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The Hebrew [אתָּ](#) 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.

For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by [\(נִמְרָד הוּא הָאֵל לְהִיּוֹת \)](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)

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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 [פְּאָרֶץ](#) [פְּאָרֶץ](#) [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

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