

אתָּ (הָרַעָה הַגְּדוֹלָה הַזֹּאת וְאִם לֹא יִדְעֻנּוּ כִּי לֹא בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים) לְנֹכַח הַמִּקְרָה הַזֶּה

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The Hebrew **אתָּ** 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 הַמַּקְרָה הַזֶּה** (the beginning of the creation) and followed by **וְהָאֵרֶץ חֹשֶׁךְ** (and the earth was dark).

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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 לָנֹכַח

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