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The Hebrew [את](#) 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 [ה](#). Genesis 1:1 [קִרְבָּה](#) [plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#) קִרְבָּה

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Meaning

* Midst * Among * Within * Inwardly * The centre, whether literal, figurative or adverbial

Masculine noun. Occurs over 250 times in the Old Testament.

From the root [קרב](#), meaning “to come near, approach.” So [קִרְבָּה](#) is a noun form built from the verb Exodus 17:7 Psalm 103:1 [אֶרֶץ](#) [דָּבָר בְּאֶרֶץ](#) [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 [יֹרֵשׁ](#) [עֶצֶר וַרְחֻקִּים הָמָּה מִצְדָּנִים וְדָבָר אֵין לָהֶם עִם אָדָם](#)

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