

Word Study H4687 *mitsvah* commandments comes from H6680 *tsavah* commanded

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Introduction

Consider these verses...

Gen 26:5 – 1st use of *Torah*, *Mismereth*, *Mitsvah* & *Chuqqah*

“Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my **charge**^b, my **commandments**^c, my **statutes**^d, and my **laws**^a.”

The verse has 4 legal terms that are first used in scriptures...

- Torah and my laws. [H8451 Torah](#) VTarot.
- my charge, [H4931 mishmereth](#), (feminine of [H4929](#); watch, *Shomer* ==> From [H8104](#); a guard)
- my commandments, [H4687 mitsvah](#)
- my statutes, [H2708 chuqqah](#), Feminine of [H2706](#); *choq*, an enactment

Exo 20:5-6 – showing mercy unto 1000s of them that love me, and keep my *mitzvot*

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I YHVH thy Elohim *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; ⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my **commandments**.

Mal 4:4-6 Last three verses of the OT says to remember the Torah and keep my *mitzvot*

⁴ Remember ye the law [H8451 Torah](#) of Moses my servant, which I **commanded** unto [H6680 tsavah](#) him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes [H2708 chuqqah](#) and judgments. [H4941 mishpat](#). ⁵ Behold, I will send **אֶלְיָהוּ** you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: ⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments.

H4687 *mitsvah* KJC¹⁸¹; commandment(s)(ed)¹⁷⁵; precept(s)⁴; law¹; ordinances¹

מִצְוָה

From [H6680](#); a *command*, whether human or divine (collectively the *Law*): - (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept.

LXX related word(s)

G1345 dikaioma	G1778 entalma	G1785 entole	G2920 krisis	G3004 lego
G3056 logos	G3551 nomos	G3598 hodos	G4487 rhema	G5456 phone

mitsvah: A feminine noun meaning a commandment. It can apply to the edicts issued by a human being, most likely the king ([1Ki 2:43](#); [Est 3:3](#); [Pro 6:20](#); [Isa 36:21](#); [Jer 35:18](#)). It can also relate to a general corpus of human precepts ([Isa 29:13](#)); or a body of teachings ([Pro 2:1](#); [Pro 3:1](#)). On the other hand, this expression can reference God's commands. In the Pentateuch, this is its only usage. It does not refer to human commandments. In the singular, it may distinguish a certain commandment ([1Ki 13:21](#)); yet it appears most frequently in the plural to designate the entire corpus of divine law and instruction ([Gen 26:5](#); [Exo 16:28](#); [Deu 6:2](#); [1Ki 2:3](#)). It is also important to note that, in the plural, this word often appears in synonymous parallelism with such words as *huqqium* (H2706); *mishpatim* (H4941); *'edot* (H5715); *torot* (H8451).

Total KJV Occurrences: 181; commandment(s)(ed) 175; precept(s) 4; law 1; ordinances 1

commandments, 130 [Gen 26:5](#), [Exo 15:26](#), [Exo 16:28](#), [Exo 20:6](#), [Exo 24:12](#), [Lev 4:2](#), [Lev 4:13](#), [Lev 4:22](#), [Lev 4:27](#), [Lev 5:17](#), [Lev 22:31](#), [Lev 26:3](#), [Lev 26:14-15](#) (2), [Lev 27:34](#), [Num 15:22](#), [Num 15:39-40](#) (2), [Num 36:13](#), [Deu 4:2](#), [Deu 4:40](#), [Deu 5:10](#), [Deu 5:29](#), [Deu 5:31](#), [Deu 6:1-2](#) (2), [Deu 6:17](#), [Deu 6:25](#), [Deu 7:9](#), [Deu 7:11](#), [Deu 8:1-2](#) (2), [Deu 8:6](#), [Deu 8:11](#), [Deu 10:13](#), [Deu 11:1](#), [Deu 11:8](#), [Deu 11:13](#), [Deu 11:22](#), [Deu 11:27-28](#) (2), [Deu 13:4](#), [Deu 13:18](#), [Deu 15:5](#), [Deu 19:9](#), [Deu 26:13](#) (2), [Deu 26:17-18](#) (2), [Deu 27:1](#), [Deu 27:10](#), [Deu 28:1](#), [Deu 28:9](#), [Deu 28:13](#), [Deu 28:15](#), [Deu 28:45](#), [Deu 30:8](#), [Deu 30:10](#), [Deu 30:16](#), [Jos 22:5](#) (2), [Jdg 2:17](#), [Jdg 3:4](#), [1Ki 2:3](#), [1Ki 3:14](#), [1Ki 6:12](#), [1Ki 8:58](#), [1Ki 8:61](#), [1Ki 9:6](#), [1Ki 11:34](#), [1Ki 11:38](#), [1Ki 14:8](#), [1Ki 18:18](#), [2Ki 17:13](#), [2Ki 17:16](#), [2Ki 17:19](#), [2Ki 18:6](#), [2Ki 23:3](#), [1Ch 28:7-8](#) (2), [1Ch 29:19](#), [2Ch 7:19](#), [2Ch 17:4](#), [2Ch 31:20-21](#) (2), [2Ch 34:31](#), [Ezr 7:11](#), [Ezr 9:10](#), [Ezr 9:14](#), [Neh 1:5](#), [Neh 1:7](#), [Neh 1:9](#), [Neh 9:13](#), [Neh 9:16](#), [Neh 9:29](#), [Neh 9:34](#), [Neh 10:29](#), [Psa 78:7](#), [Psa 89:31](#), [Psa 112:1](#), [Ps 119](#) (21), [Pro 3:1](#) (2), [Pro 4:4](#), [Pro 7:1-2](#) (2), [Pro 10:8](#), [Ecc 12:13](#), [Isa 48:18](#), [Dan 9:4](#)

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commanded, 2 [2Ch 8:14](#), [Neh 13:5](#)

law, 1 [Jer 32:11](#)

ordinances, 1 [Neh 10:32](#)

precept, 1 [Isa 29:13](#)

H6680 *tsavah* KJC⁴⁹⁴, command(ed)⁴⁴⁰, charge(d)³⁹, appoint(ed)⁵ others¹⁰

צָוָה

A primitive root; (intensively) to *constitute, enjoin*: - appoint, (for-) bid. (give a) charge, (give a, give in, send with) command (-er, ment), send a messenger, put, (set) in order.

Word Study

savah: A verb meaning to order, to direct, to appoint, to command, to charge, to be ordered, to be commanded. The word means to give an order or to command, to direct someone; it indicates commands given to people in various situations. The Lord commanded Adam and Eve to eat from certain trees but to refrain from eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ([Gen 2:16](#); [Gen 3:17](#)). He ordered Moses hundreds of times to do or say certain things as He established Israel's worship, feasts, festivals, and rituals ([Exo 7:2](#); [Exo 16:34](#); [Num 15:23](#)). Israel was to keep all the directives the Lord gave them ([Deu 4:2](#); [1Ki 11:10](#)). The Lord commanded His prophets to speak ([Amo 6:11](#); [Nah 1:14](#); [Zec 1:6](#)). People gave orders to others as well, as when Pharaoh ordered that all newborn Hebrew males should be drowned in the Nile River ([Exo 1:22](#)). Deborah ordered Barak to defeat Sisera ([Jdg 4:6](#)). Abraham ordered his family to follow the ways of the Lord ([Gen 18:19](#)). Kings commanded their people ([1Ki 5:17](#) [31]; [Jer 36:26](#)). Priests in Israel gave directives to the people about what to do under certain circumstances ([Lev 9:6](#); cf. [Lev 13:58](#)). A person who was chosen for a task or position was commanded concerning his responsibilities by the priestly authorities ([Num 27:19](#), [Num 27:23](#)). The word may mean to give directives or to set in order as when the Lord told Hezekiah to order—that is, to set things in order, in his household, for he was about to die ([2Ki 20:1](#)).

God commands not only people but creation: He created all things by His command ([Psa 33:9](#); [Psa 148:5](#)); He commanded the clouds not to send their rain on a disobedient vineyard (i.e., Israel [[Psa 78:23](#); [Isa 5:6](#)]); He commands the entire heavenly realms ([Isa 45:12](#)). God commands historical processes; He will ultimately set up David, His ruler, as the one who commands ([Isa 55:4](#)).

LXX related word(s)

G1303 dia tithemi	G649 apo stello	G1325 didomi	G1627 ek phero
G1760 enthumeomai	G2525 kath istemi	G2729 kat ischuo	G2980 laleo
G4367 pros tasso	G4921 sun istemi	G5021 tasso	G5087 tithemi
G1781 st. en tello	G2004 epi tasso	G4929 sun tasso	

Total KJV Occurrences: 494; command(ed)(ment)(eth)(dedest)(est)(er)(ing) 440;

commanded, 333 [Gen 2:16](#), [Gen 3:11](#), [Gen 3:17](#), [Gen 6:22](#), [Gen 7:5](#), [Gen 7:9](#), [Gen 7:16](#), [Gen 12:20](#), [Gen 32:4](#) (2), [Gen 32:17](#), [Gen 32:19](#), [Gen 42:25](#), [Gen 44:1](#), [Gen 45:19](#), [Gen 47:11](#), [Gen 50:2](#), [Gen 50:12](#), [Exo 4:28](#), [Exo 7:6](#) (2), [Exo 7:10](#), [Exo 7:20](#), [Exo 12:28](#), [Exo 12:50](#), [Exo 16:16](#), [Exo 16:34](#), [Exo 19:7](#), [Exo 23:15](#), [Exo 29:35](#), [Exo 31:6](#), [Exo 31:11](#), [Exo 32:8](#), [Exo 34:4](#), [Exo 34:18](#), [Exo 34:34](#), [Exo 35:1](#), [Exo 35:4](#), [Exo 35:10](#), [Exo 35:29](#), [Exo 36:1](#), [Exo 36:5](#), [Exo 38:22](#), [Exo 39:1](#), [Exo 39:5](#), [Exo 39:7](#), [Exo 39:21](#), [Exo 39:26](#), [Exo 39:29](#), [Exo 39:31-32](#) (2), [Exo 39:42-43](#) (2), [Exo 40:16](#), [Exo 40:19](#), [Exo 40:21](#), [Exo 40:23](#), [Exo 40:25](#), [Exo 40:27](#), [Exo 40:29](#), [Exo 40:32](#), [Lev 7:36](#), [Lev 7:38](#) (2), [Lev 8:4-5](#) (2), [Lev 8:9](#), [Lev 8:13](#), [Lev 8:17](#), [Lev 8:21](#), [Lev 8:29](#), [Lev 8:31](#), [Lev 8:34-36](#) (3), [Lev 9:5-7](#) (3), [Lev 9:10](#), [Lev 9:21](#), [Lev 10:1](#), [Lev 10:13](#), [Lev 10:15](#), [Lev 10:18](#), [Lev 16:34](#), [Lev 17:2](#), [Lev 24:23](#), [Lev 27:34](#), [Num 1:19](#), [Num 1:54](#), [Num 2:33-34](#) (2), [Num 3:16](#), [Num 3:42](#), [Num 3:51](#), [Num 4:49](#),

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