

Word Study H7641 *shibboleth* ears, branches

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Introduction

Interesting word that in its usage in scriptures ties a lot of interesting and (I think) related things together.

1. Pharaoh's famous dual dream that was interpreted by Joseph. The second dream involved ears of corn
שִׁבְּלִים *shib bo Lim* .
2. While in Egypt, Joseph had two son's from an Egyptian Princess (*Asenath* אֲסֵנַת ^{'a se Nat}) whose names are Manasseh (1st born) מְנַשֶּׁה ^{me nash Sheh} and Ephraim אֶפְרַיִם ^{'ef Ra yim} (2nd born).^A
3. The identity test of Ephraim warriors were tested by the warriors lead by the Jephthah^B of Gilead a branch of Manasseh. Jephthah was the son of a harlot begotten by Gilead. He was a famous leader, mighty man of valor, judge and diplomat for Israel. The test was how to pronounce *shibboleth*.
4. Zechariah and Revelation use the symbology of the Menorah and the two olive branches שִׁבְּלֵי *shib ba Lei* . which is clear to me as being best understood by understanding the two house one covenant doctrine. This doctrine is about the two houses Judah and Ephraim, but I suppose that a connection of two house can be made by the struggle between Manasseh and Ephraim.

Gen 41:5-7 Pharaoh's dream of 7 full ears

⁵ And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ⁷ שִׁבְּעָה ^{She va'} ears of corn שִׁבְּלִים *shib bo Lim* came up upon one stalk, rank and good. ⁶ And, behold, seven ⁷ thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung

^A Manasseh means "made me to forget my toil and my father's house". Ephraim means "God caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. See Gen 41:50-52.

^B וַיִּפְתַּח ^{ve yif Tach} H3316 from *petach* or he will open

up after them. ⁷ And the seven ⁷ thin ears devoured the seven ⁷ rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

Gen 41:22-26 Josephs interprets Pharaoh's dream of 7 full ears

²² And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven **ears** came up in one stalk, full and good: ²³ And, behold, seven **ears**, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: ²⁴ And the thin **ears** devoured the seven good **ears**: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me. ²⁵ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do. ²⁶ The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good **ears** *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

Jdg 12:5-7 Ephraim's identity tested by Manasseh/Gileadites to pronounce of *shibboleth* 42,000 slaughtered

⁵ And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *so*, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;^C ⁶ Then said they unto him, Say now **Shibboleth** שִׁבּוֹלֶת ^{shib Bo let}: ^D and he said **Sibboleth**: שִׁבּוֹלֶת ^{sib Bo let} for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand ^{42,000}. ⁷ And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

Rth 2:1-2 Ruth asks to go to the field and glean ears of corn

¹ And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean **ears** of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

Isa 17:1-6 Oracle of Damascus, to be a ruinous heap

¹ The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. ² The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid. ³ The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria (Aram): they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁴ And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. ⁵ And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the **ears** with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim. ⁶ Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

Isa 27:12-13 channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt

¹² And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall beat off from the **channel** of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. ¹³ And it shall come to pass in

^C The symbology of Ephraim denying their identity is interesting as this is a big hurdle for Christianity i.e. the struggle of identity.

^D H5451 שִׁבּוֹלֶת *sibbôleth* For H7641; an ear of grain: - *Sibboleth*. KJC:1, Jdg 12:6. The sheen is replaced with a samech.

that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Zec 4:12 A Vision of the Golden Menorah and it's two branches

¹² And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* two olive הַזַּיְתִּים ^{haz-zei-Tim} **branches** שִׁבְלֵי ^{shib-ba-Lei^E} which through the two golden הַזָּהָב ^{haz-za-Hav} pipes צִנְתָּרוֹת ^{tzan-te-Rot} empty הַמְּרִיקִים ^{ham-ri-Kim} the golden *oil* out of themselves מֵעֲלֵיהֶם ^{me-'a-lei-Hem?}

H7641 sibbolet ^{KJC:19} **ears¹⁴, branches¹, channel¹, floods¹, shibboleth¹, waterflood¹**

שִׁבְלֵת

From the same as [H7640](#); a *stream* (as *flowing*); also an *ear* of grain (as *growing out*); by analogy a *branch*: - branch, channel, ear (of corn), ([water-]) flood, Shibboleth. Compare [H5451](#).

Total KJV Occurrences: 19

ears, 14 [Gen 41:5-7](#) (4), [Gen 41:22-24](#) (4), [Gen 41:26-27](#) (2), [Rth 2:2](#), [Job 24:24](#), [Isa 17:5](#) (2)

branches, 1 [Zec 4:12](#) ^F

channel, 1 [Isa 27:12](#) (2)

floods, 1 [Psa 69:2](#)

shibboleth, 1 [Jdg 12:6](#)

waterflood, 1 [Psa 69:15](#)

LXX related word(s)

G2562 kalame	G2798 klados	G4719 stachus
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Word Study

šibbōlet: I. A feminine noun referring to a head of grain. It refers to the **ears of grain** that grow from a stalk ([Gen 41:5-6](#), [Gen 41:22-24](#), [Gen 41:26-27](#)). It contains the way the **Ephraimites** pronounced "Sibboleth" ([Jdg 12:6](#)). These heads or ears of grain were cut off in harvest ([Job 24:24](#); [Isa 17:5](#)). It refers to **branches or twigs in [Zec 4:12](#)**, representing **two anointed persons**.

II. A feminine noun meaning a stream, a torrent, a flood; a branch, a twig bundle. This root has the sense of a flood or a mass of water ([Psa 69:2](#) [3]); a flood of water ([Psa 69:15](#) [16]). It refers to the powerful waters flowing in a river ([Isa 27:12](#)).

^E Two olive **branches**: *shibbolei* ^{H7641} is translated as branch which is different from Zec 4:3. See Word-Study-H7641-sibbolet-ears-branch, article #???

^F See Haftorah of Num-08-to-09-B-ha-alot-cha-In-your-going-up, article #[397](#).

