

Objects of the verb *bara'*
List derived from *DCH*

Qal (G stem) (indicative)		Niphal (N stem) (passive)*	
Biblical	Extra-biblical	Biblical	Extra-biblical
Heavens/Earth	Vault	heavenly beings	flesh
darkness	light	people	evil
day/night	morning	Ammon	shame
cloud	evening	King of Tyre	
wind	age	wonder	
smoke	spirit	guarded secret	
fire	spice		
north/south	treasury		
end of the earth	sanctuary		
Jerusalem	people		
Israel	deed		
Jacob	righteous one		
Sea monster	wicked one		
human being		*since these verb forms are passive, that which is created is the grammatical subject of the verb	
male/female			

Reference	Object	comments
Gen. 1:1	Heavens and earth	
Gen. 1:21	Creatures of the sea	
Gen. 1:27	People	male and female
Gen. 1:27 (2)	People	in his image
Gen. 2:3	X	
Gen. 2:4	Heavens and earth	
Gen. 5:1	People	Likeness of God
Gen. 5:2	People	male and female
Gen. 5:2	People	
Gen. 6:7	People	
Exod. 34:10	wonders	// ' <i>asah</i> (made/did)
Num. 16:30	Something new	Earth swallowing rebels
Deut. 4:32	People	
Ps. 102:18	People not yet created	To praise the Lord
Ps. 104:30	Creatures	Renewing the face of the earth
Ps. 148:5	Celestial inhabitants	To praise the Lord
Ps. 51:10	pure heart	
Ps. 89:12	North and south	
Ps. 89:47	People	For futility
Ecc. 12:1	you	
Isa. 4:5	Cloud of smoke	

Isa. 40:26	Starry host	Called by name, kept track of
Isa. 40:28	Ends of the earth	
Isa. 41:20	Rivers flowing in desert	To meet needs of his people
Isa. 42:5	Heavens	Stretched out
Isa. 43:1	Jacob	=Israel
Isa. 43:15	Israel	
Isa. 43:7	Everyone call by my name	For my glory
Isa. 45:12	People	
Isa. 45:18	Earth	Did not create it to be <i>tohu</i>
Isa. 45:18	Heavens	To be inhabited
Isa. 45:7	Darkness	// to form light
Isa. 45:7	Disaster	//bring prosperity
Isa. 45:8	Heavens and earth	To produce salvation and righteousness
Isa. 48:7	New things, hidden things	
Isa. 54:16	Blacksmith	To forge a weapon
Isa. 54:16	Destroyer	To work havoc
Isa. 57:19	praise	
Isa. 65:17	New heavens and new earth	
Isa. 65:18	New heavens and new earth	
Isa. 65:18	Jerusalem	To be a delight
Jer. 31:22	New thing	Woman to surround a man
Ezek. 21:30	Ammonites	
Ezek. 28:13	King of Tyre	
Ezek. 28:15	King of Tyre	
Amos 4:13	wind	
Mal. 2:10	Covenant people	

The grammatical objects of the verb can be summarized in the following categories:

Cosmos (10, including New Cosmos)
 People in general (10)
 Specific groups of people (6)
 Specific individuals or types of individuals (5)
 Creatures (2)
 Phenomena (10)
 Components of cosmic geography (3)
 Condition (1: pure heart)

What is obvious from this listing is that grammatical objects of the verb are not easily identified in material terms, and even when they are, it is questionable that the context is objectifying them.¹

¹ See J. Stek, "What Says the Scripture," in *Portraits of Creation*, ed. H. J. van Till (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990), 203-65 (especially 208).