

# Word Study H5703 *ad* ever - Does for ever and ever really mean always

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## Introduction

### REVIEW

Does “for ever and ever” really mean always? Compare this to the pun of “never say never”.

Inspired by 1Sa 8:6-7 and specifically Exo 15:18 along with these e-Sword Notes (of 1S 8:7)

If the House of Israel was given a Bill of Divorce, then their covenant with YHVH as their Elohim and King was **not** forever.

Somehow somehow something miraculous must happen to overcome this mystery ... what could it be?

me, that I should not reign<sup>H4480 H4427 *malak*</sup> over them.

It is YHVH who is the first King of Israel, see [Exo 15:18](#) where the word reign is also used .

**Exo 15:18** YHVH shall reign<sup>H4427 *malak*</sup> for ever<sup>H5769</sup> and ever.<sup>H5703</sup> .

In the (in)famous verses of [1Sa 8:6-7](#), it can be shown that YHVH was the first King of Israel by clear implication because when they say "...Give us a king<sup>H4428 *melek*</sup> to judge<sup>H8199 *shaphat*</sup> us." (1Sa 8:6 KJV), they are implying that YHVH **was** there King.

1Sa 8:6 KJV "...Give us a king<sup>H4428 *melek*</sup> to judge<sup>H8199 *shaphat*</sup> us.

## H5703 - Word Study

אד

**‘ad**: A noun meaning eternity. The word signifies God's dwelling place ([Isa 57:15](#)). It also refers to the continuance of a king on the throne ([Exo 15:18](#); [1Ch 28:9](#); [Psa 132:12](#); [Pro 29:14](#)). The word can indicate continual joy ([Psa 61:8](#) [9]; [Isa 65:18](#)); or continual anger ([Mic 7:18](#); [Amo 1:11](#)). The word's references to mountains that would be shattered ([Hab 3:6](#)); the sun and the moon ([Psa 148:6](#)) may show that **the word sometimes means less than eternity** or only an apparent eternity. **The word occurs with** the word **‘ôlām** (<sup>H5769</sup>) ([Psa 10:16](#); [Psa 45:6](#) [7]; [Dan 12:3](#)) and sometimes with the word **nešah** (<sup>H5331</sup>) ([Psa 9:18](#) [19];

Amo 1:11).

**Total KJV Occurrences: 55**

**ever, 43** Exo 15:18 (2), Num 24:20, Num 24:24, 1Ch 28:9, Job 19:24, Psa 9:5, Psa 9:18, Psa 10:16, Psa 19:9, Psa 21:4, Psa 21:6, Psa 22:26, Psa 37:29, Psa 45:6, Psa 45:17, Psa 48:14 (2), Psa 61:8 (2), Psa 83:17, Psa 89:29, Psa 92:7, Psa 104:5, Psa 111:3, Psa 111:8, Psa 112:3, Psa 112:9, Psa 119:44, Psa 132:14, Psa 145:1-2 (2), Psa 145:21, Psa 148:6, Pro 12:19, Pro 29:14, Isa 26:4, Isa 64:8-9 (2), Isa 65:18, Dan 12:3, Mic 4:5, Mic 7:18

**nor, 3** 1Sa 30:19 (3)

**everlasting, 2** Hab 3:6 (2)

**end, 1** Isa 45:17

**eternity, 1** Isa 57:15

**evermore, 1** Psa 132:12

**old, 1** Job 20:4

**perpetually, 1** Amo 1:11

**until, 1** Gen 28:15

**without, 1** Isa 45:17