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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 [וְהָיָה בְּצִוְרוֹ בְּצִוְרוֹ הַחַיִּים אֶת יְהוָה](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)וְהָיָה

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Meaning

* Yahweh - God's personal name

It is not a generic term for “god”, but rather the word [יְהוָה](#) (YHWH) is the name by which God uniquely identifies himself in the Old Testament.

First appearing in Genesis 2:4, it occurs over 6,000 times in the Old Testament.Exodus 3:14Deuteronomy 6:4Psalm 23:1Romans 10:13Joel 2:32Exodus 20:7Psalm 18:1Exodus 15:3Psalm 8:1Genesis 2:41 Samuel 1:3Judges 6:24Genesis 22:14Jeremiah 23:6 [אֱלֹהֵיךָ](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)אֱלֹהֵי

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine [אֶת](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)אֶת

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