וַיָּבֹא דָוִד אֶל בֵּיתוֹ יְרוּשָׁלִַם וַיִּקַּח הַמֶּלֶךְ אֵת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigאֵת

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The Hebrew אֵת 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 עֲשֹׂר נָשִׁים פִּלַגְשֵׁים אֲשֶׁר הִנִּיחַ לִשְׁמֹר plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigExamples

שָׁמַר

Meaning:

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

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

Central in covenant language. God “keeps” His covenant promises, and His people are called to Deuteronomy 7:9Psalm 121:7Deuteronomy 7:11Psalm 127:1Luke 2:19 הַבַּיִת וַיִּתְּנֵם בֵּית מִשְׁמֶרֶת וַיְכַלְכְּלֵם וַאֲלֵיהֶם לֹא בָא וַתִּהְיֶינָה plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigהָיָה

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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 צְרֵרוֹת עַד יוֹם מֻתָן אַלְמְנוּת חַיּוּת

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