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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 אָרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big בָּאָרֶץ

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Meaning:

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

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When coupled with heavens (שָׁמַיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1 וְכָל יְהוָה וְהָאֲרֶץ עָשָׂב הַשָּׂדֶה טָרָם יִצְמַח כֹּל לֹא הָמְטִיר יְהוָה

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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 אֱלֹהִים plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֱלֹהִים

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine אֱלֹהִים plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֱלֹהִים

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The Hebrew אֶת 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 בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים (הָאֲדָמָה)

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