

I. בָּרָא vb. **shape, create**

Qal *shape, fashion, create*, always of divine activity, with acc. rei. **1.** obj. heaven and earth; mankind; the host of heaven; heavens; ends of the earth; north and south; wind. **2.** the individual man; the smith and the waster; Israel as a nation; the seed of Israel. **3.** new conditions and circumstances: righteousness and salvation; darkness and evil; fruit of the lips; a new thing הִדְרָשָׁה (a woman encompassing a man); cloud and flame over Zion. **4.** of transformations: a clean heart; new heaven and earth (in place of old); transformation of nature; with double acc. בֹּרָא יְרוּשָׁלַם גִּילָה *transform Jerusalem into rejoicing.*

Niph. *Pass.* **1.** be created: heaven and earth; creatures; mankind; heavens. **2.** with reference to birth: בַּמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר נִבְרָאתָ *in the place where thou wast created* (i.e. native land). **3.** of something new, astonishing: miracles; new things, חֲדָשׁוֹת.

Pi. **1.** *cut down*: a forest. **2.** *cut out*: יָדָהָא *hand, as an index.*