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The word הִיָּה 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 בָּשָׂם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big Examples

שָׁמַר

Meaning:

* To guard * To protect * To keep * To observe * To attend

The verb שָׁמַר occurs about 470 times in the Old Testament.

Central in covenant language. God “keeps” His covenant promises, and His people are called to Deuteronomy 7:9 Psalm 121:7 Deuteronomy 7:11 Psalm 127:1 Luke 2:19 אֶת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֶת

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The Hebrew אֶת 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 בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים (אֶת אֵל הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יָדַע כִּי אֲנֹשִׁי חֵיל שָׁמַר

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