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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 הַצֵּאן הַמְקֻשָּׁרוֹת וְשֵׁם יַעֲקֹב אֶת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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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. It only ever occurs in conjunction with nouns associated with the definite article הַ. Genesis 1:1 הַמַּקְלוֹת לְעֵינֵי הַצֵּאן בְּרֵה־טִים לִיחֲמֹנָה בַּמַּקְלוֹת

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