

## Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

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**00586** א found in TWOT #193

0193.0 א (*b<sup>e</sup>*)

A very common preposition with a wide range of meanings. BDB list mainly: in, at or by, with (of accompaniment or of instrument), a verbal complement of specialized meaning, and, used with the infinitive construct, to introduce a temporal clause. Currently the Hebrew prepositions are recognized as having an even wider range of meaning. Ugaritic evidence indicates that *b<sup>e</sup>* also often means from, as does the preposition *l<sup>e</sup>* (Gordon, UT 19: no. 435; Ais WUS 486). R.L.H.