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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 הָיָה אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּבֶן אֱלֹהִים הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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Meanings:

* God * god * goddess * divine ones * angels

Noun, masculine הָיָה plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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Meaning:

* Wind * Breath * Spirit

Noun. Occurs about 380 times in the Old Testament.

Though usually feminine, רוּחַ sometimes takes masculine verbs and adjectives, especially when referring to the Spirit of God (רוּחַ יְהוָה). Exodus 10:13 Genesis 6:17 Genesis 41:8 Proverbs 16:32 Ecclesiastes 12:7 Genesis 1:2 Judges 3:10 Ezekiel 36:27 Genesis 2:7 John 3:8 Genesis 1:2 Genesis 8:1 הָיָה רוּחַ יְהוָה רֹפֵץ פְּנֵי מַיִם וַיֵּבֶן אֱלֹהִים הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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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. It only ever occurs in conjunction with nouns associated with the definite article הַ. Genesis 1:1 נִפְשׁוּ לַמּוֹת וַיֹּאמֶר טוֹב מוֹתֵי מֵחַיִּי

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