

Word Study G5345 *pheme* fame H8052 *shemuah* rumor, H8074 *shamem* desolate

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Introduction - Connecting fame → *pheme* → *shemuah* → *shemittah*

I was working on my article “Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:14-30 - proclaim liberty and the acceptable year of YHVH” (<http://MyHebrewBible.com/Article/286>) and was getting some background verses for Luke chapter 4 to give it some context. The word for fame in Luke 4:14, caught my attention so I did a word study on that. Here is what I have.

G5345 *pheme* fame

Strong's "From [G5346](#); a saying, that is rumor, (“**fame**”);

LXX [H8052](#) *shemuah*

KJC 2 fame, [Mat 9:26](#), [Luk 4:14](#)

As you can see it's rarely used and the only other place in the New Testament is Mat 9:26. Etymologically speaking it would appear that the English word fame was borrowed from the Greek *pheme*. What caught my attention is the word choice that the KJV chose by stating he's “famous”. In our day, that's usually meant to mean that you're not humble. On the other hand, if the people yearn to have the Messiah to come in their life time, that is a fame that you could be ok with. So that's all fine and good, but what if we dug deeper and asked what's the purpose of the Messiah. For me, first and foremost that's all about the redeeming of the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel, which is the point I was trying to make in the article I mentioned above.

Ok you might be asking, so what, it doesn't really explain why am I writing this article about a Greek word *pheme*. What I found interesting is that the Septuagint cross-reference for the equivalent Hebrew word is *shemuah* (H8052, see below for more details). In Luke 4:18, it records that Yeshua read from Isaiah 61:1-2 which is about a lot of things one of which is verbiage like the *shemittah*. After reading from the Isaiah scroll, he latter proclaims in Luke 4:21 “..This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” Here is my connection, take it for what it's worth, but *shemittah* which has the root letters Sheen + Mem + Tet, has the same first two letters of *shemuah*.(Sheen and Mem).

I might be stretching here, but is the fame of Yeshua i.e. fame => *pheme* => *shemuah*, all about him doing the *shemittah* thing for the benefit of the House of Israel?

Your spiritual mileage may vary.

שְׁמוּעָה

Feminine passive participle of [H8074](#); something *heard*, that is, an *announcement*: - bruit, doctrine, fame, mentioned, news, report, rumor, tidings.

LXX related word(s): [G5345](#) *pheme* fame

Total KJV Occurrences: 27

rumour, 9 [2Ki 19:7](#), [Isa 37:7](#), [Jer 49:14](#), [Jer 51:46](#) (3), [Eze 7:26](#) (2), [Oba 1:1](#)

tidings, 8 [1Sa 4:19](#), [2Sa 4:4](#), [2Sa 13:30](#), [1Ki 2:28](#), [Psa 112:7](#), [Jer 49:23](#), [Eze 21:7](#), [Dan 11:44](#)

report, 4 [1Sa 2:24](#), [Pro 15:30](#), [Isa 28:19](#), [Isa 53:1](#)

fame, 2 [1Ki 10:7](#), [2Ch 9:6](#)

bruit, 1 [Jer 10:22](#)

doctrine, 1 [Isa 28:9](#)

mentioned, 1 [Eze 16:56](#)

news, 1 [Pro 25:25](#)

H8074 *shamem*

שָׁמַם

A primitive root; to *stun* (or intransitively *grow numb*), that is, *devastate* or (figuratively) *stupefy* (both usually in a passive sense): - make amazed, be astonished, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

LXX related word(s)

G818 atimazo	G853 aphanizo	G1311 dia phtheiro	G2295 thauma	G2704 kata phtheiro
G1590 ek luo	G1605 ek plesso	G2657 kata noeo	G5015 tarasso	G390 ana strepho
G622 ap ollumi	G1863 ep ago	G2049 eremoo	G4937 sun tribo	G2296 thaumazo
G1839 ex istemi	G2050 eremosis	G4768 stugnazo	G2048 eremos	

Total KJV Occurrences: 85

desolate, 43 [Lev 26:22](#), [Lev 26:34-35](#) (2), [Lev 26:43](#), [2Ch 36:21](#), [Job 16:7](#), [Psa 40:15](#), [Psa 69:25](#), [Psa 143:4](#), [Isa 49:19](#), [Isa 54:1](#), [Jer 10:25](#), [Jer 12:11](#) (2), [Jer 33:10](#), [Jer 49:20](#), [Jer 50:45](#), [Lam 4:5](#), [Lam 5:18](#), [Eze 6:4](#), [Eze 20:26](#), [Eze 25:3](#), [Eze 29:12](#), [Eze 30:7](#) (2), [Eze 30:14](#), [Eze 33:28](#), [Eze 35:12](#), [Eze 35:15](#), [Eze 36:3](#), [Eze 36:34-36](#) (4), [Dan 9:17](#), [Dan 9:27](#), [Dan 11:31](#), [Dan 12:11](#), [Joe 1:17](#), [Amo 7:9](#), [Mic 6:13](#), [Zep 3:6](#), [Zec 7:14](#)

astonished, 14 [Lev 26:32](#), [1Ki 9:8](#), [Job 21:5](#), [Jer 2:12](#), [Jer 4:9](#), [Jer 18:16](#), [Jer 19:8](#), [Jer 49:17](#), [Jer 50:13](#), [Eze 26:15-16](#) (2), [Eze 27:35](#), [Eze 28:19](#), [Dan 8:27](#)

astonied, 6 [Ezr 9:3-4](#) (2), [Job 17:8](#), [Job 18:20](#), [Isa 52:14](#), [Eze 4:17](#)

waste, 5 [Num 21:30](#), [Isa 33:7-8](#) (2), [Eze 30:12](#), [Amo 9:14](#)

desolations, 4 [Isa 61:4](#) (2), [Dan 9:18](#), [Dan 9:26](#)

desolation, 3 [Lev 26:31-32](#) (2), [Dan 8:13](#)

bring, 2 [Lev 26:31-32](#) (2)

destroy, 2 [Ecc 7:16](#), [Hos 2:12](#)

wondered, 2 [Isa 59:16](#), [Isa 63:5](#)

amazed, 1 [Eze 32:10](#)

astonishment, 1 [2Ch 7:21](#)

destroyed, 1 [1Sa 5:6](#)

make, 1 [Eze 14:8](#)