

Word Study G4625 *skandalon* offence, stumblingblock

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Introduction

The etymology of scandal is *skandalon*.

ToDo Add commentary, connect to G4348 *proskomma*.

1Pe2:8

And a stone of stumbling,^A and a rock of **offence**, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

G4625 *skandalon* KJC:17

σκάνδαλον

skandalon

Total KJV Occurrences: 17

offence, 5 [Mat 16:23](#), [Mat 18:7](#), [Rom 9:33](#), [Gal 5:11](#), [1Pe 2:8](#)

offences, 4 [Mat 18:7](#) (2), [Luk 17:1](#), [Rom 16:17](#)

stumblingblock, 3 [Rom 11:9](#), [1Co 1:23](#), [Rev 2:14](#)

occasion, 2 [Rom 14:13](#), [1Jo 2:10](#)

fall, 1 [Rom 14:13](#)

offend, 1 [Mat 13:41](#)

stumbling, 1 [1Jo 2:10](#)

LXX: ^{H1848} *dophi*, ^{H3689} *kesel*, ^{H4170} *moqesh*, ^{H4383} *mikhshol*

^A G4348 *proskomma* ^{KJC:6} **stumbling** (block)(stone)Rom 9:32-33, 14:13; 1Co 8:9, 1Pe 2:8, **offence** ^{Rom 14:20} See article [#773](#).

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skándalon; gen. *skandálou*, neut. noun. **The trigger of a trap** on which the bait is placed, and which, when touched by the animal, springs and causes it to close causing entrapment. The word and its deriv. belong only to biblical and ecclesiastical Gr. In the Sept. it answers to the word for *pagís* ([G3803](#)), trap. However, *pagís* always refers simply to a trap hidden in an ambush and not to the results; whereas *skándalon* involves a reference also to the conduct of the person who is thus trapped. ***Skándalon* always denotes an enticement to conduct which could ruin the person in question.** See Sept.: [Lev 19:14.](#); [Jos 23:13](#); [1Sa 18:21](#).

In the NT *skándalon* is used figuratively in a moral sense. **It is concerned mainly with the fact that it produces certain behavior which can lead to ruin** ([Rom 9:33](#); [Rom 11:9](#); [Rom 14:13](#); [Rom 16:7](#); [1Co 1:23](#); [Gal 5:11](#); [1Pe 2:8](#); [1Jn 2:10](#); [Rev 2:14](#)). Also in the pl. *tá skándala* ([Mat 18:7](#); [Luk 17:1](#)).

(I) Generally as a cause of stumbling, falling, ruin, morally and spiritually. Of Christ, rock of stumbling ([Rom 9:33](#); [Rom 11:9](#) quoted from [Psa 69:22](#); [1Pe 2:7-8](#); see Sept.: [Psa 119:165](#)).

(II) As a cause of offense and indignation, a scandal ([Mat 16:23](#)).

(III) Metonymically of person ([Mat 13:41](#)).

Deriv.: *skandalízō* ([G4624](#)), to cause to stumble.

Syn.: *próskomma* ([G4348](#)), an obstacle; *proskopé* ([G4349](#)), occasion of stumbling.

Ant.: *hupódeigma* ([G5262](#)) and *hupogrammós* ([G5261](#)), an example; *túpos* ([G5179](#)), a type; *hupotúpōsis* ([G5296](#)), a pattern to be followed.