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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 לִזְרָא יְעַן כִּי מֵאִסְתָּם אֵת plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֵת

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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.

For example, in Genesis 1:1 the word is preceded by הָיָה (יְהוָה) plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big הָיָה

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Meaning

* Yahweh - God's personal name

It is not a generic term for “god”, but rather the word יְהוָה (YHWH) is the name by which God uniquely identifies himself in the Old Testament.

First appearing in Genesis 2:4, it occurs over 6,000 times in the Old Testament. Exodus 3:14 Deuteronomy 6:4 Psalm 23:1 Romans 10:13 Joel 2:32 Exodus 20:7 Psalm 18:1 Exodus 15:3 Psalm 8:1 Genesis 2:41 Samuel 1:3 Judges 6:24 Genesis 22:14 Jeremiah 23:6 אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבְּכֶם plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big קִרְבְּכֶם

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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 קָרַב is a noun form built from the verb Exodus 17:7 Psalm 103:1 וַתִּבְכְּ לִפְנֵי לְאֹמֶר לָמָּה זֶה יֵצְאוּ מִמִּצְרָיִם

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