

אַרְצָה plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֶרֶץ

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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 וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יְהוָה אֲנִי הָיִיתִי אִתְּךָ מֵעַד מִדְבָּרֵי שְׂמֹנֶה עָשָׂר שָׁנָה

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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 1:3 Exodus 3:12 Ruth 1:1 Isaiah 2:2 הָיָה כִּי הָיָה אֶתְּכָם לֶחֶם כָּל הַיּוֹם וְכָל הַלַּיְלָה

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