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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 אֲנֹכִי הַמֶּלֶכְהָ וְשִׁבְעָה אַנְשִׁים מֵרָאִי פָנָי plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big פָּנִים

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Meaning:

* Face * Presence * Front or surface

Noun. Masculine. Although it looks plural in form (ending in -ים), it is almost always used as a singular in meaning - a type of plural of intensity or plural of form common in Hebrew for body parts that come in pairs or have multiple aspects. הָיָה אֲשֶׁר נִמְצְאוּ בְּעִיר וְאֵת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֵת

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