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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 הָיָה וְאֵשֶׁתָּה וְאִמְרָה שְׂתָה וְגַם גְּמִלִיד אִשְׁקָה
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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.

For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים (הַכֹּחַ לַעֲבֹדָה לִיצְחָק וְיִבְרָה אֵדַע כִּי עֹשִׂיתָ חֶסֶד עִם אֲדֹנָי

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