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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 1:3Exodus 3:12Ruth 1:1Isaiah 2:2 כִּרְאֹ֣ות מֶ֔לֶךְ הָעֹ֥ז וַיְמַהֲרֻ֖ו וַיִּשְׁכֹּ֑ימוּ וַיֵּצְא֣וּ אַנְשֵׁ֔י הָעִ֥יר לִקְרַ֖את יְשֻׁרָ֑אֵל לַמִּלְחָמָ֖ה הֽוּא וְכָל עַמּ֕וֹ לַמּוֹעֵ֥ד לִפְנֵי֙ הָעֲרָבָ֔ה וְהוּא֙ לֹ֣א יָדַ֔ע כִּֽי־אֹרֵ֥ב לֹ֖ו מֵאַחֲרֵ֥י הָעִֽיר

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