

# Offering OR Sacrifice





Someone was working in their **back** yard and hurt their **back** while stepping **back**, then they went **back** into the house and rested their **back** against the **back** of the chair.

The word *back* is used 5 different ways in that sentence and yet in English we understand the context.

How would this work if we translated it into a different language?



The Hebrew word שלום shalom for instance can be used many different ways. Shalom can be used to say hello, goodbye, peace, be calm, harmony, completeness and even tranquility. Would we recognize the context if we didn't read or understand Hebrew?



Something that gets many confused are the English titles and pronouns. If I say *she washed her car* - who's car was washed?

What about the titles God, god, LORD, Lord and lord?



Understanding the differences between the types of offerings and the sacrifices is equally important when reading the Bible.

*If we really want to understand what we're reading.*



offering

Strong's 4503

a gift, tribute, offering

Original Word: מִנְחָה

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Transliteration: minchah

Phonetic Spelling: (min-khaw')



First used in Genesis 4; 3

And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an *offering* unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his *offering*:

How often have you heard this was a sacrifice?



## Rabbit trail warning!

The word "Kurbanot" From Korbon קָרְבָּן is usually translated as "sacrifices" or "offerings"; however, both of these terms suggest a loss of something or a giving up of something, and although that is certainly a part of the ritual, that is not at all the literal meaning of the Hebrew word. The word Kurbanot comes from the root Qof-Resh-Bet, which means "to draw near," and indicates the primary purpose of offerings: to draw us near to G-d.

From the Jewish virtual library



The word Korbōn קָרְבָּן is first used in  
Leviticus 1; 2 Speak unto the children of  
Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you  
bring an *offering* unto the Lord, ye shall  
bring your *offering* of the cattle, even of the  
herd, and of the flock



Strong's 7133

qorban: oblation

Original Word: קָרְבָּן

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Phonetic Spelling: (kor-bawn')



Today, the word korbon is used to define and describe both offerings and sacrifices and adds to the confusion in English but in Hebrew the distinction is made in it's proper context.



## Korbon

A sacrifice of any kind, whether bloody or bloodless; term used by Josephus in the sense also of a vow-offering, or of something devoted to God ("Ant." iv. 4, § 4; "Contra Ap." i. 22; Mark vii. 11). 2. The sacred treasury in which the gifts for the Temple, or the alms-box in which the gifts for the poor, were kept (Josephus, "B. J." ii. 9, § 4; comp. Matt. xxvii. 6).

From the Jewish Encyclopedia



To add to the list of new words -

Burnt offering Strong's 5930

olah: ascent, whole burn offering

Original Word: עֹלָה

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Phonetic Spelling: (o-law')



First found in Genesis 8; 20 And Noah  
builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of  
every clean beast, and of every clean  
fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the  
altar.



What I really want to look at is Genesis 22; 2  
And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son  
Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the  
land of Moriah; and offer him there for a *burnt  
offering* upon one of the mountains which I will  
tell thee of.

Abraham was not told to sacrifice Isaac he was  
told to completely **offer** Isaac



Genesis 22; 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?  
(KJV)

“Father,” Isaac asked, “we have the wood and the flint to make the fire, but where is the lamb for the **sacrifice?**”  
(the living Bible)



Sacrifice Strong's 2077

zebach: a sacrifice

Original Word: זָבַח

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: zebach

Phonetic Spelling: (zeh'-bakh)



מִנְחָה minchah - offering  
סֵעֻלָּה lah - burnt offering  
זֶבֶח zebech - sacrifice  
קֹרְבָן korbōn - oblation