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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 בָּרָאplugin-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, נָצֶּי (to make or do) and יָצֵי (to form and to build) do often have humans as the subject. אַלהִים

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine אֱת plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_big אֵת

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Meanings:

* Heaven or heavens * Sky * Compass

Masculine noun. The word is dual in form (ending in יָם-ַ) 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 אֵתplugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_big אֵת

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Meaning:

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

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

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

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Preposition meaning "in". ἀρχῆρlugin-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 ἐποίησενρlugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigποιέω

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

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The definite article θ εὸςplugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_big θ εὸς

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Masculine noun meaning:

* A god or goddess * God τὸνplugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigὁ

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The definite article οὐρανὸνρlugin-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

ls a conjunction that connects single words or terms or sentences. IT is most frequently translated as "and" τὴνρlugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὁ

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The definite article γῆνρlugin-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

LXX

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