

Word Study H3772 *karath* cut, made, covenant, confederate, league, loose, freed

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Introduction

Since I'm all about the law and contracts, I'm very interested in this word *karath* which can be used when describing the actual initiation of it by saying e.g. “**cutting** a contract”.

- To cut a contract, and to get cut out of a contract, go together
- To offset the join of the contract in Gen 15, there had to be a cutting of the animals.
- To balance or offset the Joining^a of a covenant, something has to be cut.
- There is an interesting juxtaposition between cut off, like being cut off from the people of Israel, and cutting/making a covenant with the people of Israel.
- Here is another interesting twist, see for example, in Gen 17:10 it speaks of the necessity of circumcision which is the cutting of the flesh, and a few verses latter in Gen 17:14, it says if you're not circumcised you will be cutoff.
- **ToDo:** do some analysis verses where *karath* is close to *brit*.

^a See “Word Study lavah H3867 Joined, H3881, H3878, H3880 Levi” <http://MyHebrewBible.com/Article/107>

Here are some relevant and powerful verse that use the word *karath*

Some verses in Genesis

Gen 9:11-13 - Flood waters “cut off” (*karath*) the people

¹¹ And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be **cut** off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. ¹² And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Comments: During the time of Noah, YHVH used flooding water to “cut off” all the people except Noah, and this is tied directly to YHVH’s covenant with Noah, in that YHVH promises not to do that in the future.

Gen 15:17-18 - YHVH made (*karath*) a *brit* with Abrahm

¹⁷ And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸ In the same day YHVH **made** a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:10 – Compare to the Hebrew word *bather* (H1334 & H1335)

H428 'El leh, these אלה H3605 kol- all כל -H853 'et את- H0 lo לו H3947 vai yik kach- And he took ויקח
H8432 bat 'Ta vech, them in the בתוך H853 'o 'Tam אתם H1334 vay vat- Ter unto him all these and divided ויבִּתֵּר
H7125 lik 'Rat לקראת H1335 bit 'Ro piece בִּתְרוּ H376 'ish- each איש- H5414 vai yit 'Ten and laid ויתן midst
H3808 לא H6833 ha 'tzip 'Por but the birds הַצִּפֹּר H853 ve 'Et וְאֵת- H7453 re 'E 'hu; another רעהו one against
H1334 va 'Tar. divided : בָּתֵּר lo did not

Comments: This says “And he took unto him all these, and divided *vayvattero* (H1334) then in the midst and laid each piece *bitRo* (H1335) one against another but the birds he did not divide *vatar* (H1334)”. This two words, which have the same root, are only found here (Jer 34:18-19 quotes this verse). Therefore this word is closed to being a *hapax legomenon* which might raises the question of its meaning. See “[Word Study of Hebrew roots – bet + tav + resh](#)”. I’m pointing this out, because it’s not the word *karath* nor, for that matter, *nathan*. I don’t really have any insights, I just find it interesting, and which occurs at a crucial point in scripture.

Gen 17:10-14^b - more covenant details with YHVH and Abram first mention of circumcision

¹⁰ This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised^c. ¹¹ And ye shall circumcise^d אֶת the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token (אֶת־לְאִיָּהּ)^e of the covenant betwixt me and you. ¹² And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed. ¹³ He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ And the uncircumcised^f man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be **cut off** from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Gen 21:27-32 – Abraham and Abimelech made *karath* a covenant *brit*

²⁷ And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them **made** a covenant. ²⁸ And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. ²⁹ And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? ³⁰ And he said, For *these* seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. ³¹ Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they sware both of them. ³² Thus they **made** a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

See also Gen 26:28 (let us { Abimelech et. al. and Isaac } **make** a covenant with the), Gen 31:44 (let us { Laban and Jacob } **make** a covenant), Gen 41:36 (that the land **perish** not through the famine)

Some verses in Exodus

Exo 4:24-26 - YHVH seeks to kill him, Zipporah does a circumcision and says to Moshe you are a bloody husband to me.

²⁴ And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that YHVH met him, and sought to kill him. ²⁵ Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and **cut off** the foreskin of her son, and cast *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me. ²⁶ So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art*, because of the circumcision.

Exo 8:9 “**destroy** the frog”

^b For the sake of comparison, Gen 71:2 says “And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly” and for the word made it is not *karath* (H3772) but *nathan* (H5414).

^c *himmol* H4135 *mul*

^d וְנִמְלְתָם "vun-male-ttem **Aleph Tav** the flesh...". The Hebrew word *vun-male-ttem* is H5243 *namal*.

^e a **token** H226 *oth* Aleph Vav Tav (this is similar to the English word oath), in this case (Gen 17:11) it has a prefixed letter *lamed*.

^f *arel* H6189 see “H6190-Orlah-LXX-of-G203-Akrobustia”, H6190 *orlah* is the feminine of H6189, LXX G167 *akatharsia* * G203 *akrobustia* *

Exo 12:15 - the soul shall be cut off *karath* from Israel who eats unleavened bread during Passover

¹⁵ Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be **cut off** from Israel. (see also Exo 12:19 “**cut off** from the congregation”)

Exo 23:30-33 KJV make *karath* no covenant *brit* with the Canaanites, nor with their gods

³⁰ By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. ³¹ And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. ³² Thou shalt **make** no covenant with them, nor with their gods. ³³ They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

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A primitive root; to *cut* (off, down or asunder); by implication to *destroy* or *consume*; specifically to *covenant* (that is, make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces): - be chewed, be con- [feder-] ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league ([covenant]), X lose, perish, X utterly, X want.

LXX related word(s)

G1303 dia tithemi	G609 apo kopto	G645 apo spao	G2476 histemi
G2629 kata kopto	G4059 peri temno	G4160 poieo	G4931 sun teleo
G5087 tithemi	G853 aphanizo	G2507 kath aireo	G4141 plesso
G1831 ex erchomai	G622 ap ollumi	G1842 ex olethreuo	G1808 ex airo
G355 an alisko	G599 apo thnesko	G868 aph istemi	G1459 eg kata leipo
G1587 ek leipo	G1806 ex ago	G1581 ek kopto	G3645 olothreuo
G2875 kopto	G851 aph aireo		

Total KJV Occurrences: 286

cut, **175** [Gen 9:11](#), [Gen 17:14](#), [Exo 4:25](#), [Exo 12:15](#), [Exo 12:19](#), [Exo 30:33](#), [Exo 30:38](#), [Exo 31:14](#), [Exo 34:13](#), [Lev 7:20-21](#) (2), [Lev 7:25](#), [Lev 7:27](#), [Lev 17:4](#), [Lev 17:9-10](#) (2), [Lev 17:14](#), [Lev 18:29](#), [Lev 19:8](#), [Lev 20:3](#), [Lev 20:5-6](#) (2), [Lev 20:17-18](#) (2), [Lev 22:3](#), [Lev 22:24](#), [Lev 26:29-30](#) (2), [Num 4:18](#), [Num 9:13](#), [Num 13:23-24](#) (2), [Num 15:30-31](#) (2), [Num 19:13](#), [Num 19:20](#), [Deu 12:29](#), [Deu 19:1](#), [Deu 19:5](#), [Deu 20:19-20](#) (2), [Deu 23:1](#), [Jos 3:13](#), [Jos 3:16](#), [Jos 4:7](#) (2), [Jos 7:9](#), [Jos 11:21](#), [Jos 23:4](#), [Jdg 6:25-26](#) (2), [Jdg 6:28](#), [Jdg 6:30](#), [Jdg 9:48-49](#) (2), [Rth 4:10](#), [1Sa 2:33](#), [1Sa 5:4](#), [1Sa 17:51](#),

1Sa 20:15 (2), 1Sa 24:4-5 (2), 1Sa 24:11, 1Sa 24:21, 1Sa 31:9 (2), 2Sa 7:9, 2Sa 10:4, 2Sa 20:22, 1Ki 9:7, 1Ki 11:16, 1Ki 14:10, 1Ki 14:14, 1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 21:21, 2Ki 9:8, 2Ki 18:4, 2Ki 19:23, 2Ki 23:14, 1Ch 17:8, 1Ch 19:4, 2Ch 2:8, 2Ch 2:10, 2Ch 15:16 (2), 2Ch 22:7, Job 14:7, Psa 12:3, Psa 34:16, Psa 37:9, Psa 37:22, Psa 37:28, Psa 37:34, Psa 37:38, Psa 101:8, Psa 109:13, Psa 109:15, Pro 2:22, Pro 10:31, Pro 23:18, Isa 9:14 (2), Isa 10:7, Isa 11:13, Isa 14:22, Isa 18:5, Isa 22:25, Isa 29:20, Isa 37:24, Isa 48:9, Isa 48:19, Isa 55:13, Isa 56:5, Jer 7:28, Jer 9:21, Jer 11:19, Jer 22:7, Jer 34:18, Jer 44:7-8 (2), Jer 44:11, Jer 46:23, Jer 47:4, Jer 48:2, Jer 50:16, Jer 51:62, Eze 14:8, Eze 14:13, Eze 14:17, Eze 14:19, Eze 14:21, Eze 16:4, Eze 17:17, Eze 21:3-4 (2), Eze 25:7, Eze 25:13, Eze 25:16, Eze 29:8, Eze 30:15, Eze 31:12, Eze 35:7, Dan 9:26, Joe 1:4-5 (2), Joe 1:9, Joe 1:16, Amo 1:5, Amo 1:8, Amo 2:3, Oba 1:9-10 (2), Oba 1:14, Nah 1:9-15 (7), Nah 2:13, Nah 3:15, Zep 1:3-4 (2), Zep 1:11, Zep 3:6-7 (2), Zec 9:6, Zec 9:10 (2), Zec 13:2, Zec 13:8, Zec 14:2, Mal 2:12

made, 50 Gen 15:18, Gen 21:27, Gen 21:32, Exo 24:8, Exo 34:27, Deu 5:2-3 (2), Deu 9:9, Deu 29:1, Deu 29:25, Jos 9:16 (2), Jos 24:25, 1Sa 18:3, 1Sa 20:16, 1Sa 22:8, 1Sa 23:18, 2Sa 5:3, 1Ki 5:12, 1Ki 8:9, 1Ki 8:21, 1Ki 20:34, 2Ki 11:4, 2Ki 11:17, 2Ki 17:15, 2Ki 17:35, 2Ki 17:38, 2Ki 23:3, 1Ch 11:3, 1Ch 16:16, 2Ch 6:10-11 (2), 2Ch 21:7, 2Ch 23:3, 2Ch 23:16, 2Ch 34:31, Job 31:1, Psa 50:5, Psa 89:3, Psa 105:9, Isa 28:15, Isa 57:8, Jer 11:10, Jer 31:32, Jer 34:8, Jer 34:13, Jer 34:15, Jer 34:18, Eze 17:13, Zec 11:10

make, 31 Gen 26:28, Gen 31:44, Exo 23:32, Exo 34:10, Exo 34:12, Exo 34:15, Deu 7:2, Deu 29:1, Deu 29:14, Jos 9:6-7 (2), Jos 9:11, Jdg 2:2, 1Sa 11:1-2 (2), 2Sa 3:12-13 (2), 2Sa 3:21, 2Ch 29:10, Ezr 10:3, Neh 9:38, Job 41:4, Isa 55:3, Isa 61:8, Jer 31:31, Jer 31:33, Jer 32:40, Eze 37:25-26 (2), Hos 2:18, Hos 12:1

fail, 6 2Sa 3:29, 1Ki 2:4, 1Ki 8:25, 1Ki 9:5, 2Ch 6:16, 2Ch 7:18

hew, 3 1Ki 5:6 (2), Jer 6:6

want, 3 Jer 35:17-19 (3)

covenanted, 2 2Ch 7:18, Hag 2:5

destroy, 2 Exo 8:9, Lev 26:22

destroyed, 2 Jdg 4:24, 1Ki 15:13

chewed, 1 Num 11:33

confederate, 1 Psa 83:5

cutteth, 1 Jer 10:3

feller, 1 Isa 14:8

freed, 1 Jos 9:23

heweth, 1 Isa 44:14

league, 1 1Sa 22:8

lose, 1 1Ki 18:5

madest, 1 Neh 9:8

maketh, 1 Deu 29:12

making, 1 Hos 10:4

perish, 1 Gen 41:36

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1Ki 5:11-16 ^{4:31-5:2} – **Solomon and Hiram made a “league together” *karath brit***

¹¹ And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. ¹² And YHVH gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a **league** together. ^{H3772}
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- See “1-Kings-7-Solomon-and-the-House-of-the-Forest-of-Lebanon”

Num 15:30 – **acting presumptuously i.e. with a High Hand will be cut off**

³⁰ But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth YHVH; and that soul shall be **cut off** from among his people.

- See “Numbers-15-and-the-one who-acts-presumptuously-ie-with-a-High-Hand”

***Akrobustia* – uncircumcis(ed)(ion) Rom 2-4; Gal 2, 5 & 6; 1Co 7; Col 2 & 3, Act 11**

ToDo: determine if the Greek word *Akrobustia* is related to this article or not.

Total KJV Occurrences: 20

uncircumcision, 16 [Rom_2:25-27](#) (4), [Rom_3:30](#), [Rom_4:9-10](#) (3), [1Co_7:18-19](#) (2), [Gal_2:7](#), [Gal_5:6](#), [Gal_6:15](#), [Eph_2:11](#), [Col_2:13](#), [Col_3:11](#)

uncircumcised, 3 [Act_11:3](#), [Rom_4:11-12](#) (2)

circumcised, 1 [Rom_4:11](#)

RSTNE[§]: *Akrobustia* (G) The Previously Circumcised Efrayimites, Or Those Who Counted Their Covenant Circumcision As Something To Be Tossed Away And Not Treasured. They Became Reckoned By The Jews As Those Who Behaved Like the Uncircumcised, And Thus The Usage Of This Special Term Of Designation.

[§] RSTNE: Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition by Rabbi Moshe Yoseph Koniuchowsky. See “Word Study-Concision-G2699-Katatome-and-uncircumcision-Akrobustia-G203” (currently not published) and “H6190 Orlah the LXX of G203 Akrobustia”
<http://MyHebrewBible.com/Article/119>

Webster's definition for federal

ToDo: don't know how relevant this is, but I thought I would add it here anyway.

FED'ERAL, a. [from L. faedus, a **league**, allied perhaps to Eng. wed. L. vas, vadis, vador, vadimonium. See Heb. to pledge.]

1. Pertaining to a league or contract; derived from an agreement or covenant between parties, particularly between nations.

The Romans, contrary to federal right, compelled them to part with Sardinia.

2. Consisting in a compact between parties, particularly and chiefly between states or nations; founded on alliance by contract or mutual agreement; as a federal government, such as that of the United States.

3. Friendly to the constitution of the United States. [See the Noun.]

Word Study of Hebrew roots – *bet + tav + resh*

H1334 *bathar* divide

בִּתַּר

A primitive root, to *chop* up: - divide.

LXX [G4255](#) st. pro aireo; [G3694](#) opiso, [G1244](#) di aireo

KJV Occurrences: 2 **divided**, 2 [Gen_15:10](#) (2)

H1335 *bether* part

בֵּתַר

From [H1334](#); a *section*: - part, piece.

KJV Occurrences: 3; **parts**, 2; [Jer_34:18-19](#) (2); **piece**, 1 [Gen_15:10](#)

See also possibly H1336: Son 2:17 & H1338: 2Sa 2:29