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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 אֵלֹהִים מִן־הַיָּמִים הַהֵם וְעַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה אֵלֹהִים הָיָה הַיָּהּ הַיָּהּ הַיָּהּ plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big אֵלֹהִים

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The Hebrew אֵלֹהִים 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 בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּיִצְרָאֵל בְּמִדְבַּר סִינַי (בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּיִצְרָאֵל בְּמִדְבַּר סִינַי)

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