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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 הָיָה אֵל וְהָיָה אֵלָּהּ אֶל דָּוִד לְאִמֶּר הִכָּה אֲבִשְׁלוֹם אֶת הָאֵת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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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 בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים (כָּל בְּנֵי הַמַּלְאָךְ וְלֹא נֹתֵר מֵהֶם אֶחָד

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