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The word הִיָּה 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 1:3 Exodus 3:12 Ruth 1:1 Isaiah 2:2 אֶת הָאֱלֹהִים יִבְרָא בְּיָמֵינוּ עַל כִּסְאוֹ הַכֶּה אֶת אֱתָנָה  
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The Hebrew אֶת word does not have a corresponding word in English. In Hebrew, it is a marker of the accusative, i.e. the word following it is the object of the sentence.

For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּיָמֵינוּ (אֶת הָאֱלֹהִים) לֹא הָיָה אֵל עַד הַיּוֹם וְהַיּוֹמָה  
וְהַיּוֹמָה

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