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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 עָשָׂה מֶלֶךְ מֵעַל רֹאשׁוֹ וּמִשְׁקָלָהּ כָּפָר זָהָב וְאֶבֶן הִיָּהּ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים

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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 עַל רֹאשׁ דָּגָד וְשָׁלַל הָעֵיר הוֹצִיָּה הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד

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