

Word Study ^{H2764} *cherem* devoted to destruction ^{H2763} *charam*

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Introduction ^A

The word *cherem/charam/cHormah* means “devoted to destruction” which is interesting from a legal perspective i.e. how would I describe this with legal terminology (maybe a quitclaim with extreme prejudice?). Maybe it’s like a sacrifice that is of the type like a whole burnt offering. Because it’s totally destroyed there is not value that humans can partake in, in contrast to the sacrifices that Levi can use for their benefit i.e. they get the meat. This word is also the name of a city which first occurs in Num 14:45, interests be because the cities were devoted to destruction made by prayer from the Israelites.

First use

Exo 22:20 ^[22:19] ^{H2763}

He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto YHVH only, he shall be utterly destroyed **יְרוּחַ** ^{*yo-cho-Ram* [H2763]}.

Lev 21:16-18 ^{H2764}

¹⁶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹⁷ Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. ¹⁸ For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose

יְרוּחַ ^{*cha-Rum*, [H2764]} or any thing superfluous,

^A This was pulled from Numbers-21-fiery-serpents, article #[307](#).

Lev 27 biblical banking ^{H2764, H2763}

H2764 devoted: Lev 27:21, Lev 27:28-29; H2763: devote(d), Lev 27:28-29

Num 14:42-45 ^{H2767}

⁴² Go not up, for YHVH *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. ⁴³ For the Amalekites^B and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from YHVH, therefore YHVH will not be with you. ⁴⁴ But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of YHVH, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. ⁴⁵ Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah. ^C

Num 21:3 ^{H2767}

³ And YHVH hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah ^{H2767}. ^D

H2764 *cherem* ^{KJC:39} accursed¹³, net(s)⁹, devoted⁵, cursed⁴, destruction², dedicated¹, destroyed¹, appointed¹

חָרֵם / חֶרֶם

From [H2763](#); physically (as *shutting in*) a *net* (either literally or figuratively); usually a *doomed* object; abstractly *extermination*: - (ac-)curse (-d, -d thing), dedicated thing, things which should have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction, devoted (thing), net.

LXX related word(s)

G3639 olethrios	G44 agkistron	G293 amphiblestron	G331 anathema	G684 apoleia	G873 aph orizo	G4522 sagene
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KJC

accursed, 13 [Jos 6:17-18](#) (3), [Jos 7:1](#) (2), [Jos 7:11-13](#) (5), [Jos 7:15](#), [Jos 22:20](#), [1Ch 2:7](#)

devoted, 5 [Lev 27:21](#), [Lev 27:28-29](#) (3), [Num 18:14](#)

net, 5 [Eze 32:3](#), [Mic 7:2](#), [Hab 1:15-17](#) (3)

curse, 4 [Jos 6:17-18](#) (2), [Isa 34:5](#), [Isa 43:28](#), [Mal 4:6](#)

nets, 4 [Ecc 7:26](#), [Eze 26:5](#), [Eze 26:14](#), [Eze 47:10](#)

^B See Word-Study-H6002-H6003-Amalek www.MyHebrewBible.com/Article/313

^C Timeline: Just got the death sentence from YHVH and they are out of alignment with YHVH and are playing fire.

^D Timeline: 38+ years later, the new generation is entering into the land

cursed, 3 [Deu 7:26](#) (2), [Deu 13:17](#)
destruction, 2 [1Ki 20:42](#), [Zec 14:11](#)
appointed, 1 [1Ki 20:42](#)
dedicated, 1 [Eze 44:29](#)
destroyed, 1 [1Sa 15:21](#)

H2763 *charam* ^{KJC:51} destroy(ed)(ing)⁴², devote(d)², accursed, away, consecrate, flat nose, forfeited, slay

חָרַם

A primitive root; to *seclude*; specifically (by a ban) to *devote* to religious uses (especially destruction); physically and reflexively to be *blunt* as to the nose: - make accursed, consecrate, (utterly) destroy, devote, forfeit, have a flat nose, utterly (slay, make away).

LXX related word(s)

G1842 ex olethreuo	G337 an aireo	G615 apo kteino	G622 ap ollumi	G853 aphanizo	G854 aphanismos
G1760 enthumeomai	G2049 eremoo	G5407 phoneuo	G394 st. ana tithemi	G332 ana thematizo	G3645 olothreuo

KJC

destroyed, 23 [Exo 22:20](#), [Num 21:3](#), [Deu 2:34](#), [Deu 3:6](#), [Jos 2:10](#), [Jos 6:21](#), [Jos 8:26](#), [Jos 10:1](#), [Jos 10:28](#), [Jos 10:35](#), [Jos 10:37](#), [Jos 10:39-40](#) (2), [Jos 11:12](#), [Jos 11:21](#), [Jdg 1:17](#), [1Sa 15:8-9](#) (2), [1Sa 15:15](#), [1Sa 15:20](#), [1Ch 4:41](#), [2Ch 32:14](#), [Isa 34:2](#)

destroy, 14 [Deu 7:2](#) (3), [Deu 20:17](#), [Jos 11:20](#), [Jdg 21:11](#), [1Sa 15:3](#), [1Sa 15:9](#), [1Sa 15:18](#), [1Ki 9:21](#), [Isa 11:15](#), [Jer 25:9](#), [Jer 50:21](#), [Jer 50:26](#), [Jer 51:3](#)

destroying, 5 [Deu 3:6](#), [Deu 13:15](#), [Jos 11:11](#), [2Ki 19:11](#), [Isa 37:11](#)

accursed, 1 [Jos 6:18](#)

away, 1 [Dan 11:44](#)

consecrate, 1 [Mic 4:13](#)

devote, 1 [Lev 27:28](#)

devoted, 1 [Lev 27:28-29](#) (2)

flat nose, 1 [Lev 21:18](#)

forfeited, 1 [Ezr 10:8](#)

slay, 1 [2Ch 20:23](#)

H2767 *chormah* ^{KJC:9} Hormah – A place

חֲרָמָה

From [H2763](#); *devoted*; *Chormah*, a place in Palestine: - Hormah.

KJC: [Num 14:45](#), [Num 21:3](#), [Deu 1:44](#), [Jos 12:14](#), [Jos 15:30](#), [Jos 19:4](#), [Jdg 1:17](#), [1Ch 4:30](#) (2)