

## WORKSHEET # 1: Genesis 1

1. בְּרֵאשִׁיָּהּ (verse 1): Read U. Cassuto, *From Adam to Noah*, pp. 19-20, and G. Wenham, *Genesis 1-15*, pp. 3, 11-14. (These are on library reserve.)
  - a. What are the issues involved in translating this phrase, and what are the implications of the various translations?
  - b. What light does John 1:1 shed on this phrase? (Check also the LXX translation of Genesis 1:1.)
2. אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ: (verse 1):
  - a. What does this phrase mean? See Isaiah 44:24 for help here.
  - b. What light does John 1:3 shed on this phrase?
  - c. What is the extent of this phrase? (That is, what does it include?) See Psalm 148:7 and Joel 4:15-16 [English 3:15-16] for help here.
3. יוֹם:
  - a. Using a Hebrew concordance, look up and list every occurrence of the word יוֹם in Genesis 1:1-2:4, arranging them according to meaning. That is, how is each occurrence used? Is the word used consistently in each case? What is/are the main way(s) that יוֹם is used in this passage?
  - b. How do you explain the lack of a concluding formula ("And there was evening and there was morning...") for Day Seven? How does Hebrews 4:1-10 speak to the issue here?
  - c. How do Psalm 90:4 and Joel 1:15 use the word יוֹם?
  - d. How does Exodus 20:9-11 speak to the use of יוֹם in Genesis 1:1-2:4?
  - e. To what extent can we be certain about the length of the creative days in Genesis 1, based on your study of יוֹם?