

Word Study H4910 *mashal* rule compare to H4911 & H4912 proverb, parable

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Introduction

Interesting how the word *Mem Sheen Lamed mashal*¹ is broken up into three Strong's numbers. [H4911](#) and [H4912](#) seem very similar (**proverb, parable**, etc.) but [H4910](#) is quite different (e.g. **rule, dominion, power, reign bare**).

Deu 15:6 – “thou shalt reign (*mashal*^{H4910}) over many nations”

⁶ For YHVH thy Elohim blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and **thou shalt reign over many nations**, but they shall not reign over thee.

A Thought

Could it be that those who possess this quality of being able to distinguish themselves as being sovereign from those who are the public²? Is it also reflective of those who have truly received and grasped what it means to have the “*Ruach Hakodesh*”?

More usage

H4912 is translated as proverb occurs 7 times at Balaam's Oracles: Num 23:7, 18, 24:3, 15, 20, 21 & 23.

Deu 28:37 KJV ³⁷ And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb^{H4912}, and a byword, among all nations whither YHVH shall lead thee.³

¹ Note, the book of Proverbs in Hebrew is *mishle*.

² **Public** That vast multitude, which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, who, in making purchases, do not stop to analyze, but are governed by appearance and general impressions.’ J.W. Collins Co. v. F.M. Paist Co. (DC Pa) 14 F2d 614. Ballentines Law Dic. 3rd ed

³ The Context is the blessings (Deu 28:1-13) and curses (Deu 28:14 to 28:68) witnessed at Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim.

Related Document

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H4911 *mashal* ^{KJC 22} **like⁶, proverb^{(s)6}, become³, use³, speak², compare¹, utter¹**

משל

Strong's: Denominative from [H4912](#); to *liken*, that is, (transitively) to use figurative language (an allegory, adage, song or the like); intransitively to *resemble*: - be (-come) like, compare, use (as a) proverb, speak (in proverbs), utter.

Total KJV Occurrences: 22

like, 6 [Job 13:12](#), [Job 30:19](#), [Psa 49:12](#), [Psa 49:20](#), [Psa 143:7](#), [Isa 14:10](#)

proverb, 4 [Eze 12:23](#), [Eze 16:44](#), [Eze 18:2-3](#) (2)

become, 3 [Job 30:19](#), [Psa 28:1](#), [Isa 14:10](#)

use, 3 [Eze 16:44](#), [Eze 18:2-3](#) (2)

proverbs, 2 [Num 21:27](#), [Eze 16:44](#)

speak, 2 [Eze 17:2](#), [Eze 20:49](#)

compare, 1 [Isa 46:5](#)

utter, 1 [Eze 24:3](#)

LXX related word(s)

G757 archo	G758 archon	G935 basileus	G1203 despotes	G1413 dunastes
G1850 exousiazō	G2233 hegeomai	G2296 thaumazō	G2355 threnos	G2470 isos
G2901 krataioō	G2902 krateō	G2961 kurieuo	G2962 kurios	G3850 parabole
G3942 paroimia	G2525 kath istemi	G5293 hupo tasso	G3666 homoioō	G2634 kata kurieuo
G3004 lego				

H4912 *mashal* ^{KJC 37} **: parable(s)¹⁸, proverb(s)¹⁷, byword¹, use¹.**

משל

Apparently from [H4910](#) in some original sense of *superiority* in mental action; properly a pithy *maxim*, usually of a metaphorical nature; hence a *simile* (as an adage, poem, discourse): - byword, like, parable, proverb.

Total KJV Occurrences: 37

parable, 17 [Num 23:7](#), [Num 23:18](#), [Num 24:3](#), [Num 24:15](#), [Num 24:20-21](#) (2), [Num 24:23](#), [Job 29:1](#) (2), [Psa 49:4](#), [Psa 78:2](#), [Pro 26:7](#), [Pro 26:9](#), [Mic 2:2-4](#) (3), [Hab 2:6](#)

proverb, 12 [Deu 28:37](#), [1Sa 24:12-13](#) (2), [1Ki 9:7](#), [2Ch 7:20](#), [Psa 69:11](#), [Pro 1:6](#), [Isa 14:4](#), [Jer 24:9](#), [Eze 12:22-23](#) (2), [Eze 14:8](#)

proverbs, 5 [1Ki 4:32](#), [Pro 25:1](#) (3), [Ecc 12:9](#)

byword, 1 [Psa 44:14](#)

parables, 1 [Eze 20:49](#)

use, 1 [Eze 12:23](#)

H4910 *mashal* ^{KJC 84}: **rule**^{(r)(th)(rs)(ed)(est)(ing):59}, **dominion**⁷, **reign**^{(ed)4}, **governor**^{(s)3},
power², **bare**^{(st)2}, **bear**^{(eth)2}

משל

Total KJV Occurrences: 84

rule, 24 [Gen 1:18](#), [Gen 3:16](#), [Gen 4:7](#), [Pro 12:22-24](#) (5), [Pro 17:2](#), [Pro 19:10](#), [Pro 29:2](#), [Isa 3:4](#), [Isa 3:12](#), [Isa 19:4](#), [Isa 28:14](#), [Isa 40:10](#), [Isa 52:5](#), [Isa 63:19](#), [Eze 19:11](#), [Eze 19:14](#), [Dan 11:3](#), [Dan 11:39](#), [Joe 2:17](#), [Zec 6:13](#)

ruler, 14 [Gen 45:8](#), [2Ch 7:18](#), [Psa 105:20-21](#) (2), [Pro 6:7](#), [Pro 23:1](#), [Pro 28:15](#), [Pro 29:12](#), [Ecc 10:4](#), [Isa 16:1](#), [Jer 51:46](#) (2), [Mic 5:2](#), [Hab 1:14](#)

dominion, 7 [Gen 37:8](#), [Jdg 14:4](#), [Neh 9:37](#), [Job 25:2](#), [Psa 8:6](#), [Psa 19:13](#), [Dan 11:5](#)

ruleth, 7 [2Sa 23:3](#), [Psa 59:13](#), [Psa 66:7](#), [Psa 103:19](#), [Pro 16:32](#), [Pro 22:7](#), [Ecc 9:17](#)

ruled, 5 [Jos 12:2](#) (2), [Psa 106:41](#), [Lam 5:8](#), [Dan 11:4](#)

reign, 4 [Deu 15:6](#) (2), [Jdg 9:2](#) (2)

rulers, 4 [Jdg 15:11](#), [Isa 14:5](#), [Isa 49:7](#), [Jer 33:26](#)

governor, 3 [Gen 45:26](#) (2), [Psa 22:28](#), [Jer 30:21](#)

reigned, 3 [Jos 12:5](#), [1Ki 4:21](#), [2Ch 9:26](#)

power, 2 [Exo 21:8](#), [Dan 11:43](#)

rulest, 2 [2Ch 20:6](#), [Psa 89:9](#)

ruling, 2 [2Sa 23:3](#), [Jer 22:30](#)

bare, 1 [Eze 19:11](#)

barest, 1 [Isa 63:19](#)

bear, 1 [Pro 12:24](#)

beareth, 1 [Pro 29:2](#)

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

reignest, 1 [1Ch 29:12](#)

ruler's, 1 [Pro 29:26](#)