

Word Study H1260 *berek* knee, H1288 *barak* bless

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Introduction

Interesting how *berek* knee (as in bending the knee) is connected to *barak* blessing

H1290 *berek* KJC²⁵, knee(s)²⁵

כָּרַךְ

From [H1288](#); a *knee*: - knee.

LXX related word(s) [G1119](#) gonu, [G1119](#) gonu, [G3382](#) meros

Total KJV Occurrences: 25

knees, 24 [Gen 30:3](#), [Gen 48:12](#), [Gen 50:23](#), [Deu 28:35](#), [Jdg 7:5-6](#) (2), [Jdg 16:19](#), [1Ki 8:54](#), [1Ki 18:42](#), [1Ki 19:18](#), [2Ki 1:13](#), [2Ki 4:20](#), [2Ch 6:13](#), [Ezr 9:5](#), [Job 3:12](#), [Job 4:4](#), [Psa 109:24](#), [Isa 35:3](#), [Isa 66:12](#), [Eze 7:17](#), [Eze 21:7](#), [Eze 47:4](#), [Nah 2:10](#) (2)

knee, 1 [Isa 45:23](#)

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berek: A feminine noun denoting a knee. It is used with the verb *kāra*, to bend, meaning to bend the knee.

Isaiah declares that every knee will bow before the Lord ([Isa 45:23](#)) in the sense of worshiping and confessing the Lord. Solomon knelt before the Lord at the altar to worship his God ([1Ki 8:54](#); cf. [1Ki 18:42](#)). The phrase "on her knees" designates the lap of a mother ([2Ki 4:20](#) KJV). In Ezekiel's vision, water reached up to his knees ([Eze 47:4](#)). One of the curses the Lord would lay on a disobedient people was ailing knees ([Deu 28:35](#)). Since the knees were a picture of strength, terror or fasting could weaken them ([Job 4:4](#); [Psa 109:24](#); [Isa 35:3](#); [Nah 2:10](#) [11]).

H1288 *barak* ^{KJC:324} bless

בָּרַךְ

A primitive root; to *kneel*; by implication to *bless* God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit); also (by euphemism) to *curse* (God or the king, as treason): - X abundantly, X altogether, X at all, blaspheme, bless, congratulate, curse, X greatly, X indeed, kneel (down), praise, salute, X still, thank.

LXX related word(s)

G134 aineo	G2128 eulogetos	G2799 klaio	G4098 pipto
G1757 en eulogeo	G2127 eulogeo	G2129 eulogia	

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bārak: A verb meaning to bless, kneel, salute, or greet. The verb derives from the noun knee and perhaps suggests the bending of the knee in blessing. Its derived meaning is to bless someone or something. The verb is used when blessing God ([Gen 9:26](#)) or people ([Num 24:9](#)). God used this verb when He blessed Abraham in the Abrahamic covenant ([Gen 12:3](#)). The word is used intensively when God blesses people or people bless each other ([Jos 17:14](#)). When the word is used reflexively, it describes a person blessing or congratulating himself ([Deu 29:19](#) [20]). Other meanings are to bend the knee ([2Ch 6:13](#)); and to greet someone with a salutation or friendliness ([1Sa 25:14](#)).

H1289 *berak* ^{KJC:5 (Aramaic)} blessed⁴, kneeled¹, Dan 2:19-20, 3:28, 4:34, 6:10

בִּרְכָא

(Chaldee); corresponding to [H1288](#): - bless, kneel.

H1291 Feminine form, Dan 6:10 ^[Dan 6:11]

LXX: [G2578](#) kampto

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b^erak: I. An Aramaic verb meaning to kneel. It describes Daniel's practice of kneeling while he prayed to his God three times daily facing Jerusalem ([Dan 6:10](#) [11]).

II. An Aramaic verb meaning to bless, to praise. It describes Daniel's and Nebuchadnezzar's reverent verbal response to God who had helped them ([Dan 2:19-20](#); [Dan 3:28](#); [Dan 4:34](#) [31]) in special ways.