

Genesis 1

Text

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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 בְּרִיאָהplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big
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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. יְצִירַת אֱלֹהִיםplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big
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Meanings:
* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels
Noun, masculine אֱלֹהִיםplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big
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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 1:20Psalm 115:3 וְאֵת
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Meaning:
* Earth (e.g. Genesis 1:1) or world * Land * Countries or country
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Meaning:

* Formless * Waste * Futile * Meaningless * Nothing * Chaos

Masculine. Noun.

Describes something that is unformed or purposeless. It often pairs with בָּהוּ - void -forming the phrase וַתְּהִי בָהוּ, a poetic expression for utter chaos or emptiness. Genesis 1:2Deuteronomy 32:10Isaiah 45:18Jeremiah 4:23 עַל פְּנֵי plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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2 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 plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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Meaning:

* Wind * Breath * Spirit

Noun. Occurs about 380 times in the Old Testament.

Though usually feminine, רוּחַ sometimes takes masculine verbs and adjectives, especially when referring to the Spirit of God (רוּחַ יְהוָה). Exodus 10:13Genesis 6:17Genesis 41:8Proverbs 16:32Ecclesiastes 12:7Genesis 1:2Judges 3:10Ezekiel 36:27Genesis 2:7John 3:8Genesis 1:2Genesis 8:1 אֱלֹהִים plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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ESV

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NIV

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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_bigποίηώ 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, ἡ, τό greek Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ θεόςplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigθεός greek Masculine noun meaning: * A god or goddess * God τὸνplugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὁ, ἡ, τό greek 1 Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ 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_bigὁ, ἡ, τό greek Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ γῇplugin-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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Commentary

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