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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 אֶת הָאֱשֶׁר בְּבֵיתִי רָאוּ לֹא הָיָה plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big הָיָה

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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 דְּבַר אֲשֶׁר לֹא הָרְאִיתִים בְּאוֹצְרוֹתַי

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