

את־פְּנֵיהֶם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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The Hebrew את־ 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. It only ever occurs in conjunction with nouns associated with the definite article הַ. Genesis 1:1 דָּוָד וְתַמְהָרָה וְתִרְדָּה מֵעַל הַחֲמֹר וְתַפֵּל לְאַפֵּי דָוִד עַל פְּנֵיהֶם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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Meaning:

* Face * Presence * Front or surface

Noun. Masculine. Although it looks plural in form (ending in -ים), it is almost always used as a singular in meaning - a type of plural of intensity or plural of form common in Hebrew for body parts that come in pairs or have multiple aspects. אֶרֶץ וְשָׂתָחוּ אֶרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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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 (שָׁמַיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1

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