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The word הָיָה means "to exist" or "to be" or "to become" or "to come into being" and occurs 3561 times in the Old Testament.

This is the foundational verb of existence, identity, becoming and occurrence.

* It is used in the creation narrative of Genesis 1, represented by the English words Genesis 1:3Exodus 3:12Ruth 1:1Isaiah 2:2 לְּאׁ יִפְּׂל מִשַּׂעֲרָתְוֹ אֱרְצָּה plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigץבֶּן חַׁיִל לְאׁ יִפְּּל מִשַּׂעֲרָתְוֹ אֱרְצָּה

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Meaning:

* Earth (e.g. Genesis 1:1) or world * Land * Countries or country

The word אֶרֶץ can designate the whole of planet earth, or the inhabitable world or the national territory or ground.

When coupled with heavens (שָׁמֵיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order.Genesis 12:1 וְאָם 12:1 נְאָה תִּפְּצֵא בְּוֹ נְמֵת

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