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Meaning

* Yahweh - God's personal name

It is not a generic term for “god”, but rather the word יהוה (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 אלהים plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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Meaning:

* Earth (e.g. Genesis 1:1) or world * Land * Countries or country

The word ארץ can designate the whole of planet earth, or the inhabitable world or the national territory or ground.

When coupled with heavens (שמים), the phrase indicates the entire created order. Genesis 12:1 לא יהיה תנחל וְהָלַק לא יהיה plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big

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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 בְּתוֹכָם אֲנִי חֹלֵק וְנִחַלְתִּיךָ בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

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