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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 עִם גֹּרֶן האורנה הָאֲרַוְנָה הַיְבֻסִי

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