

# Word Study H5162 NaCham Comfort or Repent

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## Introduction

I was interested in this word because of the verses listed below. Notice how this word has an almost contradictory translation ... comfort and repent.

### Gen 5:29 KJV

And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort <sup>H5162 *nacham*</sup> us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which YHVH hath cursed.

### Gen 6:6-7

<sup>6</sup> And it repented *vaiynNachem* YHVH that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. <sup>7</sup> And YHVH said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me *Nichemti* that I have made them.

### Exo 32:14

And YHVH repented <sup>H5162 *nacham*</sup> of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

**H5162 *nacham* Comfort<sup>ed/ers/er/eth/eds</sup> 60%, Repent<sup>ed/eth/est/ing</sup> 37%**

נחם

Strong's A primitive root; properly to *sigh*, that is, *breathe* strongly; by implication to *be sorry*, that is, (in a favorable sense) to *pity*, *console* or (reflexively) *rue*; or (unfavorably) to *avenge* (oneself): - comfort (self), ease [one's self], repent (-er, -ing, self).

## Word Study

A verb meaning to be sorry, to pity, to comfort, to avenge. The verb often means to be sorry or to regret: the Lord was sorry that He had made people ([Gen 6:6](#)); He led Israel in a direction to avoid war when they left Egypt, lest they became so sorry and grieved that they would turn back ([Exo 13:17](#)). The Lord had compassion on His people (i.e., He became sorry for them because of the oppression their enemies placed on them [[Jdg 2:18](#)]). While the Lord could be grieved, He did not grieve or become sorry so that He changed His mind

as a human does ([1Sa 15:29](#)). The word also means to comfort or console oneself. Isaac was comforted after Sarah, his mother, died ([Gen 24:67](#)).

The verb always means to console or comfort. Jacob refused to be comforted when he believed that Joseph had been killed ([Gen 37:35](#)). To console is synonymous with showing kindness to someone, as when David consoled Hanun, king of the Ammonites, over the death of his father ([2Sa 10:2](#)). God refused to be consoled over the destruction of His people ([Isa 22:4](#); [Isa 40:1](#)); yet He comforts those who need it ([Psa 119:82](#); [Isa 12:1](#)). The passive form of the word means to be comforted: the afflicted city of Zion would be comforted by the Lord ([Isa 54:11](#); [Isa 66:13](#)). In the reflexive stem, it can mean to get revenge for oneself ([Gen 27:42](#); [Eze 5:13](#)); to let oneself be sorry or have compassion ([Num 23:19](#); [Deu 32:36](#)); and to let oneself be comforted ([Gen 37:35](#); [Psa 119:52](#)).

## **Total KJV Occurrences: 109**

Comfort(ed/ers/er/eth/eds) 60% 66 of 109

Repent(ed/eth/est/ing) 37% 41 of 109

**comfort, 34** [Gen 5:29](#), [Gen 27:42](#), [Gen 37:35](#), [2Sa 10:2](#), [1Ch 7:22](#), [1Ch 19:2](#) (2), [Job 2:11](#), [Job 7:13](#), [Job 21:34](#), [Psa 23:4](#), [Psa 71:21](#), [Psa 119:50](#), [Psa 119:76](#), [Psa 119:82](#), [Isa 22:4](#), [Isa 40:1](#) (2), [Isa 51:3](#) (2), [Isa 51:19](#), [Isa 57:6](#), [Isa 61:2](#), [Isa 66:13](#), [Jer 16:7](#), [Jer 31:13](#), [Lam 1:2](#), [Lam 1:17](#), [Lam 1:21](#), [Lam 2:13](#), [Eze 14:23](#), [Eze 16:54](#), [Zec 1:17](#), [Zec 10:2](#)

**comforted, 20** [Gen 24:67](#), [Gen 37:35](#), [Gen 38:12](#), [Gen 50:21](#), [Rth 2:13](#), [2Sa 12:24](#), [2Sa 13:39](#), [Job 42:11](#), [Psa 77:2](#), [Psa 86:17](#), [Psa 119:52](#), [Isa 49:13](#), [Isa 52:9](#), [Isa 54:11](#), [Isa 66:13](#), [Jer 31:15](#), [Eze 5:13](#), [Eze 14:22](#), [Eze 31:16](#), [Eze 32:31](#)

**repent, 19** [Exo 13:17](#), [Exo 32:12](#), [Num 23:19](#), [Deu 32:36](#), [1Sa 15:29](#) (2), [Job 42:6](#), [Psa 90:13](#), [Psa 110:4](#), [Psa 135:14](#), [Jer 4:28](#), [Jer 18:8](#), [Jer 18:10](#), [Jer 26:3](#), [Jer 26:13](#), [Jer 42:10](#), [Joe 2:14](#) (2), [Jon 3:9](#)

**repented, 17** [Gen 6:6](#), [Exo 32:14](#), [Jdg 2:18](#), [Jdg 21:6](#), [Jdg 21:15](#), [1Sa 15:35](#), [2Sa 24:16](#), [1Ch 21:15](#), [Psa 106:45](#), [Jer 8:6](#), [Jer 20:16](#), [Jer 31:19](#) (2), [Amo 7:3](#), [Amo 7:6](#), [Jon 3:10](#), [Zec 8:14](#)

**comforters, 5** [2Sa 10:3](#), [1Ch 19:3](#), [Job 16:2](#), [Psa 69:20](#), [Nah 3:7](#)

**comforter, 3** [Ecc 4:1](#), [Lam 1:9](#), [Lam 1:16](#)

**comforteth, 3** [Job 29:25](#), [Isa 66:12-13](#) (2)

**repenteth, 3** [Gen 6:7](#), [1Sa 15:11](#), [Joe 2:13](#)

**comfortedst, 1** [Isa 12:1](#)

**ease, 1** [Isa 1:24](#)

**receive, 1** [Isa 57:6](#)

**repentest, 1** [Jon 4:2](#)

**repenting, 1** [Jer 15:6](#)