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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 1:3 Exodus 3:12 Ruth 1:1 Isaiah 2:2 שָׁמַע תִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶל מְצוֹתַי אֲשֶׁר אֶנֶכִּי מְצַוֶּה אֲתֶכֶם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֲתֶכֶם

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Meaning

* Yahweh - God's personal name

It is not a generic term for “god”, but rather the word יְהוָה (YHWH) is the name by which God uniquely identifies himself in the Old Testament.

First appearing in Genesis 2:4, it occurs over 6,000 times in the Old Testament. Exodus 3:14 Deuteronomy 6:4 Psalm 23:1 Romans 10:13 Joel 2:32 Exodus 20:7 Psalm 18:1 Exodus 15:3 Psalm 8:1 Genesis 2:41 Samuel 1:3 Judges 6:24 Genesis 22:14 Jeremiah 23:6 אֱלֹהֵיכֶם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine וְלַעֲבָדָיו בָּכָל לְבַבְכֶּם וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁכֶם

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