

Word Study H3789 *katav* write G1125 *grapho*

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Introduction

1. The symbology of the marriage covenant between YHVH and Israel which is part of the spiritual realm, is powerfully understood in the physical realm between a man and his bride via a *ketubah* (Hebrew for marriage covenant).^A
2. For more on these, see [Exo-24-the-marriage-covenant-between-YHVH-and-Israel](#), article #725.
3. This word is used a fair amount (223 times) its first use is not in Genesis but starts first in Exodus with Moses.

First four uses found in Exodus

Exo 17:14 – Amalek is doomed to destruction; and Moses builds the altar Jehovah-nissi

¹⁴ And YHVH said unto Moses, “Write **כתוב** ^{ke-To H3789} this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.”

^A See [KetubahThe-Marriage-Contractdoc.doc](#), by Maurice Lamm. **ToDo:** study this article

Exo 24:4 – Moses builds an altar, and 12 pillars after Israel says they will do all the words of YHVH

⁴ And Moses wrote **יִכְתֹּב** *vai-yich-To* **H3789** אֵת all the words ^B of YHVH, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar **מִזְבֵּחַ** *miz-Be-ach* under the hill **הַהָר** *ha-Har*, and twelve ¹² pillars **מַצֵּבָה** *matz-tze-Vah*, according to the twelve tribes **שְׁבֵטֵי** *shiv-Tei* of Israel .

Exo 24:12 – 40 days and nights Moshe spend on Mt. Sinai getting the tables i.e. *ketubah*

¹² And YHVH said unto Moses, “Come up to me into the mount **הַהָרָה** *ha-Ha-rah*, and be there: and I will give **וְאֶתְנָה** *ve-et-te-Nah* ^C thee tables **לְחֹת** *lu-Chot* of stone **הָאֲבֹן** *ha-E-ven*, and a law **וְהַתּוֹרָה** *ve-hat-to-Rah*, and commandments **וְהַמִּצְוָה** *ve-ham-mitz-Vah* which I have written **כְּתַבְתִּי** *ka-Tav-ti* **H3789**; that thou mayest teach them. **לְהוֹרָתָם** *le-ho-ro-Tam* ^D

Exo 31:18 – Moshe gets the two tables of testimony that were written by the finger of Elohim

¹⁸ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing **לְדַבֵּר** *le-dab-Ber* with him upon mount Sinai **סִינַי** *si-Nai*, two tables **לְחֹת** *lu-Chot* ^E of testimony **הָעֵדוּת** *ha'e-Dut*, tables **לְחֹת** *lu-Chot* of stone **אֲבֹן** *'E-ven*, written **כְּתָבִים** *ke-tu-Vim* **H3789** with the finger **בְּאֶצְבַּע** *be-'etz-Ba* of God. **אֱלֹהִים** *E-lo-Him*

Other Examples – Eze 37:16, 20

Eze 37:15-28 – Two Sticks Judah and Ephraim Joined together ^F

¹⁵ The word **דְּבַר** *de var-* of YHVH **יְהוָה** came again unto me, saying, ¹⁶ Moreover, thou **וְאֶתְנָה** *ve-at-Tah* son **בֶּן** *ven* of man **אָדָם** *'a Dam*, take **קַח** *kach-* thee one **אֶחָד** *'e Chad* stick **עֵץ** *'etz*, and write **יִכְתֹּב** *u che-To* upon it, For **יְהוּדָה** *li hu Dah*, and for the children **וּלְבְנֵי** *ve liv-Nei* of Israel **יִשְׂרָאֵל** *Yis ra 'El* his companions **חִבְרוּ** *cha ve Rav*: then take another **אֶחָד** *'e Chad* stick, and write upon it, For **יוֹסֵף** *le yo Sef*, the stick of **אֶפְרַיִם** *ef-Ra yim*, and for all the house **בֵּית** *beit* of Israel **יִשְׂרָאֵל** *Yis ra 'El* his companions **חִבְרוּ** *cha ve Rav*: ¹⁷ And join **וְקָרַב** *ve ka Rav* them one **אֶחָד** *'e Chad* to another into one stick **לְעֵץ** *le 'Etz*; and they shall become one **לְאֶחָדִים** *la 'a cha Dim* in thine hand **בְּיַדְךָ** *be ya De cha*.

^B For context, here is the previous verse where Israel affirms their commitment with we will do

Exo 24:3 And Moses came and told the people **אֵת** all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which YHVH hath said will we do.

“...All the words which YHVH hath said will we do” Exo 24:3

כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה

^C Copied from Exo-24-amar-aleh-he-said-come-up, article #[1033](#).

^D Wow, chock full of awesome words,...*Torah* ^{H8451}, *Mitzvot* ^{H4687}, *Yarah* ^{H3384}, *Ketubah* ^{H3789}, see also Deu 4:13 & Deu 5:22.

^E Copied from Exo-31-1-to-32-13-Reh-Qaratiy-See-I-Have-Called, article #[1047](#), re. the pattern of 7 appearances of the word tablets

^F Copied from Eze-37-15-28-Valley-of-Dry-Bones-Vision, article #[1341](#). Also in Ezekiel Eze 2:10, 13:9; 24:2; 43:11

¹⁸ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these? ¹⁹ Say unto them, Thus saith Adonai YHVH; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows חִבְרוֹ *cha-ve-Rav*, and will put וְנָתַתִּי *ve-na-tat-Ti* them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. ²⁰ And the sticks whereon thou writest תִּכְתֹּב *tich-To* shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

H3789 katab ^{KJC:223} **write*²¹¹, describe*⁶, subscribe⁴, prescribe¹, recorded¹**

כָּתַב

Strong's: A primitive root; to *grave*; by implication to *write* (describe, inscribe, prescribe, subscribe): - describe, record, prescribe, subscribe, write (-ing, -ten).

WordStudy ® A verb meaning to write. It refers to communication through a system of visible signs **written down**. It is used to indicate the process of recording information in many ways and settings: writing in or on a stone or book (Exo 17:14; Deu 27:3; 2Ki 23:3). The Ten Commandments or ten words were written by the finger of God on stone tablets (Exo 31:18; Exo 32:15; Exo 34:1, Exo 34:27-28); covenants were written down (Exo 24:4, Exo 24:12). Descriptions of the land of Canaan were written down (Jos 18:4). The second recording of Jeremiah's words were dictated as Baruch wrote them down again (Jer 36:2, Jer 36:4). It refers to inscribing or engraving on a crown of pure gold for the high priest to wear (Exo 39:30). Job wished that his words would be written down (Job 19:23-24). The Lord had a written book of remembrance that contained the names of those who feared Him (Mal 3:16). The preacher tried to write down words of truth to teach and make the people wise (Ecc 12:10).

LXX related word(s)

G1125 <i>kata grapho</i>	G1125 <i>en grapho</i>	G583 <i>apo grapho</i>	G1121 <i>gramma</i>
G1124 <i>graphe</i>	G1242 <i>diatheke</i>	G1924 <i>epi grapho</i>	G2192 <i>echo</i>
G3307 <i>merizo</i>	G1379 <i>dogmatizo</i>	G1125 <i>grapho</i>	

Total KJV Occurrences: 223

written, 138 Exo 24:12, Exo 31:18, Exo 32:15 (2), Exo 32:32, Num 11:26, Deu 9:10, Deu 28:58, Deu 28:61, Deu 29:20-21 (2), Deu 29:27, Deu 30:10, Jos 1:8, Jos 8:31, Jos 8:34, Jos 10:13, Jos 23:6, 2Sa 1:18, 1Ki 2:3, 1Ki 11:41, 1Ki 14:19, 1Ki 14:29, 1Ki 15:7, 1Ki 15:23, 1Ki 15:31, 1Ki 16:5, 1Ki 16:14, 1Ki 16:20, 1Ki 16:27, 1Ki 21:11, 1Ki 22:39, 1Ki 22:45, 2Ki 1:18, 2Ki 8:23, 2Ki 10:34, 2Ki 12:19, 2Ki 13:8, 2Ki 13:12, 2Ki 14:6, 2Ki 14:15, 2Ki 14:18, 2Ki 14:28, 2Ki 15:6, 2Ki 15:11, 2Ki 15:15, 2Ki 15:21, 2Ki 15:26, 2Ki 15:31, 2Ki 15:36, 2Ki 20:19-20 (2), 2Ki 21:17, 2Ki 21:25, 2Ki 22:13, 2Ki 23:3, 2Ki 23:21, 2Ki 23:24, 2Ki 23:28, 2Ki 24:5, 1Ch 4:41, 1Ch 9:1, 1Ch 16:40, 1Ch 29:29, 2Ch 9:29, 2Ch 12:15, 2Ch 13:22, 2Ch 16:11, 2Ch 20:34, 2Ch 23:18, 2Ch 24:27, 2Ch 25:4, 2Ch 25:26, 2Ch 27:7, 2Ch 28:26, 2Ch 30:5, 2Ch 30:18, 2Ch 31:3, 2Ch 32:32, 2Ch 33:19, 2Ch 34:21, 2Ch 34:24, 2Ch 34:31, 2Ch 35:12, 2Ch 35:25-27 (3), 2Ch 36:8, Ezr 3:2, Ezr 3:4, Ezr 4:7, Ezr 8:34, Neh 6:6, Neh 7:5, Neh 8:14-15 (2), Neh 10:34, Neh 10:36, Neh 12:23, Neh 13:1, Est 1:19, Est 2:23, Est 3:9, Est 3:12 (2), Est 6:2, Est 8:5, Est 8:8-9 (2), Est 9:23, Est 9:32, Est 10:2, Job 19:23, Job 31:35, Psa 40:7, Psa 69:28, Psa 102:18, Psa 139:16, Psa 149:9, Pro 22:20, Ecc 12:10, Isa 4:3, Isa 65:6, Jer 17:1, Jer 25:13 (2), Jer 36:6, Jer 36:29, Jer 45:1, Jer 51:60, Eze 2:10 (2), Eze 13:9, Dan 9:11, Dan 9:13, Dan

12:1, Hos 8:12, Mal 3:16

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describe, 4 Jos 18:4, Jos 18:6, Jos 18:8 (2)

described, 2 Jos 18:8-9 (2), Jdg 8:14

subscribe, 2 Isa 44:5, Jer 32:44

subscribed, 2 Jer 32:10, Jer 32:12

writest, 2 Job 13:26, Eze 37:20

prescribed, 1 Isa 10:1

recorded, 1 Neh 12:22

writeth, 1 Psa 87:6

writing, 1 Deu 31:24

H3793 *kethobeth* ^{KJC:1} Lev 19:28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh

כתבת

From **H3789**; a *letter* or other *mark* branded on the skin: - X any [mark]. KJC:1 Lev 19:28

Lev 19:28

Ye shall not make any cuttings וְשָׂרַט ^{ve-Se-ret} in your flesh for the dead, nor print תִּתֶּנּוּ ^{tit-te-Nu} any marks וְכָתַבְתָּ ^{u-che-Toet} **H3793** קַעֲקַע ^{ka-'a-Ka'} upon you: I am YHVH.

Comments

So don't make a tattoo of this verse right? [sarcasm].

The Hebrew word *ketubeth* which comes from *ketav* is interesting because one could ask “what’s the big deal about the prohibition of getting a tattoo / cutting on ones flesh?”. In ancient times I guess that a person that decides to do this doesn’t do it on a whim (in contrast to our modern days where getting a tattoo is done because it’s the “cool” thing to do). Cutting your body is not normal, so people who did this were trying to appease there god or to show their loyalty to said god?

I postulate that all pagan rituals are perversions of that which is found in scripture because “there is nothing new under the sun”^G. The adversary is not an original thinker / creator, just a pervert of that which was already created. Is it possible therefore that tattoo and flesh cutting was a perversion of the covenant of the circumcision (*brit milah*)?

^G **Ecc 1:9 KJV** The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is that* which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun.

Therefore, I would add to this that,