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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 אַחֲרֵי לִכְתֹּם וַיַּעַל מִהַבֶּאֱר וַיִּלְכֹּ וַיִּגְדֻּ לַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל דָּוִד קוּמוּ וְעִבְרֹי אֶת מַמְלַכְתְּךָ אֲחֵיךָ 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 בְּרֵא אֱלֹהִים (הַמַּיִם כִּי כָכָה יַעֲצֶה עָלֵיכֶם אֲחֵיכֶם)

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