

# Word Study H4731 *maqel* rod, staff, staves

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## Introduction

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### BDB Definition:

- 1) rod, staff
  - 1a) rod, stick
  - 1b) staff (in travel)
  - 1c) wand (of diviner)

**Part of Speech:** noun masculine

**Strong's Number:** from an unused root meaning apparently to germinate, TWOT# 1236

**Total KJV Occurrences:** 18

**staff, 7** [Exo 12:10-11](#) (2), [Num 22:27](#), [1Sa 17:40](#), [Hos 4:12](#), [Zec 11:10](#), [Zec 11:14](#)

**rods, 6** [Gen 30:37-39](#) (4), [Gen 30:41](#) (2)

**rod, 2** [Jer 1:11](#), [Jer 48:17](#)

**staves, 2** [1Sa 17:43](#), [Zec 11:7](#)

**handstaves, 1** [Eze 39:9](#)

## Word Study

A masculine noun meaning a rod, a stick, a staff. It refers to a rod, a stick, a staff of wood for various uses: Jacob cut rods from poplar and peeled white stripes in them for use in a mysterious breeding process ([Gen 30:37-39](#), [Gen 30:41](#)); a walking stick or shepherd's stick ([Gen 32:10](#) [11]; [Exo 12:11](#); [1Sa 17:40](#)); a prodding or riding rod ([Num 22:27](#)); a weapon ([Eze 39:9](#)). It is used figuratively of covenants with Israel and Judah ([Zec 11:7](#), [Zec 11:10](#), [Zec 11:14](#)). Hosea describes it as a kind of staff or wand used by a sorcerer or diviner ([Hos 4:12](#)). It is used symbolically several more times ([Jer 1:11](#); [Jer 48:17](#) [of Moab]).