

Word Study H5337 *natsal* deliver

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Introduction

While doing my notes on parasha article #998,^A I wanted to do a word study on deliver. Here is where this word is used in Exodus (I'm going to stay focused on the story of the actual Exodus).

- **deliver**(ed), Exo 2:19, Exo 3:8, Exo 5:23, Exo 12:27, Exo 18:4, Exo 18:8-10 (4)
- **spoil**(ed) Exo 3:22, Exo 12:36
- rid Exo 6:6
- stripped Exo 33:6

Verses in Exodus

Exo 2:15-21 | Moshe, after fleeing to Midian, **delivered *hitlamu* Reuel's daughters at the well**

¹⁵ Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian ^{mid-Yan} מִדְיָן: and he sat down by a well. ¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven ⁷ daughters: and they came and drew water ^[Gen 24:11, Gen 29:2], and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

¹⁷ And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

¹⁸ And when they came to Reuel רְעוּאֵל ^{re-'u'El} their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day?

¹⁹ And they said, An Egyptian **delivered** הִצִּילָנוּ ^{hitz-tzi-La-nu} us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew

^A Exo-03-to-4-13-Moses-and-the-Burning-Bush, article #999.

water enough for us, and watered the flock. ²⁰ And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. ^{[Gen 24:21] B}

Exo 3:7-10 | YHVH (will) come down to **deliver** *lehatzio*.

⁷ And YHVH said,

“I have surely seen the affliction *עָנִי* ^{'o-Ni} of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; ⁸ And I am come down to **deliver** | *להצילו* ^{le-hatz tzi Lo} them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing *זָבַת* ^{za-Vat} with milk *חֶלֶב* ^{cha-Lav} and honey *וְדַבְשׁ* ^{u-de-Vash}; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel *יִשְׂרָאֵל* ^{Yis-ra-El} is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression *הַלְחָץ* ^{hal-La-chatz} wherewith the Egyptians oppress *לְחַצִּים* ^{lo-cha-Tzim} them. ¹⁰ Come now therefore, and I will send *וְאֶשְׁלַחְךָ* ^{ve-'esh-la-cha-Cha} thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.”

Exo 3:22 | put upon your sons and daughters jewels etc. and shall **spoil** *venitzaltem* the Egyptians

²² But every woman shall borrow *וְשָׂאָה* ^{ve-sha-'a-Lah} ^[Exo3:22, 11:2, 12:35, 22:14] of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall **spoil** *וְנִצַּלְתֶּם* ^{ve-nitz-tzal-Tem} *אֶת־* the Egyptians.’ ”

Exo 5:22-23 | Moses complains to YHVH that he has not **delivered** *vehatzel* his people

²² And Moses returned unto YHVH, and said,

“Lord *אֲדֹנָי* ^{a-do-Nai}, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated *הִרְעַתָּה* ^{ha-re-'O-tah} this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou **delivered** *וְהִצַּלְתָּ* ^{ve-hatz-Tzel} *אֶת־* ^{'et-} thy people at all.”

Exo 6:6 | I AM YHVH and I will **rid** *vehitzalti* you out of Egypt's bondage

“⁶ Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am *יְהוָה*, and I will bring you out from under the burdens *סְבִלַת* ^{siv-Lot} of the Egyptians, and I will **rid** *וְהִצַּלְתִּי* ^{ve-hitz-tzal-Ti} you out of their bondage, and I will redeem *וְגָאַלְתִּי* ^{ve-ga-'al-Ti} you with a stretched out arm *בְּזְרוּעַ* ^{biz-Ro-a'}, and with great *גְּדֹלִים* ^{ge-do-Lim} judgments *וּבְשִׁפְטִים* ^{u-vish-fa-Tim}...”

Summary | Analysis from a perspective of law

The most common translation for this word *natsal* is **deliver** and the oddball word is **spoil**. Part of this act of deliverance involves the stuff of expensive jewelry and clothes that is transferred from the Egyptians to Israel.

^B Exo-01-and-02-King-of-Egypt-who-knew-not-Joseph, article #997.

These chapters in Exodus are a documentation (a memorandum) of the legally binding transfer of the *res*^C going from one party (Egypt) to another party (Israel). This property (or a remnant there of) will be that which is sacrificed to YHVH at Mt. Sinai and will make the sacred contract complete (*quid pro quo*). Note, sacrifice necessarily requires the rights to a property to make the transfer legally binding.

In modern day English ears, the word **spoil** sounds like food that is going bad. Let me *drash* on this. The wealth that is accumulated in Egypt will “rot” if it is not put in its proper place. The 10 plagues brought on by YHVH’s judgment will make the land of Egypt and it’s economy to be laid to waste and anything that remains there will rot/**spoil** i.e. be of no value there.

A drash on one’s labor. Your labor is also private property and can be used as the *res* in contractual exchanges. The bondage of Egypt will also be gotten **rid** Exo 6:6 of as the new contract (covenant) will replace it at Mt. Sinai.

Word Study ^{H7725} *shuv* return ^{G4982} *sozo* saved

Another important consideration is that this word is used sometimes in the LXX with *sozo* (article #451), which is a most important word study as it compares the Hebrew *shuv* meaning return with the Greek word *sozo* (badly) translated as “saved” in the New Testament.

ToDo: how many times does the LXX cross-reference H5337 with G4982.

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נצל

Strong’s A primitive root; to *snatch* away, whether in a good or a bad sense: - X at all, defend, deliver (self), escape, X without fail, part, pluck, preserve, recover, rescue, rid, save, spoil, strip, X surely, take (out).

LXX related word(s)

G4014 peri aireo	G556 ap elauno	G851 aph aireo	G996 boetheia
G1807 ex aireo	G2511 katharizo	G2720 kat euthuno	G4863 sun ago
G4506 rhuomai	G4982 sozo ^D	G568 ap echo	

Total KJV Occurrences: 209

deliver, 115 Gen 32:11, Exo 3:8, Num 35:25, Deu 23:14, Deu 25:11, Deu 32:39,

[Jos 2:13](#), [Jdg 10:15](#), [1Sa 4:8](#), [1Sa 7:3](#), [1Sa 7:14](#), [1Sa 12:10](#), [1Sa 12:21](#), [1Sa 17:37](#), [1Sa 26:24](#), [2Sa 14:16](#), [2Ki 17:39](#), [2Ki 18:29-30](#) (2), [2Ki 18:32](#), [2Ki 18:35](#), [2Ki 20:6](#), [1Ch 16:35](#), [2Ch 25:15](#), [2Ch 32:11](#), [2Ch 32:13-15](#) (5), [2Ch 32:17](#), [Neh 9:28](#), [Job 5:4](#), [Job 5:19](#), [Job 10:7](#), [Psa 7:1-2](#) (2), [Psa 22:8](#), [Psa 25:20](#) (2), [Psa 31:2](#), [Psa 31:15](#),

^C Res. [Latin, A **thing**.] An object, a subject matter, or a status against which legal proceedings have been instituted. [source](#) It includes movables, immovables, and **real property**. It can also be the subject matter of a **trust**; corpus^{body}. For example, the **stock certificate** is the res of the **trust**. [source](#)

^D Word-Study-H7725-shuv-return-G4982-sozo-saved, article #451.

Psa 33:19, Psa 39:8, Psa 40:13, Psa 50:22, Psa 51:14, Psa 56:13, Psa 59:1-2 (2), Psa 69:14, Psa 71:1-2 (2), Psa 72:11-12 (2), Psa 79:9, Psa 91:3, Psa 106:43, Psa 109:21, Psa 119:170, Psa 120:2, Psa 142:6, Psa 143:9, Psa 144:7, Pro 2:11-12 (2), Pro 2:16, Pro 6:3, Pro 12:5-6 (3), Pro 19:19, Pro 23:14, Pro 24:11, Isa 5:29, Isa 19:20, Isa 31:5, Isa 36:14-15 (2), Isa 36:18, Isa 36:20, Isa 38:6, Isa 43:13, Isa 44:17, Isa 44:20, Isa 47:14, Isa 50:2, Isa 57:13, Jer 1:8, Jer 15:19-21 (3), Jer 21:12, Jer 22:3, Jer 39:17, Jer 42:11, Eze 7:19, Eze 13:21, Eze 13:23, Eze 14:14, Eze 14:16, Eze 14:18, Eze 14:20 (2), Eze 33:12, Eze 34:10, Eze 34:12, Dan 8:4, Dan 8:7, Hos 2:10, Mic 5:6 (2), Mic 5:8, Zep 1:18, Zec 11:6

delivered, 58 Gen 37:21, Exo 2:19, Exo 5:23, Exo 12:27, Exo 18:4, Exo 18:8-10 (4)

, Jos 9:26, Jos 22:31, Jos 24:10, Jdg 6:9, Jdg 8:34, Jdg 9:17, 1Sa 10:18, 1Sa 12:11, 1Sa 14:48, 1Sa 17:35, 1Sa 17:37, 2Sa 12:7, 2Sa 22:1, 2Sa 22:18, 2Sa 22:49, 2Ki 18:33-35 (3), 2Ki 19:11-12 (2), 1Ch 11:14, 2Ch 32:17, Ezr 8:31, Psa 18:1, Psa 18:17, Psa 18:48, Psa 33:16, Psa 34:4, Psa 54:7, Psa 69:13-14 (2), Psa 86:13, Isa 20:6 (2), Isa 36:18-20 (3), Isa 37:11-12 (2), Jer 7:10, Jer 20:13, Eze 3:19, Eze 3:21, Eze 14:16, Eze 14:18, Eze 33:9, Eze 34:27, Mic 4:10, Hab 2:9

delivereth, 7 Psa 34:17, Psa 34:19, Psa 97:10, Pro 10:2, Pro 11:4, Pro 14:25, Isa 42:22

deliverer, 1 Jdg 18:28

deliverest, 1 Psa 35:10

recover, 3 Jdg 11:26, 1Sa 30:8, Hos 2:9

rid, 3 Gen 37:22, Exo 6:6, Psa 82:4

taken, 3 Gen 31:9, Gen 31:16, Amo 3:12,

take, 1 Psa 119:43

taketh, 1 Amo 3:12

plucked, 2 Amo 4:11, Zec 3:2

recovered, 2 1Sa 30:18, 1Sa 30:22

stripped, 2 Exo 33:6, 2Ch 20:25

defended, 1 2Sa 23:12

escape, 1 2Sa 20:6

escaped, 1 Deu 23:15

part, 1 2Sa 14:6

preserved, 1 Gen 32:30

rescue, 1 Hos 5:14

rescued, 1 1Sa 30:18

saved, 1 2Sa 19:9

spoil, 1 Exo 3:22

spoiled, 1 Exo 12:36