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The Hebrew אֲתָ 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 בְּרַךְ הַאֱלֹהִים בְּרַךְ הַיָּם וּבְרַךְ הַיַּבֵּשׁ

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