

In Genesis 1:1 the verse reads in Hebrew as this:

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ:

Bereshit bara Elohim 'et hashamayim v'et ha'aretz

In doing a word study on the first word recorded in Scriptures, “Bereshit”, (‘in the beginning’) many truths are discovered and we see God’s whole plan is laid out in this one word.

The Word Bereshit (בראשית) in Hebrew letters is: Tav, Yud, Shin, Alef, Resh, Beit (Hebrew is read right to left.)

The very first letter beit - ב is a picture of a house in the Hebrew picture language. Notice how in the Torah the first letter is enlarged, showing the foundation of the world is focused on God’s house... and first two letters spell “bar” בר meaning “son” shows the focus is on the kingdom of the Son!

We know that the Son is the “lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world” – Rev. 13:8 and we see this in the other words that make up the first foundational word in the Bible as shown below:

בר Bar means “son”

א The aleph, is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and represents God.

שית Sheet means “thorns”

ראש Rosh means “head”

ברש Brosh means “tree”

So here in one word, we see multiple words saying, “ The son of God, crowned with thorns upon His head, on a tree” ... Then...

שי Shy means “gift”

ת The letter “Tav” represents covenant and originally looked like a small “t” or a cross

So here in sequence we see in the first word “bereshit” that, **“The son of God, crowned with thorns upon His head, on a tree, is the gift of the covenant”...**

This is a very apt description of the “lamb that was slain from the foundation of the word” indeed!