

Genesis 1:1

Hebrew	בראשית plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big ראשית hebrew 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 ברא plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big ברא hebrew 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, עשה (to make or do) and יצר (to form and to build) do often have humans as the subject. אלהים plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אלהים hebrew Meanings: * God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels Noun, masculine את plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big את hebrew The Hebrew את 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 השמים (אלהים) ברא plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big ברא hebrew 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 ואות plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אות hebrew The Hebrew את 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 הארץ (אלהים) ברא plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big ברא hebrew Meaning: * Earth (e.g. Genesis 1:1) or world * Land * Countries or country The word ארץ can designate the whole of planet earth, or the inhabitable world or the national territory or ground. When coupled with heavens (שמים), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1
	ESV In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

NIV	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
NLT	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

LXX	ἐνplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigἐν greek Preposition meaning “in”. ἀρχῇplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigἀρχή greek 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 ἐποίησενplugin-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 greek The definite article θεόςplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigθεός greek Masculine noun meaning: * A god or goddess * God τὸνplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigτὸν greek 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 greek 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_bigτῇ greek The definite article γῆplugin-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
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KJV	In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
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