

Word Study G2816 *kleronomeo* inherit

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Introduction

I was compiling my Parasha article ^A and I came across this word translated as the *waxen poor*.

Lev 25:39 the legal status of thy brother sold to you who is waxen poor (*mook*)

³⁹ And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor יָמוּךְ ^{ya-Much}, ^B and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant עֲבָדָת 'a-Vo-dat עֲבָד 'A-ved:

This reminded me of “the meek” found in for example Mat 5:5

Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed^{G3107} are the meek:^{G4239} for they shall inherit^{G2816} the earth.^{G1093}

From there I was compelled to write about the meek and how they don't have an inheritance. For example, who are they and where did they come from? Are they the House of Israel or any ole Gentile? By what authority is Yeshua making this claim? Is Lev 25:39 a source for this claim. Is there some good biblical historical context to help understand what he is talking about (like in the prophets)?

With that, this word study of inherit (*kleronomeo* ^{G2816}) is supportive of my endeavor. If you can understand what they have lost, maybe you can better understand who they are.

^A See Lev-25-39-26-2-Vki-Amuk-If-Impoverished, parasha article #[1099](#).

^B **H4134 mook** מוֹךְ KJC:5 Lev 25:25, Lev 25:35, Lev 25:39, Lev 25:47, Lev 27:8 A primitive root; to become thin, that is, (figuratively) be impoverished: - be (waxen) poor (-er). LXX: ^{G639} *aporeo*, ^{G5011} *tapeinos*, ^{G5013} *tapeinoo*. Compare with G4239 πρᾶυς *praus* **meek** Mat 5:5 “Blessed are the **meek**: for they shall inherit the earth.” See also Mat 21:5, 1Pe 3:4. Edenics *mook*^{Heb} → meek^{Eng}.

G2816 *kleronomeo* ^{KJC:18} inherit(ed)¹⁵, heir(s)², obtained¹

κληρονομέω

From [G2818](#); to be an heir to (literally or figuratively): - be heir, (obtain by) inherit (-ance).

LXX related word(s)

H270 achaz ni.	H962 bazaz	H2505 chalaq pi.	H3045 yada
H3423 yarash qal,hi	H3920 lakhad	H5157 nachal qal,hi,hith	

Total KJV Occurrences: 18

inherit, 14 [Mat 5:5](#), [Mat 19:29](#), [Mat 25:34](#), [Mar 10:17](#), [Luk 10:25](#), [Luk 18:18](#), [1Co 6:9-10](#) (2), [1Co 15:50](#) (2), [Gal 5:21](#), [Heb 6:12](#), [1Pe 3:9](#), [Rev 21:7](#)

heir, 1 [Gal 4:30](#)

heirs, 1 [Heb 1:14](#)

inherited, 1 [Heb 12:17](#)

obtained, 1 [Heb 1:4](#)

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klēronoméō; contracted *klēronomō*, fut. *klēronomēsō*, from *klēronómos* ([G2818](#)), an heir. To be an heir, to inherit, obtain for an inheritance by casting lots as the children of Israel did for the promised land ([Num 26:55](#); [Num 33:54](#); [Jos 14:1-2](#); [Jos 16:4](#)). To inherit, to be heir to any person or thing.

(I) To inherit, to be heir, in an absolute sense ([Gal 4:30](#) quoted from [Gen 21:10](#); see Sept.: [Gen 15:4](#); [Num 27:11](#)).

(II) In later usage followed by the acc., simply to obtain, acquire, possess. Spoken only of the friends of God as receiving admission to the kingdom of heaven and its attendant privileges ([Mat 5:5](#), "they shall possess the land" [a.t.], referring to the Messiah's kingdom [cf. Sept.: [Psa 25:13](#); [Psa 37:11](#), [Psa 37:22](#), [Psa 37:29](#)]). To inherit the kingdom of God ([Mat 25:34](#); [1Co 6:9-10](#); [1Co 15:50](#); [Gal 5:21](#)); eternal life ([Mat 19:29](#); [Mar 10:17](#); [Luk 10:25](#); [Luk 18:18](#)); incorruptibility ([1Co 15:50](#)). See [Heb 1:4](#), [Heb 1:14](#); [Heb 6:12](#); [Heb 12:17](#); [1Pe 3:9](#); [Rev 21:7](#); Sept.: [Gen 15:7](#); [Deu 1:21](#).

Syn.: *klēróō* ([G2820](#)), to determine by lot.

G2818 *kleronomos* ^{KJC:15} heir(s)¹⁵

κληρονόμος

From [G2819](#) and the base of [G3551](#) ^{nomos} (in its original sense of *partitioning*, that is, [reflexively] *getting* by apportionment); a *sharer by lot*, that is, an *inheritor* (literally or figuratively); by implication a *possessor*: - heir.

LXX: [H3423](#) yarash ^C

Total KJV Occurrences: 15

heir, 8 [Mat 21:38](#), [Mar 12:7](#), [Luk 20:14](#), [Rom 4:13](#), [Gal 4:1](#), [Gal 4:7](#), [Heb 1:2](#), [Heb 11:7](#)

heirs, 7 [Rom 4:14](#), [Rom 8:17](#) (2), [Gal 3:29](#), [Tit 3:7](#), [Heb 6:17](#), [Jam 2:5](#)

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klēronómos, gen. *klēronómou*, masc. noun from *klēros* ([G2819](#)), lot, and *némō* (n.f., see *aponémō* [[G632](#)]), to hold, have in one's power, to distribute. An heir, or an inheritance divided by lot ([Mat 21:38](#); [Mar 12:7](#); [Luk 20:14](#); Sept.: [2Sa 14:7](#); [Jer 8:10](#)). Applies to the heirs of the heavenly Canaan ([Rom 4:13-14](#); [Rom 8:17](#); [Gal 3:29](#); [Gal 4:1](#), [Gal 4:7](#); [Tit 3:7](#); [Heb 1:2](#); [Heb 6:17](#); [Jas 2:5](#)) and to Christ who is appointed heir and possessor, the Lord of all things ([Mat 21:38](#); [Heb 1:2](#)).

Deriv.: *klēronoméō* ([G2816](#)), to be an heir; *klēronomía* ([G2817](#)), that which constitutes one as heir, inheritance; *sugklēronómos* ([G4789](#)), he who participates in the same inheritance or lot, joint-heir.

G2819 *kleros* ^{KJC:13} lot(s)⁸, inheritance², part², heritage¹

κληρος

Probably from [G2806](#) (through the idea of using *bits* of wood, etc., for the purpose); a *die* (for drawing chances); by implication a *portion* (as if so secured); by extension an *acquisition* (especially a *patrimony*, figuratively): - **heritage**, **inheritance**, lot, part.

LXX related word(s)

H1486 goral	H2256 chevel	H2465 cheleq	H3423 yarash
H4940 mishpachah	H5159 nachalah	H6565 pur	H7133 qurban

Total KJV Occurrences: 13

lots, 6 [Mat 27:35](#) (2), [Mar 15:24](#), [Luk 23:34](#), [Joh 19:24](#), [Act 1:26](#)

inheritance, 2 [Act 26:18](#), [Col 1:12](#)

lot, 2 [Act 1:26](#), [Act 8:21](#)

part, 2 [Act 1:17](#), [Act 1:25](#)

heritage, 1 [1Pe 5:3](#)

klēros, gen. *klērou*, masc. noun probably from *kláō* ([G2806](#)), to break. A lot.

(I) A lot, the stone or mark itself which was cast into the urn or lap ([Mat 27:35](#); [Mar 15:24](#); [Luk 23:34](#); [Joh 19:24](#); [Act 1:26](#); Sept.: [Psa 22:18](#); [Jon 1:7](#)). It seems that the **Greek method of casting lots** was also followed

^C See Word-Study-H3423-yarashs, article #???

by the Romans. The lots of several parties were properly marked or distinguished and put into a vessel which was violently shaken by one who turned his face away. The lot which first fell upon the ground indicated the man chosen or preferred for the occasion. The Romans attributed divine choice to this method.

(II) A lot, allotment, part, or share ([Act 1:17](#) [TR], [Act 1:26](#); [Act 8:21](#); Sept.: [Deu 10:9](#); [Deu 12:12](#)).

(III) An inheritance ([Act 26:18](#) [cf. [Act 20:32](#)]; [Col 1:12](#) [cf. the noun *klēronómia* {[G2817](#)}, inheritance]).

(IV) *Klēroi*, in the pl. ([1Pe 5:3](#)), seems to denote those distinct congregations of Christians (cf. [Deu 4:20](#); [Deu 9:29](#)) which fell to the lot, as it were, of different pastors.

Deriv.: *klēronómos* ([G2818](#)), one who has an inheritance, a lot; *klēróō* ([G2820](#)), to cast lots, determine by lot; *naúklēros* ([G3490](#)), an owner of a ship; *holóklēros* ([G3648](#)), an entire portion, intact.

Syn.: *méros* ([G3313](#)), a part, portion of the whole; *merís* ([G3310](#)), part, share.

G2817 *klēronómia* ^{KJC:14} inheritance¹⁴

κληρονομία

From [G2818](#); *heirship*, that is, (concretely) a *patrimony* or (generally) a *possession*: - inheritance.

LXX related word(s)

H272 achuzzah	H1366 gevul	H1486 goral	H2465 cheleq
H3423 yarash	H3425 yerushshah	H5159 nachalah	

Total KJV Occurrences: 14

inheritance, 14

[Mat 21:38](#), [Mar 12:7](#), [Luk 20:13-14](#) (2), [Act 7:5](#), [Act 20:32](#), [Gal 3:18](#), [Eph 1:14](#), [Eph 1:18](#), [Eph 5:5](#), [Col 3:24](#), [Heb 9:15](#), [Heb 11:8](#), [1Pe 1:4](#)

gen. *klēronómias*, fem. noun from *klēronómos* ([G2818](#)), an heir. Inheritance, that which constitutes one as an heir. An inheritance by lot ([Mat 21:38](#); [Mar 12:7](#); [Luk 12:13](#); [Luk 20:14](#); Sept.: [Num 27:7-11](#)). As the inheritance of the earthly Canaan typified that of the heavenly, so the latter is often called *klēronómia*, inheritance ([Act 20:32](#); [Gal 3:18](#); [Eph 1:14](#), [Eph 1:18](#); [Eph 5:5](#); [Col 3:24](#); [Heb 9:15](#); [Heb 11:8](#); [1Pe 1:4](#)). Heritage ([Act 7:5](#)). Divine salvation, considered both promised and already bestowed, is designated an inheritance in the NT so far as man, the heir, obtains possession of it ([1Pe 1:4](#)).