

I the LORD do all
these things

Isaiah 45:7

- ✦ Form—*yā·ṣār*—as a potter—The basic meaning of this root is “to form,” “to fashion.” While the word occurs in synonymous parallelism with *bārā* “create” and *‘āsâ* “make” in a number of passages, its primary emphasis is on the shaping or forming of the object involved. (*TWOT*)
- ✦ Light—*or*—daylight, light, dawn

- ✦ Create—*bara*—The root *bārā'* has the basic meaning “to create.” It differs from *yāṣar* “to fashion” in that the latter primarily emphasizes the shaping of an object while *bārā'* emphasizes the initiation of the object. (*TWOT*)
- ✦ Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. (Jeremiah 6:19)

✦ Make—*asa*—make or do—‘*āsâ* is often used with the sense of ethical obligation. The covenant people were frequently commanded to “do” all that God had commanded (Ex 23:22; Lev 19:37; Deut 6:18, etc.). The numerous contexts in which this concept occurs attest to the importance of an ethical response to God which goes beyond mere mental abstraction and which is translatable into obedience which is evidenced in demonstrable act.

✦ Peace—Dead Sea Scroll—good

✦ The word is often used in specialized expressions such as “make war” (Gen 14:2), “deal kindly” (Jud 1:24), “show faithfulness” (Gen 32:11), “do folly” (Deut 22:21), “offer sacrifice” (Ex 10:25), “keep the Passover” (Ex 12:48), “execute vengeance” (Jud 11:36), and many more. (*TWOT*)

✦ When used of God, the word frequently emphasizes God’s acts in the sphere of history. (*Ibid.*)