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The word הִיָּה 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 לֵשֶׁם שִׁשׁוֹן לְתַהֲלָה וּלְתַפְאֲרָת לְכָל גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֶרֶץ

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Meaning:

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

The word אֶרֶץ can designate the whole of planet earth, or the inhabitable world or the national territory or ground.

When coupled with heavens (שָׁמַיִם), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1 אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁמְעוּ אֶת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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