6:26Matthew 24:29Matthew 6:9 καὶplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigκαί

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Meaning

* And * Also * Both * Even * Too * So

Is a conjunction that connects single words or terms or sentences. IT is most frequently translated as “and” τῇplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὸ

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The definite article γῆνplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigγῆ

Meaning:

* Soil or ground (e.g. Matthew 13:5) * Land (e.g. Luke 4:5) * Country * Earth (e.g. Matthew 5:5)

Feminine noun. Connected to the English words “ground”, “geometry” and “geology”.

It occurs throughout the LXX and the New Testament (approximately 250 times in the New Testament) and its meaning varies subtly on context, for example, in the LXX:Genesis 1:1Genesis 2:7Genesis 12:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

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