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Meanings:

* Heaven or heavens * Sky * Compass

Masculine noun. The word is dual in form (ending in יָם-) which normally indicates two things (like eyes and hands), however, however it functions as a plural. Deuteronomy 10:14 states that Genesis 1:20Psalm 115:3 יְהֵיהַ בּּוֹרָם default plugin-autotooltip bights מַּלָּא יָהָיָה

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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 מָטֶטְאוּ לֶדְּ וְהְתְּפַּלְלוּ אֶל הַמְּקוֹם הַיֶּהְ וְהוֹדָוּ אֶת plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigm

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The Hebrew אָת 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 שַׁמֶּדְ מֵחְפֶאתָם יָשׁוּבְּוּן כֵּי תָעֵנֶם

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