

וַיַּעַשׂ כָּל הַקְּהָל הַשְּׂבִיִּים מִן הַשָּׂבִי סְכוּת וַיֵּשְׁבוּ בַּסְּכוּת כִּי לֹא עָשׂוּ מִימֵי יְשׁוּעָה בֶּן נֹון כֹּן בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַד הַיּוֹם הַהוּא
 הָיָה

hebrew

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 שְׁמָחָה גְּדוּלָה מְאֹד

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