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Meaning

* Yahweh - God's personal name

It is not a generic term for "god", but rather the word יְהוָּה (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 3:14Deuteronomy 6:4Psalm 23:1Romans 10:13Joel 2:32Exodus 20:7Psalm 18:1Exodus 15:3Psalm 8:1Genesis 2:41 Samuel 1:3Judges 6:24Genesis 22:14Jeremiah 23:6 אֶלָי הָהֶרָה עֶּלֶה אֵלֶי הָהֶרָה וֶהְיֵה default plugin-autotooltip bigmַה

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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 אָת לָּדְּ אֶת טַּיְּטְּוּנְה לְּדְּׁ אֶת שׁׁרָּבּוּר default plugin-autotooltip_big אָת

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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 לָחָת הָאֶׁבֶּן וְהַתּוֹיָה וְשָׁשֵּׁר בָּתַבְתִּי לְהוֹרֹתֵם

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