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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 רָאָה plugin-autotooltip\_\_default plugin-autotooltip\_big

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Meanings:

\* Beginning \* Finest (or choice) \* First (first fruits) \* Principal thing

Embraces the idea of beginnings, first part, chief value and first-fruits. The context determines the specific meaning.

Derived from ראָה

Feminine, noun אֶרֶץ plugin-autotooltip\_\_default plugin-autotooltip\_big

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Meaning:

\* Earth (e.g. Genesis 1:1) or world \* Land \* Countries or country

The word אֶרֶץ can designate the whole of planet earth, or the inhabitable world or the national territory or ground.

When coupled with heavens (שָׁמַיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1 שָׁמַיִם

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