

# Where do you mean?

Vector Semantics and Linguistic Processing

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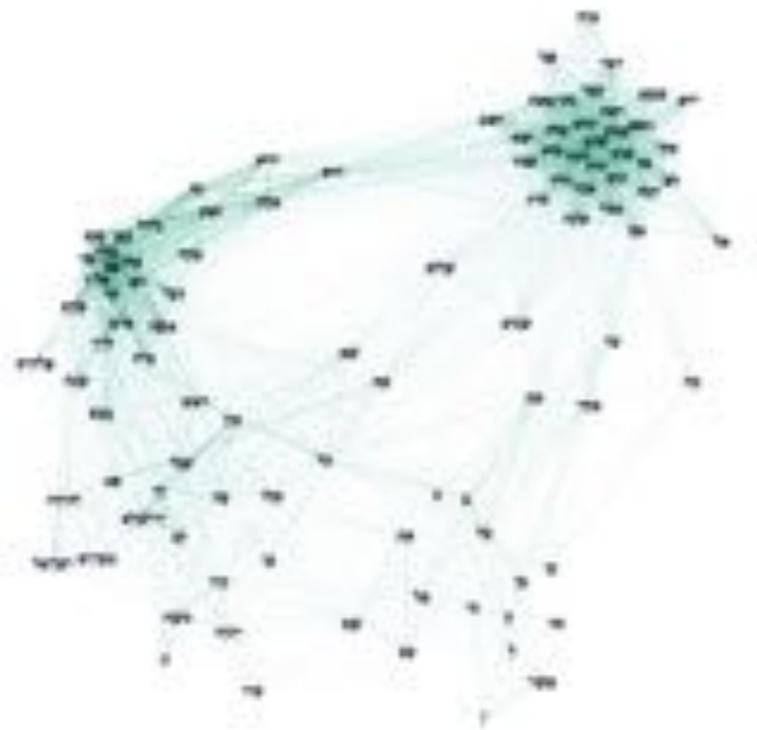
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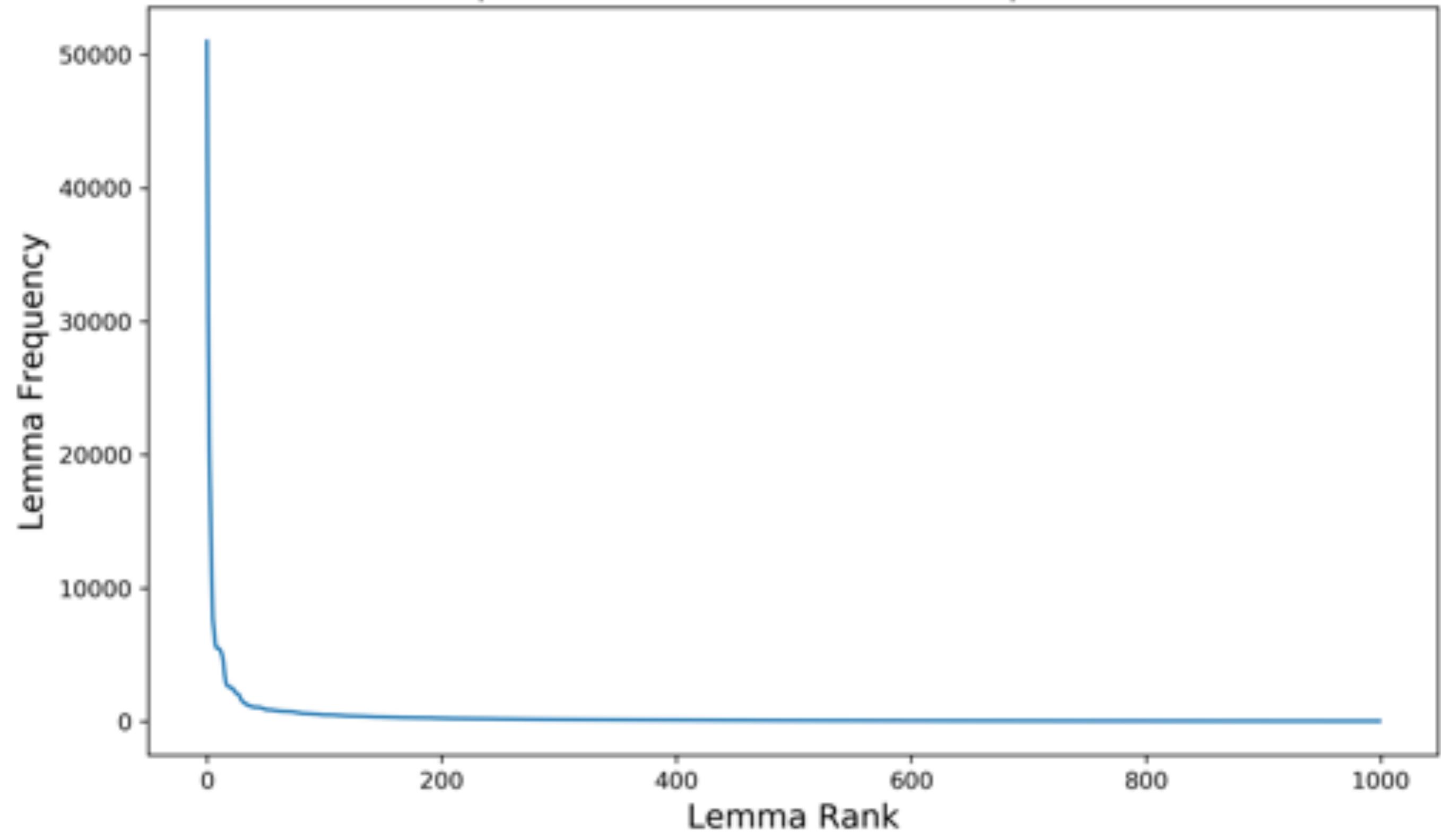


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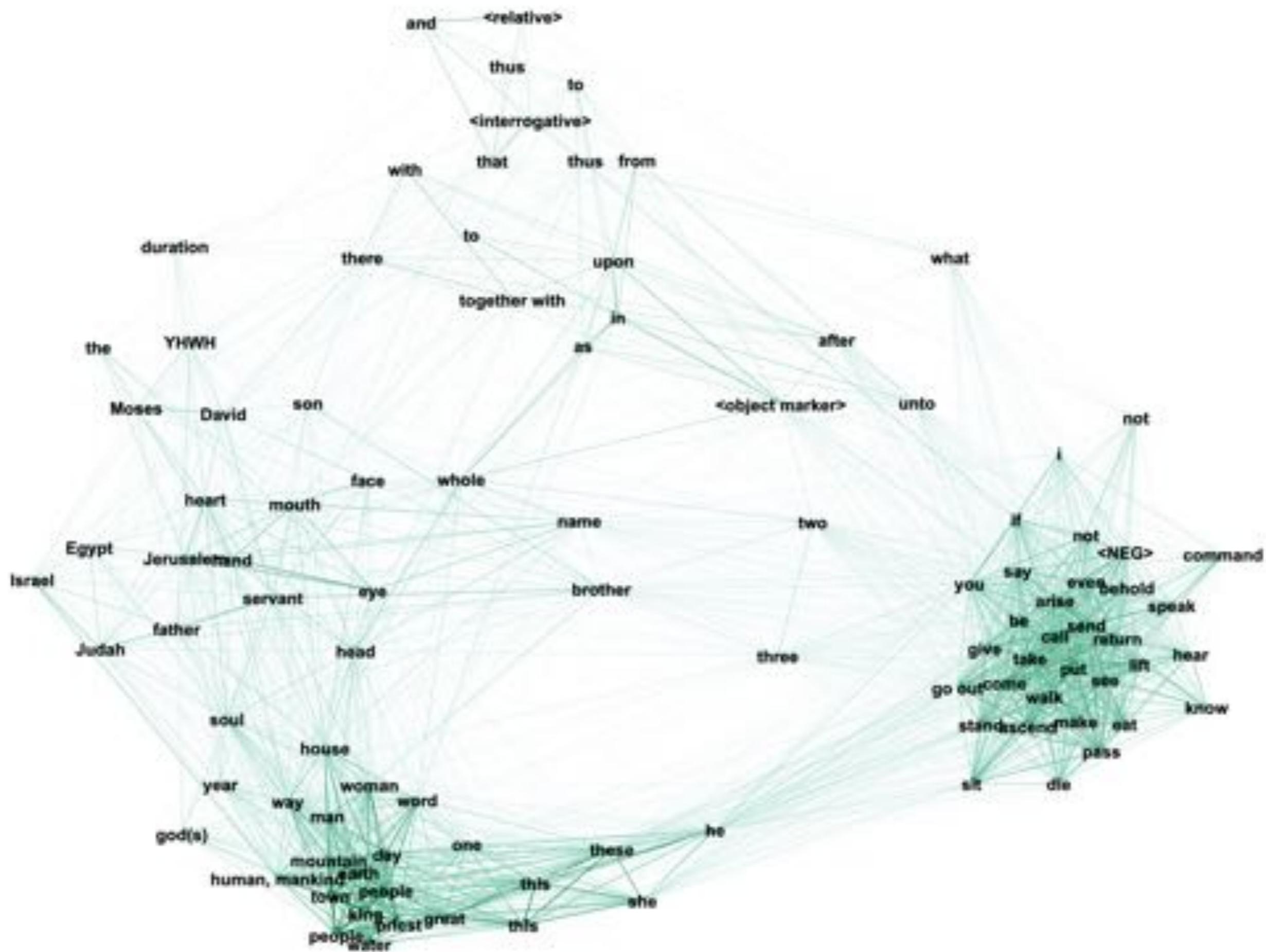
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<b>B</b>	-0.001036	0.002353	-0.000477	0.000049	0.000029	0.000127	0.000076	-0.000116
<b>&gt;LHJM/</b>	0.001860	-0.016776	-0.001043	-0.000025	-0.000021	-0.000085	-0.000004	-0.000455
<b>&gt;T</b>	0.012185	-0.007396	-0.000730	0.000026	-0.000021	0.000444	0.000051	-0.001489
<b>H</b>	0.000371	0.004738	-0.000217	-0.000021	-0.000023	-0.000861	0.000142	0.000298
<b>W</b>	0.000662	0.017336	0.000734	-0.000004	-0.000008	-0.000143	-0.000088	-0.001180
<b>&gt;RY/</b>	0.003036	-0.016468	-0.000686	0.000062	0.000066	0.002131	0.000443	0.000134
<b>HJH[</b>	-0.003413	-0.009327	-0.000528	0.000080	-0.000021	0.001301	0.000011	0.011531
<b>&lt;L</b>	-0.000648	0.001638	-0.000588	-0.000025	-0.000021	-0.000452	0.000313	-0.000576
<b>PNH/</b>	-0.001612	-0.016103	-0.001107	-0.000025	-0.000021	-0.000213	0.000047	0.001090
<b>MJM/</b>	0.000211	-0.011837	-0.001200	0.000346	-0.000021	-0.000532	0.010140	0.000176

	B	>LHJM/	>T	H	W	>RY/	HJH[	<L	PNH/
B	1.000000	-0.136176	0.550530	-0.274051	-0.091999	-0.208063	-0.185976	0.626086	-0.029701
>LHJM/	-0.136176	1.000000	-0.171587	-0.129920	-0.002669	0.300991	-0.153233	-0.158390	0.047568
>T	0.550530	-0.171587	1.000000	-0.272447	-0.376742	-0.266840	0.165530	0.570215	-0.079837
H	-0.274051	-0.129920	-0.272447	1.000000	0.112907	-0.069290	-0.288102	-0.187305	0.091368
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<L	0.626086	-0.158390	0.570215	-0.187305	-0.095528	-0.241469	-0.125302	1.000000	-0.047564
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R>H[	-0.128572	-0.145078	0.202005	-0.222007	-0.465541	-0.194255	0.654897	-0.061707	0.004395
KJ	-0.092597	0.177883	-0.385489	0.008535	0.456054	-0.099231	-0.247210	-0.149167	-0.054475
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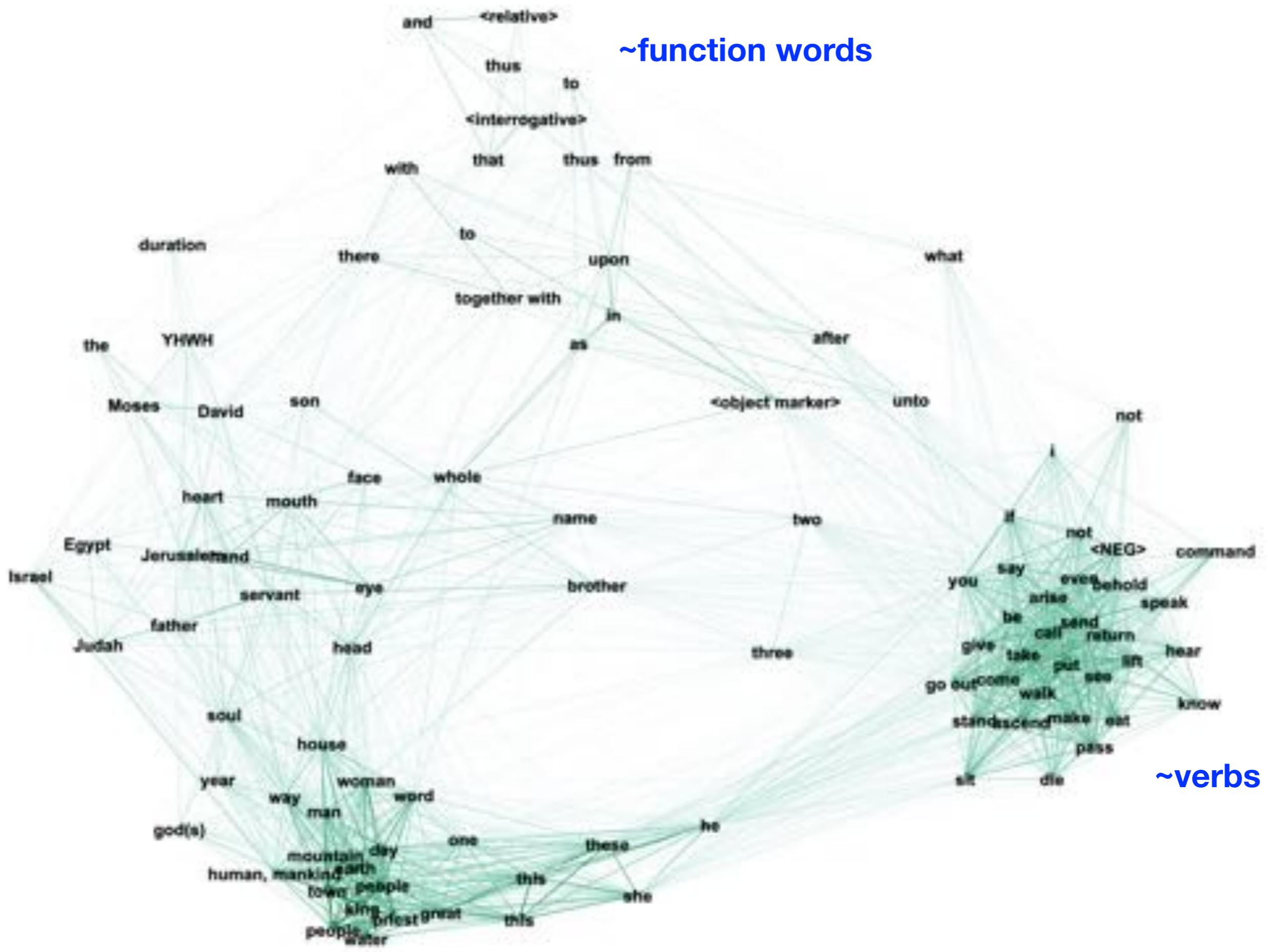
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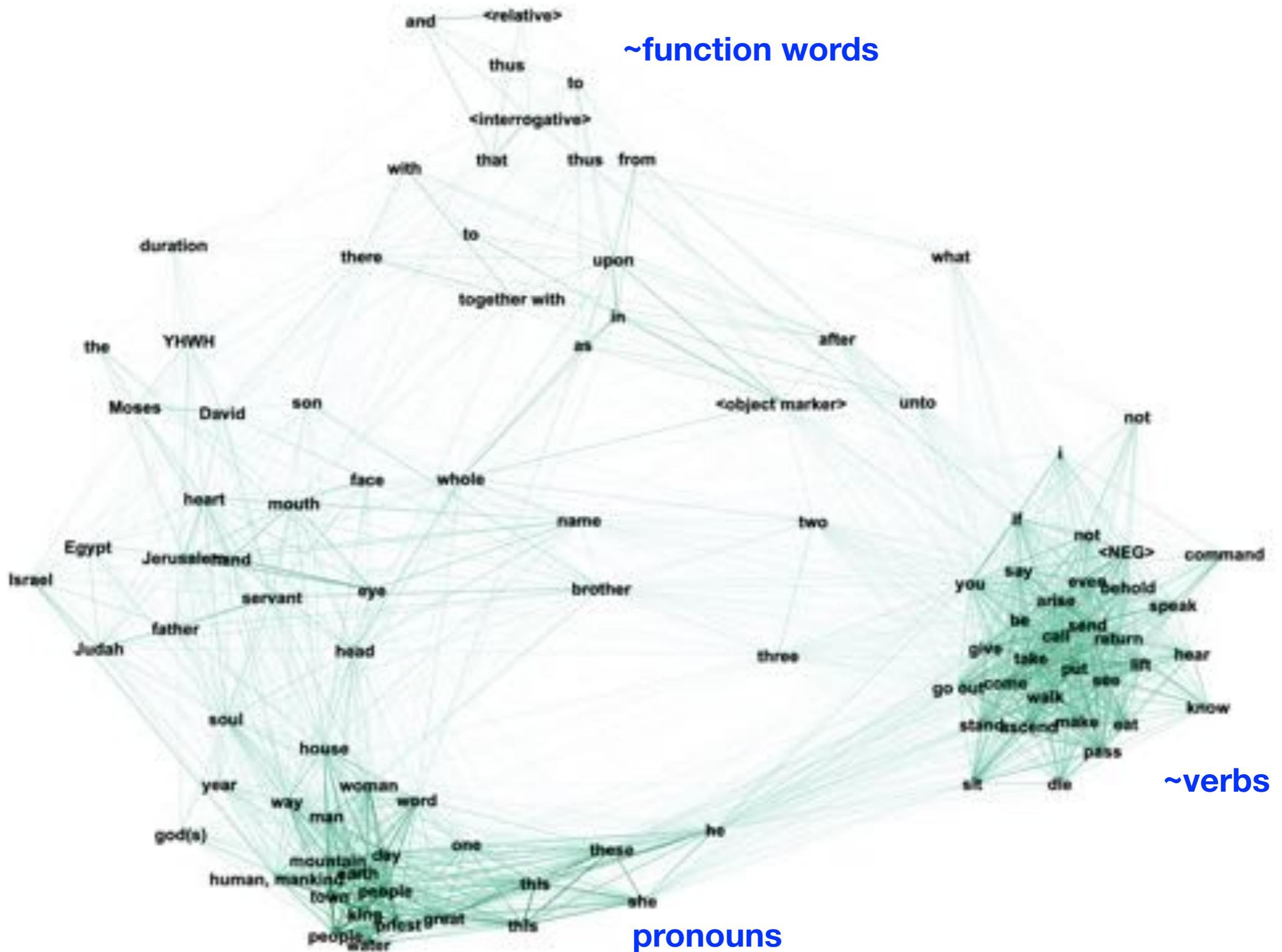


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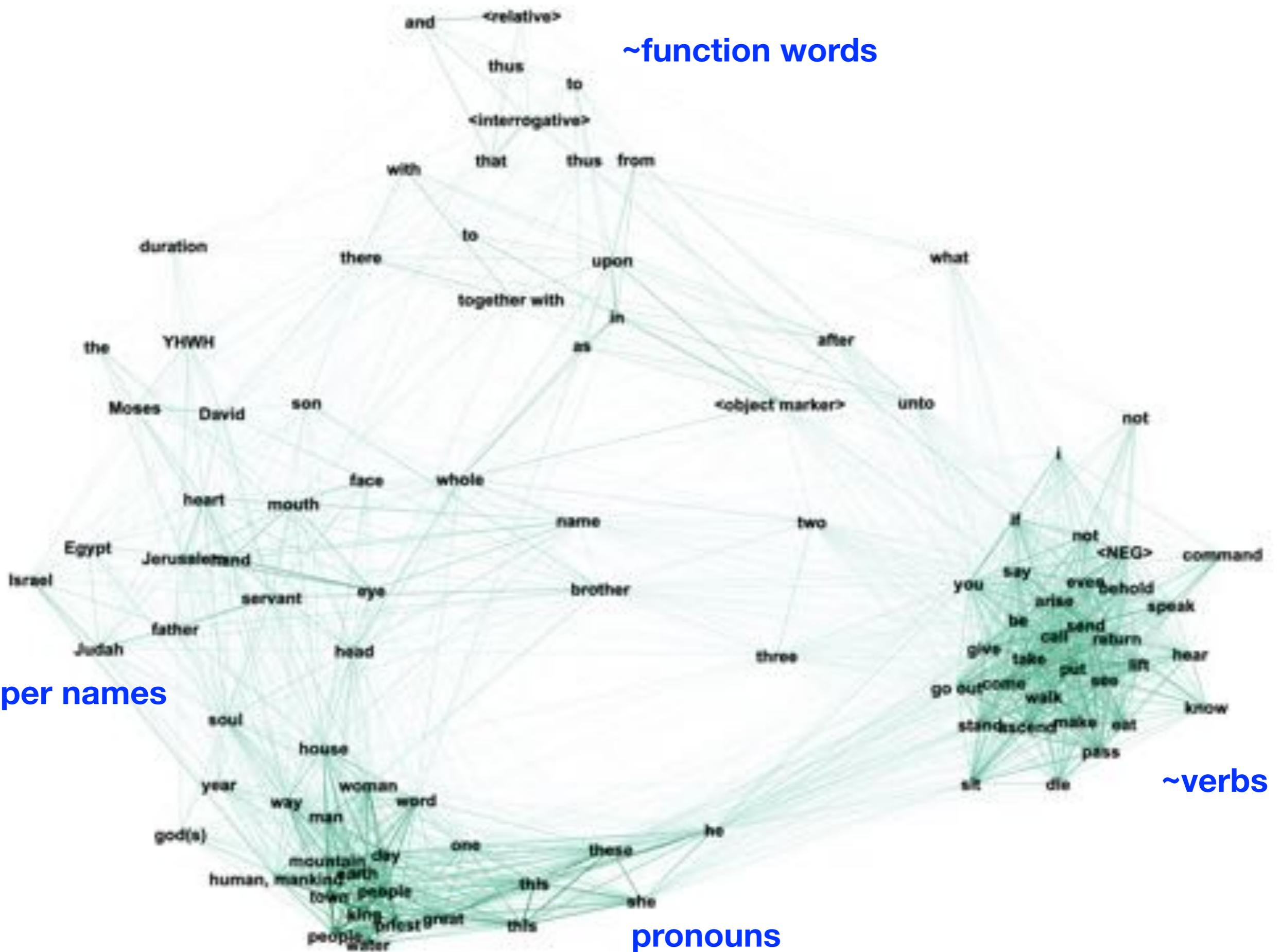


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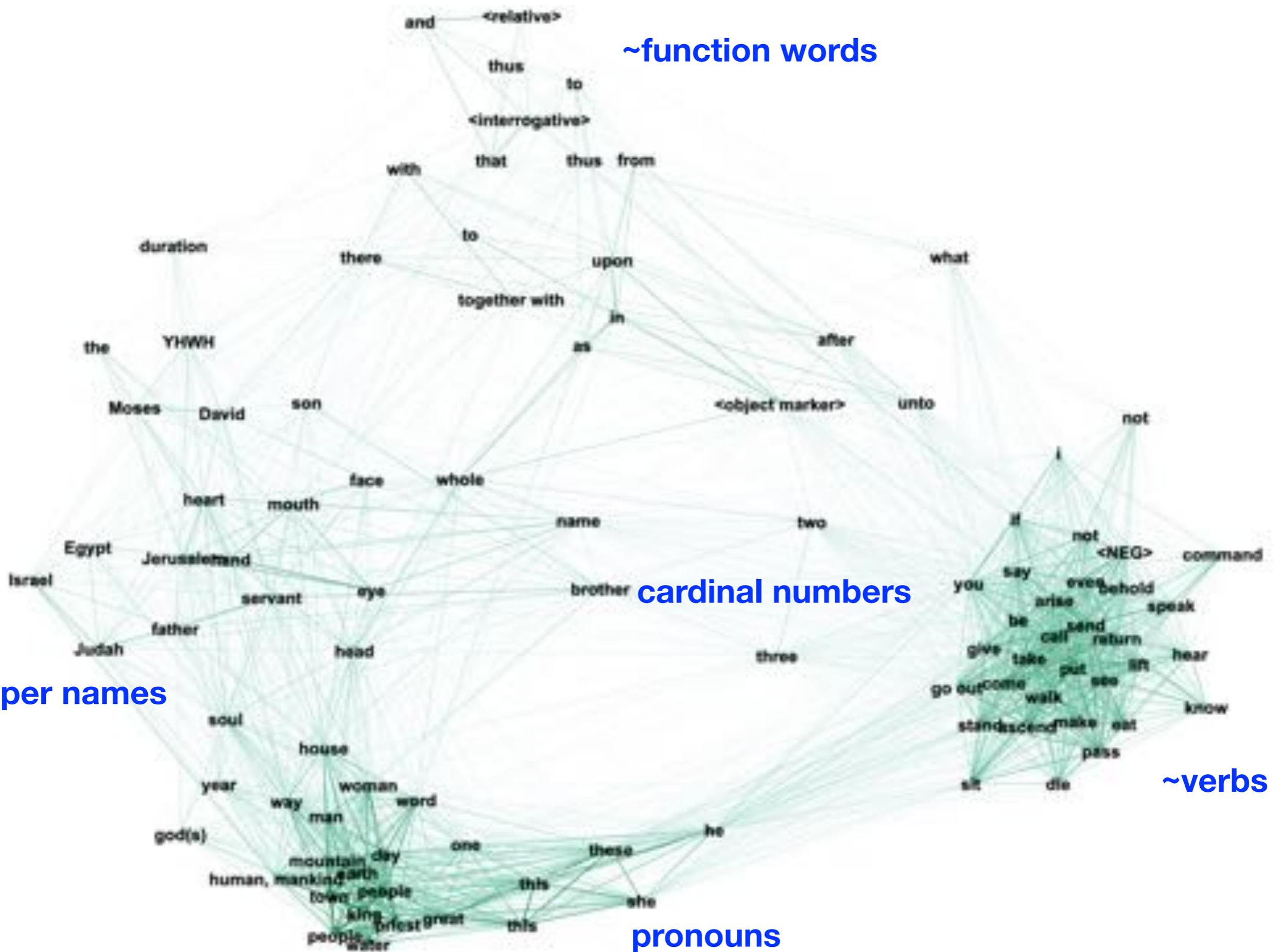
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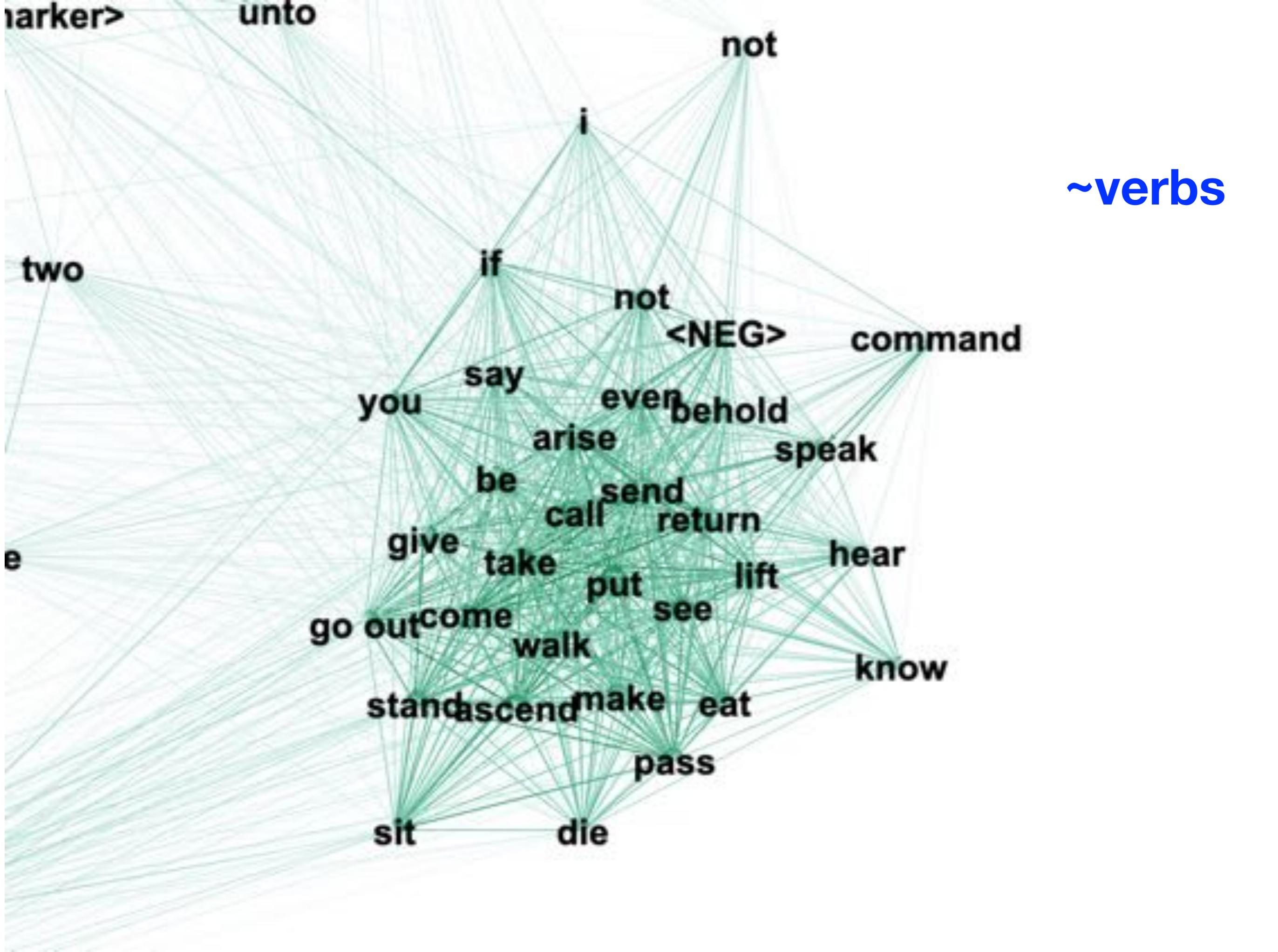
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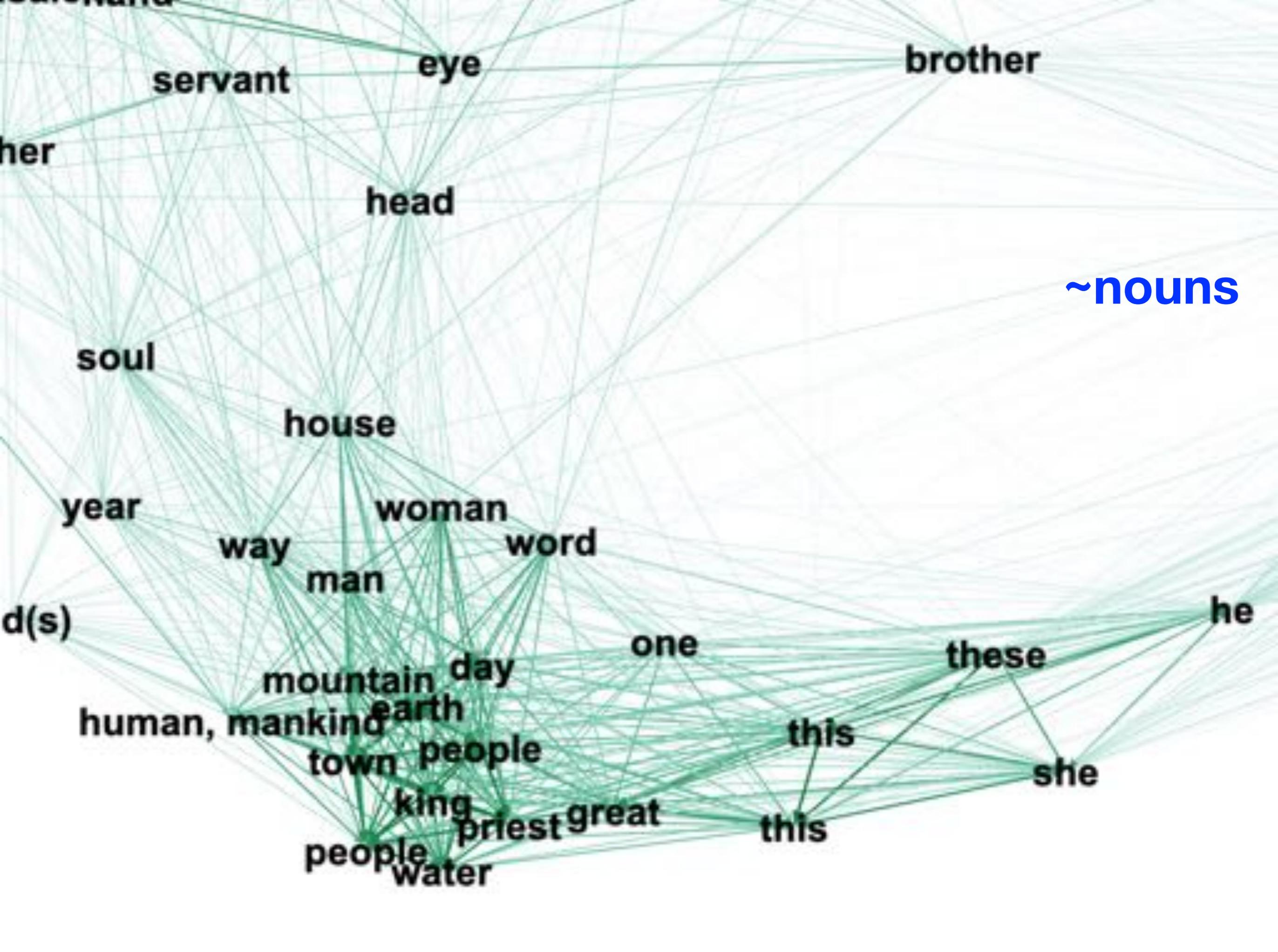
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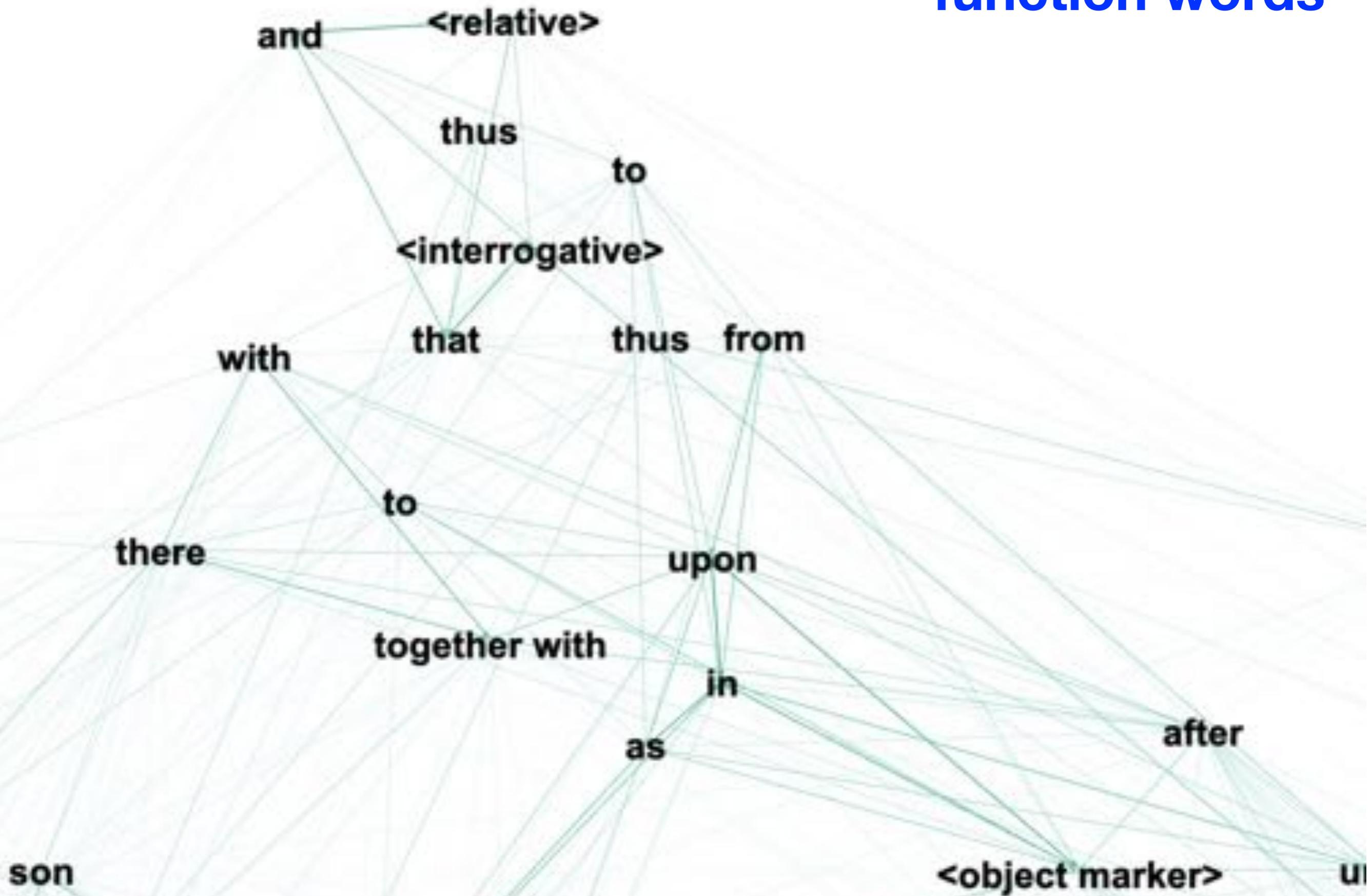


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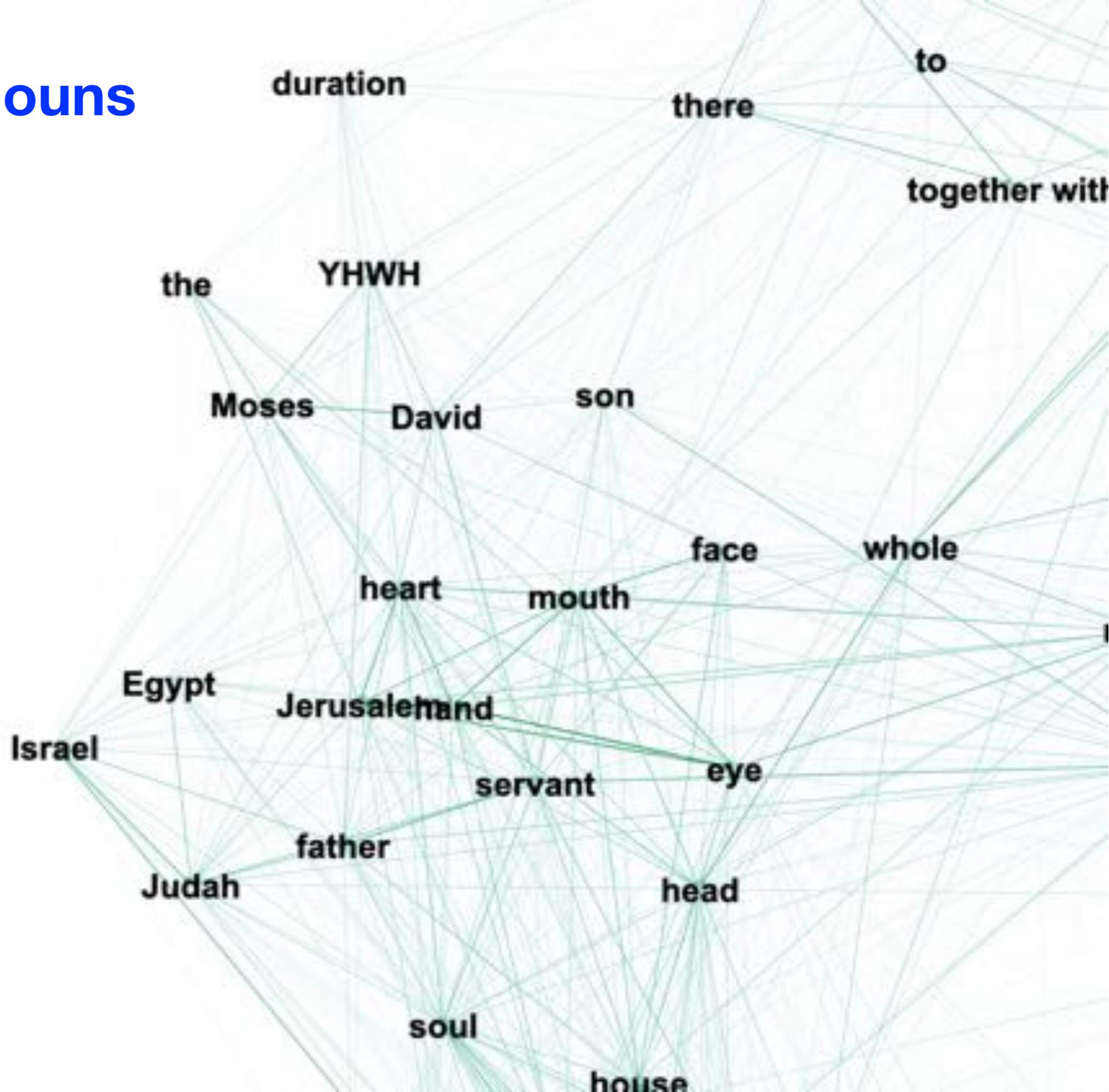


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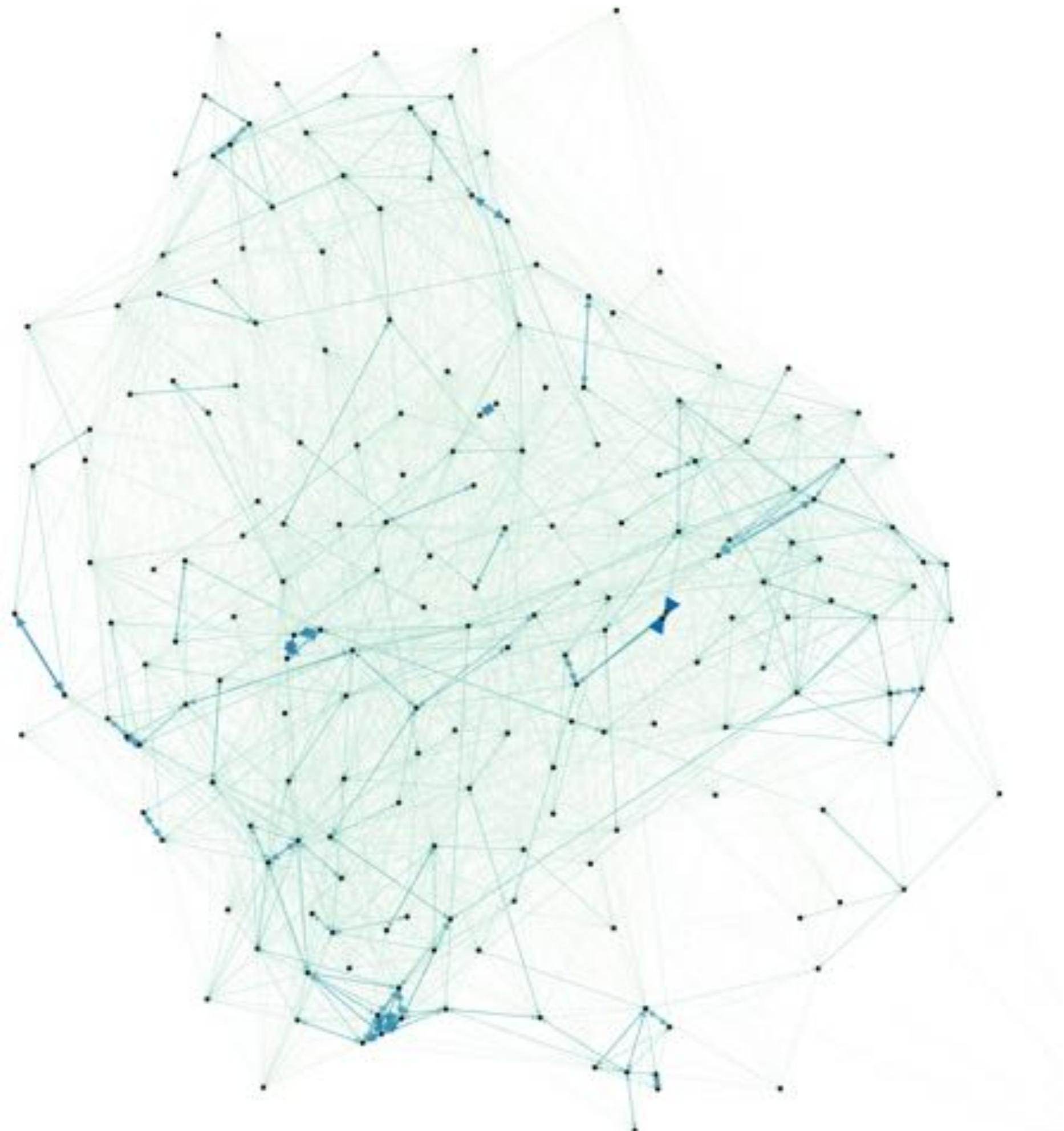
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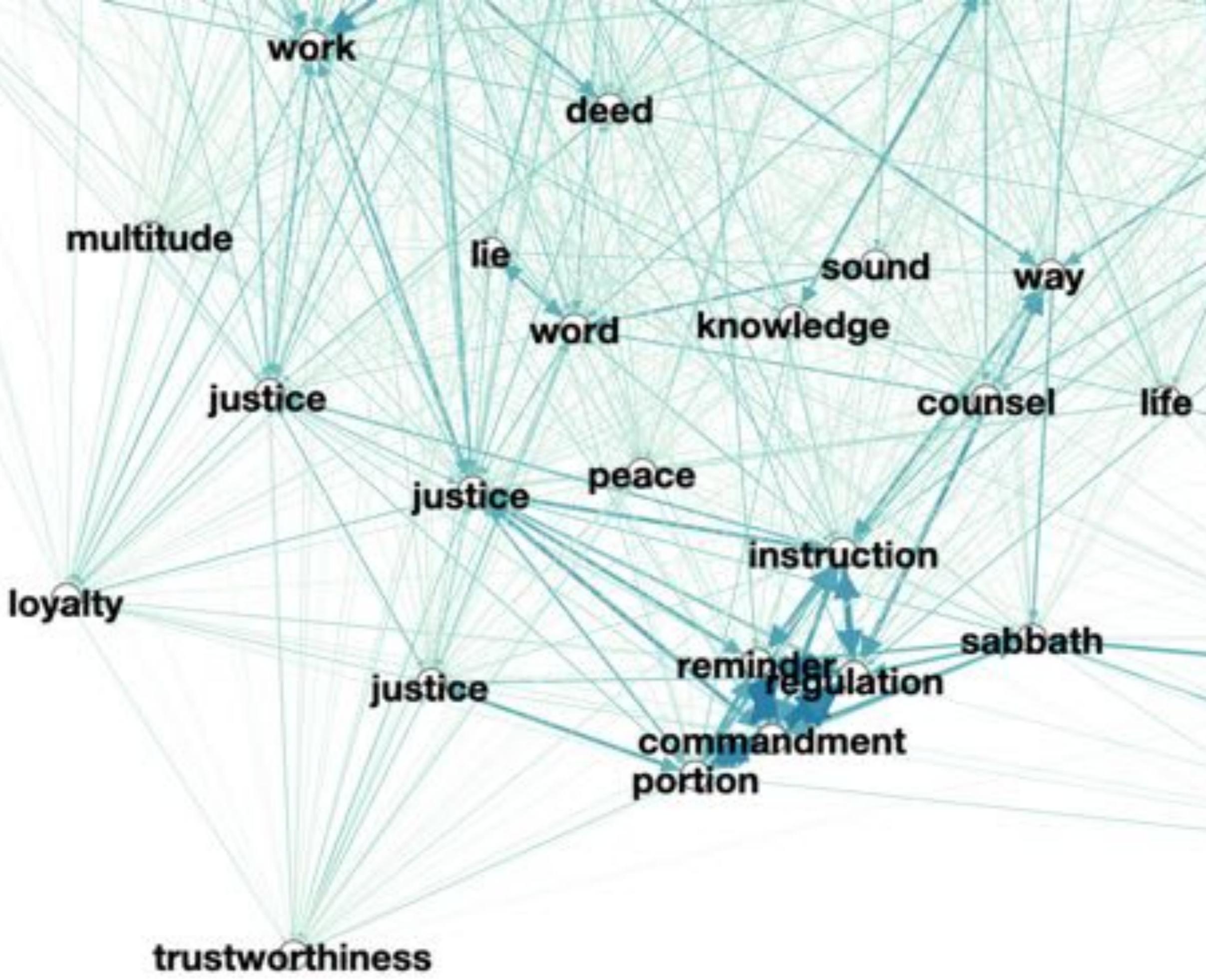
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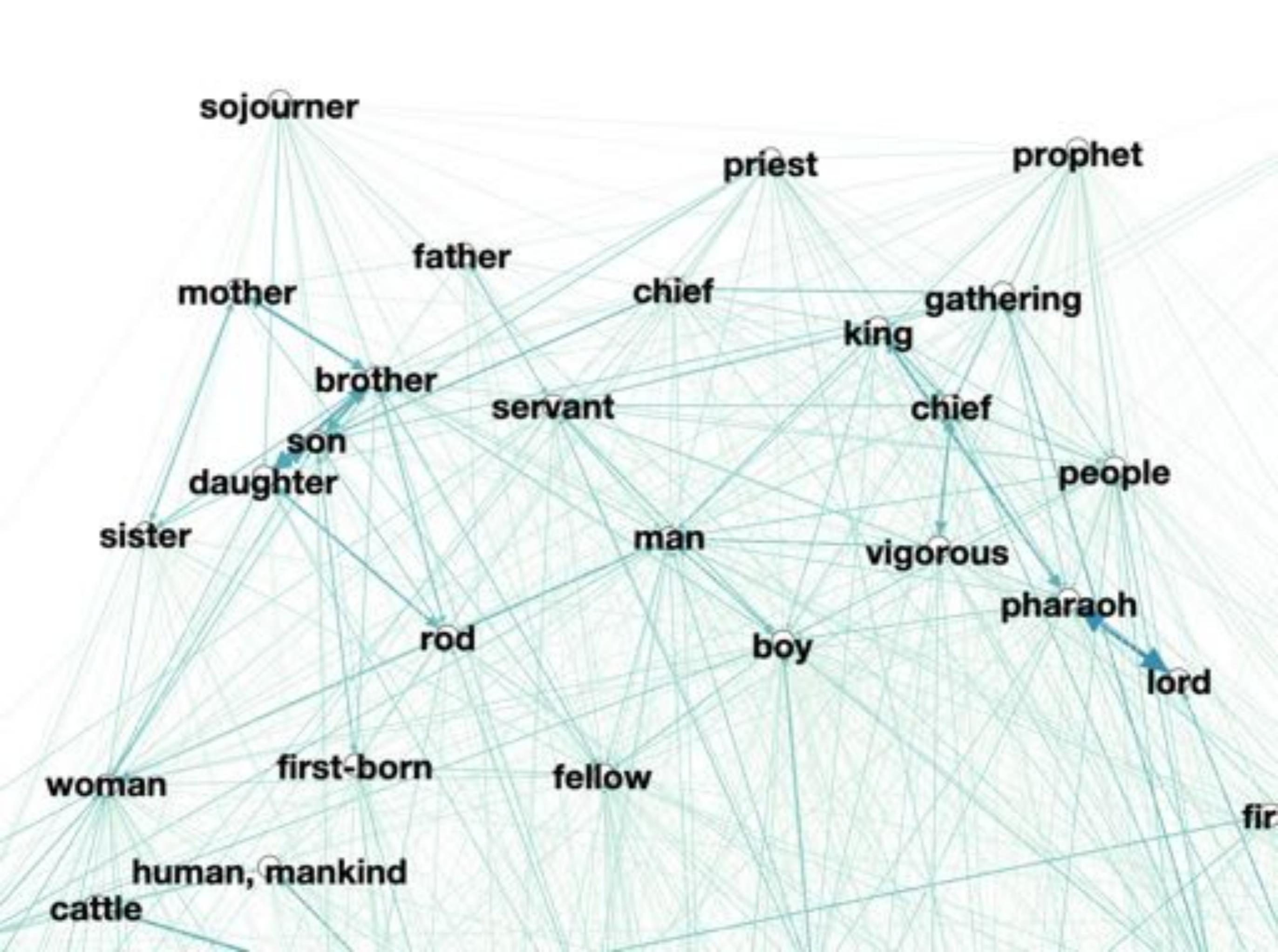
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פתח	Cmpl ->	qal.עמד	10
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יד	Cmpl	-> מִן	17
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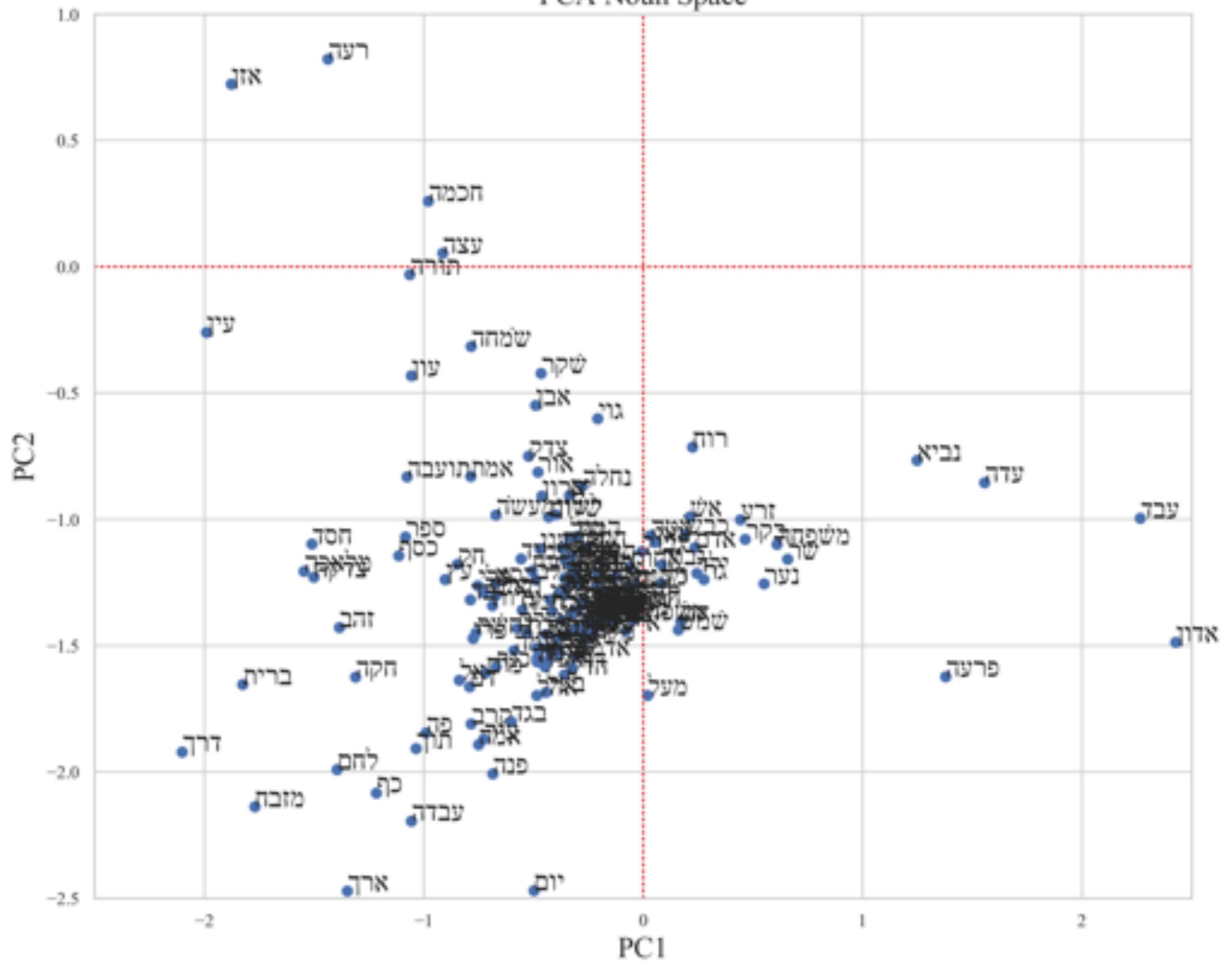








PCA Noun Space





# ~Animate Group

בֵּן "son" (205.55)

בַּת "daughter" (26.0)

אָח "brother" (12.1)

כֹּהֵן "priest" (11.03)

פֶּרֶד "young

bull" (10.06)

מֶלֶךְ "king" (9.24)

אִשָּׁה "woman" (4.62)

אִישׁ "man" (4.24)

עַם "people" (3.86)

בְּכֹר "first-born" (3.81)

נָשִׂיא "chief" (3.01)

שֵׁבֶט "tribe; rod" (2.94)

אָב "father" (2.9)

אֲדוֹן "lord" (2.43)

עֶבֶד "servant" (2.27)

עֵדָה "gathering" (1.56)

פַּרְעֹה "pharaoh" (1.38)

נָבִיא "prophet" (1.25)

שׂר "chief" (0.66)

מִשְׁפָּחָה "clan" (0.61)

נַעַר "boy" (0.55)

בְּקָר "cattle" (0.46)

זֶרַע "seed" (0.44)

גֵּר "sojourner" (0.28)

יָלֵד "boy" (0.24)

אָדָם "human,  
mankind" (0.24)

רוּחַ "wind" (0.22)

אֵשׁ "fire" (0.21)

כֶּבֶשׂ "young  
ram" (0.19)

אִם "mother" (0.17)

שֶׁמֶשׁ "sun" (0.16)

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יד.n1	T.Subj→ עשה.v1.qal	7	Isa 31:7, 41:20, 66:2; Ps 119:73; Job 5:12, 12:9;	אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ לָכֶם יְדִיכֶם חֶטָּא: (Isa 31:7)
שנה.n1	T.Subj→ יסף.v1.hif	1	Prov 9:11	וַיֹּסִיפוּ לְךָ שָׁנֹת חַיִּים: (Prov 9:11)
יום.n1	T.Subj→ חנה.v1.qal	1	Judg 19:9	הַיְהִה חֲנֹת הַיּוֹם (Judg 19:9)
יום.n1	T.Subj→ בוא.v1.qal	14	1 Sam 26:10; Isa 13:9; Jer 46:21, 50:27, 50:31; Ezek	אֲוִיּוֹמוֹ יָבֹא (1 Sam 26:10)
בית.n1	T.Subj→ מות.v1.qal	2	1 Sam 22:16; 1 Chr 10:6	מֹות תָּמוּת אַתָּה וְכָל־בַּיִת אָבִיךָ: (1 Sam 22:16)
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בית.n1	T.Subj→ אכל.v1.qal	3	Num 18:31; Deut 15:20; 1 Kgs 17:15	וְאָכַלְתֶּם אֹתוֹ בְּכָל־מְקוֹם אֲתֶם וּבֵיתְכֶם (Num 18:31)
עין.n1	T.Subj→ שמר.v1.qal	1	Job 24:15	וְעֵין נֹאֵף   שְׁמֶרָה נִשְׂף (Job 24:15)
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עיר.n1	T.Subj→ ישב.v1.qal	4	Jer 17:25, 31:24; Ezek 36:35; Lam 1:1	וַיֵּשְׁבֵה הָעִיר־הַזֹּאת לְעוֹלָם: (Jer 17:25)
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מים.n1	T.Subj→ בוא.v1.qal	6	Lev 11:34; Num 5:22, 5:24, 5:27; Ezek 47:9; Ps	אֲשֶׁר יָבֹא עָלָיו מַיִם (Lev 11:34)
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לב.n1	T.Subj→ מות.v1.qal	1	1 Sam 25:37	וַיָּמָת לִבּוֹ בְּקִרְבּוֹ (1 Sam 25:37)
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לב.n1	T.Subj→נכה.v1.hif	2	1 Sam 24:6; 2 Sam 24:10	וַיִּךְ לְבַדְדּוֹ אֹתוֹ (1 Sam 24:6)
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נפש.n1	T.Subj→הלך.v1.qal	2	Isa 46:2; Eccl 6:9	וְנַפְשָׁם בְּשִׁבְי הֶלְכָה: ס (Isa 46:2)

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