# WISDOM & FOOLISHNESS IN PROVERBS

#### WISDOM

- Hebrew words in Proverbs related to wisdom:

#### VERBS

- $\circ$  Aram (aw-ram) to be (or make) bare
  - Strong's H6191
  - 2 times in Proverbs: prudent (1); beware (1)
- o **Biyn** (bene) primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish); (generally) understand
  - Strong's H995
  - 34 times in Proverbs: understand (10); understanding (10); consider (2); prudent (2); understandeth (2); diligently (1); directeth (1); discerned (1); man (1); perceive (1); regardeth (1); well (1); wise (1)
- Sakal (saw-kal') primitive root; to be (causatively, make or act) circumspect & hence, intelligent
  - Strong's H7919
  - 13 times in Proverbs: wise (5); considereth (1); instructed 91); prospereth (1); prudent (1); teacheth (1); understanding (1); wisdom (1); wisely (1)
- o Yada (yaw-dah) (primitive root) to know
  - Strong's H3045
  - 35 times in Proverbs: know (9), known (6), knoweth (5), considereth (2), knowledge (2), acknowledge (1), diligent (1), felt (1), hath (1), have (1), know (1), knowest (1), perceives (1), regardeth (1), teach (1), tell (1)

#### **NOUNS**

- o **Aruwm** (aw-room) passive participle of 'aram'; cunning (usually in a bad sense)
  - Strong's H6175
  - 8 times in Proverbs prudent (8)
- o **Biynah** (bee-naw) understanding
  - Strong's H998
  - 14 times in Proverbs: understanding (12), knowledge (1), wisdom (1)
- o Chakam (khaw-kam') primitive root, to be wise (in mind, word, or act)
  - Strong's H2449
  - 13 times in Proverbs: wise (11); exceeding wise (1); wiser (1)
- o **Chakam** (*khaw-kawm'*) [from *chakam* (H2449)]; wise, (i.e. intelligent, skillful, or artful)
  - Strong's H2450
  - 46 times in Proverbs: wise (man) (45); wiser (1)
- o Chokmah (khok-maw') (from 2449 chakam, 'to be wise'); wisdom (in a good sense)
  - Strong's H2451
  - 39 times in Proverbs: wisdom (38); wisely (1)
- o **Chokmowth** (*khok-moth'*) (**chakmowth** / *khak-moth'*) collateral forms of *chokmah*; wisdom
  - Strong's H2554
  - 4 times in Proverbs: Wisdom (3); wise (1)
- o **Da-ath** (dah'-ath) knowledge (comes from yada)

- Strong's H1847
- 40 times in Proverbs: knowledge (39), know (1)
- Leb (*labe*) the heart; also (figuratively) used widely for feelings, the will, & even intellect; likewise for the center of anything
  - Strong's H3820
  - 93 times in Proverbs: heart (76); understanding (9); wisdom (4); midst (2); considered (1); well (1)
- o **Muwcar** (*moo-sawr'*) (from *yacar*); properly, chastisement; figuratively, reproof, warning, or instruction; also restraint
  - Strong's H4148
  - 30 times in Proverbs: instruction (24); correction (4); chasteneth (1); chastening (1)
- Mzimmah (mez-im-maw') a plan, usually evil (machination), sometimes good (sagacity)
  - Strong's H4209
  - 8 times in Proverbs: discretion (4); devices (2); inventions (1); mischievous (1)
- o **Ormah** (*or-maw*) trickery; or (in a good sense) discretion
  - Strong's H6195
  - 3 times in Proverbs: prudence (1); subtilty (1); wisdom (1)
- o **Sekel** (seh'-kel) (or sekel / say'-kel) intelligence; by implication, success
  - Strong's H7922
  - 6 times in Proverbs: understanding (3), wisdom (2), discretion (1)
- Ta-am (tah'.am) properly, a taste, i.e. (figuratively) perception; by implication, intelligence; transitively, a mandate
  - Strong's H2940
  - 2 times in Proverbs: discretion (1); reason (1)
- o **Tabuwn** (*taw-boon*) (tbuwnah / *teb-oo-naw*, twobuna / *to-boo-naw*) intelligence; by implication, an argument; by extension, caprice (from *biyn*)
  - Strong's H8394
  - 19 times in Proverbs: understanding (19)
- O **Tuwshiyah** (*too-shee-yaw'*) (**tushiyah** / *too-shee-yaw'*) (from unused root probably meaning substantiate); support or (by implication) ability, i.t. (direct) help, (in purpose) an undertaking, (intellectual) understanding
  - Strong's H8454
  - 4 times in Proverbs: wisdom (4)
- Yacar (yaw-sar') primitive root; to chastise, literally (with blows) or figuratively (with words); hence, to instruct
  - Strong's H3256
  - 5 times in Proverbs: Chasten (1); correct (1); corrected (1); reproveth (1); taught (1)

# - English words in Proverbs related to wisdom

- o **Discretion** Mzimmah (4); Ta-am (1); Sekel (1)
- o Instruction Muwcar (24)
- o **Knowledge** Da-ath (39); Yada (2); Biynah (1)
- o **Prudence** Ormah (1)
- o **Prudent** Aruwm (8); Biyn (2); Aram (1); Sakal (1)
- o Understand (understandeth) Biyn (12)

- O **Understanding** Tabuwn (tbuwnah, twobuna) (19); Biynah (12); Biyn (10); Leb (9); Sekel (3); Sakal (1)
- Wise Chakam (H2450) (44); Chakam (H2449) (11); Sakal (5); Biyn (1);
  Chokmowth/Chakmowth (1)
- Wisdom Chokmah (38); Leb (4); Tuwshiyah (tushiyah) (4); Chokmowth (chakmowth) (3); Sekel (2); Biynah (1); Ormah (1); Sakal (1)

# **FOOLISHNESS**

## - Hebrew words in Proverbs related to foolishness

- o **Kciyl** (*kes-eel'*) (from *kacal* to be fat, i.e. silly); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly
  - Strong's H3684
  - 49 times in Proverbs: fool (24); fools (15); foolish (7); fool's (3)
- o 'Eviyl (ev-eel') (from unised root meaning 'to be perverse'); (figuratively) silly
  - Strong's H191
  - 19 times in Proverbs: fool (10); foolish (3); fools (4); fool's (2)
- Nabal (naw-bawl') [from nabel to wilt; to fall away, fail, faint; figuratively, to be foolish or (morally) wicked]; stupid; wicked (especially impious)
  - Strong's H5036
  - 3 times in Proverbs: fool (3)
- **'Ivveleth** (*iv-veh'leth*) (from same as 'eviyl); silliness
  - Strong's H200
  - 23 times in Proverbs: folly (13); foolishness (8); foolish (2); foolishly (1)
- Pathah (paw-thaw') primitive root; to open, i.e. be (causatively, make) roomy; usually figuratively (in a mental or moral sense) to be (causatively, make) simple or (in a sinister way) delude
  - Strong's 6601
  - 5 times in Proverbs: deceive (1); entice (1) enticeth (1); flattereth (1); persuaded (1)
- **Pthiy** (*peth-ee'*) (**pethiy** / *peh'thee*; **pthaeiy** / *peth-aw-ee'*) (from *pathah*); silly (i.e. seducible)
  - Strong's H6612
  - 15 times in Proverbs: simple (11); simple ones (2); foolish (1); simplicity (1)
- o **pthayuwth** (*peth-ah-youth*') (from *pthiy*, etc); silliness (i.e. seducibility)
  - Strong's H6615
  - 1 time in Proverbs: simple (1)

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- o Folly 'Ivveleth (13)
- o **Fool**(s) Kciyl (42); 'Eviyl (16); Nabal (3)
- o Foolish Kciyl (42); 'Eviyl (16); 'Ivveleth (1); Kciyluwth (1); Pthiy (pethiy, pthaeiy) (1)
- o **Simple** (ones) Pthiy (pethiy; pthaeiy) (13); Pthayuwth (1)