

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ

the earth

and

the heavens

God

created

In the beginning

בראשית ברא is correctly translated: In the beginning (God) created ...

However, there are also words with different meanings within these two words, so that we can get a "hint" of other ideas:

In the firstfruits = **בראשית**

(Jesus was the firstfruits unto God - 1 Cor 15:23)

We have the word **ראש** (Head) within **בית** (house).

Jesus is the head in the household of God.

We have the word **אש** (fire) within **ברית** (covenant) = covenant of fire.

God is going to destroy these heavens and earth and create a new heavens and earth.

(Isa 65:17; Isa 66:22; 2 Pet 3:10,13; Rev 21:1)

ברא can also mean "cut down" or "clear". **שית** means "to set in place".

So we can read the first two words as CREATED, SET IN PLACE, CUT DOWN – which God did and will do.

But the most interesting is that **בר**, the first two letters, mean "Son".

Jesus is on view from the opening sentence (as the Creator), from the opening word (as the Head of the household of God), and in the first two letters (as the Son of God).