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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 אָת דָּוָד לְדַבֶּּר אֶת plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip bigאַת

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The Hebrew אֵת 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 בָּרֵא אֱלֹהֵים (הַדְּבָרֶים הָאֵׁלֶּהֹ אֶל שָׁאוּל וַיַּאֹמֶר שָׁאוּל לֹלָוֹ נַיֵּבְדָּ הַקֹלְדְּ זֵה בָּנִי דָוֶד נַיִּשְׂא שְׁאַוּל לֹלְוֹ נַיֵּבְדָּ

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