

Word Study G5498 cheirographon Col 2:14 Handwriting - the Bill of Divorce

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Introduction

Thesis: The Bill of Divorce, giving to the House of Israel, is what Paul is alluding to in Col 2:14. It’s a legal term ^a, which is great because that’s what I like to talk about as it brings clarity ^b.

Col 2:14 – The verse in question and the only verse where this term occurs

¹⁴ Blotting out the **handwriting** (*cheirographon*^{G5498}) of ordinances ordinances (*dogma*^{G1378}) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

G5498 *cheirographon*^{KJC:1, Col 2:14} handwriting

χειρόγραφον

Strong’s

Neuter of a compound of [G5495](#) and [G1125](#); something *hand written* (“*chirograph*”), that is, a *manuscript* (specifically **a legal document or bond** (figuratively)): - handwriting.

Thayer Definition:

- 1) a handwriting, what one has written by his own hand
- 2) a note of hand or writing in which one acknowledges that money has either been deposited with him or lent to him by another, to be returned at the appointed time

Part of Speech: noun neuter

A Related Word by Thayer’s/Strong’s Number: from a compound of [G5495](#) and [G1125](#)

Citing in TDNT: 9:435, 1309

^a In extra biblical sources, this word means “...**is a legal term**”. It is a word that was used to refer to the written evidence of a person's guilt in a courtroom. It is the written record of a person's crimes. Source a article by Botkin

^b See rule#2 of “Marsings-Rules-and-Key-Definitions”, article #[501](#). The rule is “Law gives you the greatest clarity regarding your religion, identifying the House of Israel is the next greatest clarity”.

Total KJV Occurrences: 1; handwriting, 1 [Col 2:14](#)

Col 2:14 RSTNE ^{c d}

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, ⁶²²⁰ and took it out of the way, nailing it to His execution stake;

Footnote: **6220**: This is not the Torah but rather the curses of the adulterous woman, or Yisrael, being nailed to the execution stake as the full and final fulfillment of [Num 5:23](#), ^e where the curses were kept in a list in a book. All the ordinances of Torah that we as Yisrael broke, were nailed to the stake.

Furthermore YHWH's Torah, or any other part of His word, cannot be against man but for man, for in the Torah itself it states that the Torah was given for man's good. Furthermore, if the Torah was nailed to the stake, that means by definition sin no longer exists, since where there is no Torah, sin cannot be charged. Thankfully, only the lists of broken Yisraelite ordinances were nailed to the Master's stake.

... Blotting out the **handwriting** [G5498](#) of ordinances [G1378](#) dogma ... see [Gen 3:22-24](#)

Notes from Botkin; "What was nailed to the cross in Col 2:14"

G5498 *cheirographon* [χειρόγραφον](#); KJC, 1 **handwriting**, 1 [Col 2:14](#) ;

This is the only place where this occurs, and also it's not found in the LXX.

- God's unadulterated Law e.g. [Deu 4:5-9](#); [Psa 19:1-14](#), Psa 119, [Rom 7:22](#), [1Ti 1:8](#).

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^c RSTNE: Restored True Name Edition. See <http://www.restorationscriptures.org/>

^d Excerpts from Word-Study-Principalities-G746-Arche-and-Power-Exousia-G1849.doc

^e See Numbers-5-19-to-22-the-priest-charges-the-suspected-adulterous-woman-by-an-oath, article #[798](#).