

ORIGINAL CREATION

“In a beginning (bereshith) God (Elohim) created (bara/ kal pf) the heavens and the earth.” (Gen.1:1)

“He stretched out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.” (Job 26:7) [Greatness of God]

How can God hang something on nothing? The biblical answer is given in Gen.1:1 with the Hebrew word for creation (**bara/ kal pf**).

Bara: “The verb expresses creation out of nothing, an idea seen clearly in passages having to do with creation on a cosmic scale (Gen.1:1; 2:3; Isa.40:29; 42:5).” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, pg.51)

This lesson will study five aspects of Original Creation.
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1. Bara is used four times in the Bereshith section of Book of Genesis (Gen.1:1-2:3).

(Gen.1:1)	Original creation		
(Gen.1:21)	Day five	(Gen.1:20-23)	Aquatic and bird life
(Gen.1:27)	Day six	(Gen.1:24-31)	Land animals and mankind
(Gen.2:3-4)	Summary		Creation restoration

2. Elohim dominates the Bereshith section. The only verse that Elohim is not mentioned is Gen.1:2.

The first six days of creation restoration begin with Elohim (God said: 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26/ 2x day 6).

On 6th day, a special phrase was introduced, “Let US make man.” (Gen.1:26-27)

We believe it was a reference to the Godhead.

The name Elohim is not changed until the opening of the Toledoth section of Book of Genesis (Gen.2:4) [Lord, Yahweh, God, Elohim].

3. Elohim is used for the members of the Godhead involved in creation.

- God the Father (Ps.104:1-9; 121:2; Neh.9:5-6)
- God the Son (John 1:1-5, 14; Col.1:15-17; Heb.1:2)
- God the Holy Spirit (Ps.104:30; Job 33:4)

(Heb.11:3) “By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.” [Word of God] (Ps.33:6; Prov.3:19; 8:1, 23)

4. God created the original heavens and earth complete and perfect (Gen.1:1).

(Isa.45:18) “For thus says the Lord, who created (bara/ kal pf) the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and **did not create** (lo bara/ kalpf) **it a waste place (tohu/ Gen.1:2)**, but formed **to be inhabited.**” (Isa.45:12; 42:5)

(Job 26:7) “He stretched out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.”
(Ps.89:12) Created north and south.

“Non-existence cannot engender existence else something could come from nothing.” (J.W. Lawrence)

A Bara Creation means that that nothing belonging to the composition of the heavens and the earth either in material or form had an existence apart from the word of God (Original Creation).

5. The Bible teaches that the fool approaches Creation as an accident, a freak of nature or because some unknown force did it.

(Ps.14:1a) “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ (Ps.53:1)

(Ps.10:4) “The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him, all his thoughts are, “There is no God.””

Every member of the human race can learn about creation and God apart from scientist or theologians.

(Rom.1:19) “Because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.” God-consciousness)

(Rom.1:20) “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are **without excuse.**”

(Rom.1:21) “For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their **foolish heart was darkened.**”
[Rejection at God-consciousness]

King David used Bara for the cleansing of his heart with his confession of his personal sin against Bathsheba her family.

(Ps.51:10) “Create (bara/ kal impv.sm) in me a clean heart, O God, and renew (chadash/ piel impv.sm) a steadfast spirit within me.” (1 John 1:9)