

Repentance: What is It?

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Introduction

Where has the gospel of Jesus disappeared to? Why is it that a majority of professing Christian churches no longer teach repentance as a condition for Salvation? These are two questions for the ages for sure.

As we proceed through this study on the doctrine of repentance, we will come to realize that this is the tip of the iceberg on a more deeply rooted problem plaguing what is now known as contemporary Christianity ... better still, Pseudochristianity ... for much of the professing Christian world, has little to nothing in common with true biblical Christianity.

It appears obvious that the fruit of pseudochristianity is the elimination of sin in this so-called "age of grace." Where there is no longer any sin, why then the need for repentance? Sin and the need for repentance have vanished from the pulpit. As a result we have millions of people falsely believing they are already "right with God" and absent from the need to "turn toward God." What a spiritual holocaust!

Sin is not eliminated nor is God's imputing of sin eliminated. The sad truth is sin is *exponentially* increasing in the world and within the ranks of those professing Salvation through Jesus the Messiah. Where there is sin ... there must also be repentance of sin for Salvation. That is the gospel message of Jesus. Jesus and the message of Jesus is the gospel. Pseudochristianity has *separated* Jesus from His message and from His teaching. Pseudochristianity teaches only the name Jesus, the person of Jesus ... not the gospel of Jesus, not the teachings of Jesus ... are needed for Salvation.

Imagine that! Pseudochristianity claims one can be a follower of Jesus ... *without* the need to hear what Jesus has to say ... *without* the need to heed the teaching of Jesus ... *without* the need to obey the commandments of Jesus ... *without* the need to read and study Scripture. What an abomination!

Let's begin our study on repentance with the gospel of Jesus.

Repentance: The Gospel of Jesus

The Gospel is the *person* and *message* of Jesus. Gospel literally means good news, Repentance is the *first* Gospel doctrine, (doctrine literally means teaching) of Jesus. Repentance is so important to God that God determined repentance is the means to prepare *The Way* for the coming Gospel, the *person* and *message* of Jesus, by John the Baptist.

Matthew 3:2

Repent <3340 metanoeo>, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Jesus, the kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God are all synonymous. John is preparing the people of God for the coming of God in the flesh ... the Messiah Jesus.

Matthew 3:8, 11

- 8 Therefore bear fruit in keeping with **repentance <3341 metanoia>**;
11 As for me, I baptize you with water for **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Metanoia (met-an'-oy-ah) is the Greek noun and *Metanoeo* (met-an-o-eh'-o) is the Greek verb translated into English as repent and repentance. These two Greek words literally mean to *change one's mind or purpose*. This changing of one's mind is not to be thought of as the expression is used in modern day English as something fleeting or frivolous, but as a *permanent change* in mind and purpose. For that reason, I prefer to render the definition of repentance as *the turning of one's mind and purpose away from sin and self and toward holiness and God*.

God prepared John the Baptist to fulfill the Old Covenant prophecies as the second Elijah who was to prepare the people of God for the coming of God. John is the one crying in the wilderness, "**Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**" Isaiah 40:3

And so John did. Jesus, God in the flesh is The Gospel and Jesus began His gospel message with the command to repent.

Mark 1:14-15

- 14 ¶ Now after John had been taken into custody, **Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,**
15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent <3340 metanoeo>** and *believe in the gospel*.

Repentance, the turning of one's mind away from sin and self is the first step in coming to Jesus, believing Jesus.

Matthew 9:13 (AV)

But go ye and learn what [that] meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**.

A proper rendering of the above verse would state, "I will have mercy *more than* sacrifice." Why most bibles translate this as *and not* is perplexing. Most good bible translations will at least footnote the proper translation in their margin for sacrifice is also a Gospel message of Jesus.

Those who do not repent, do not become born again believers in Jesus, *regardless* of how many altar calls they've answered ... *regardless* of how many times they've recited

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the sinners prayer ... *regardless* of what some preachers will tell them. Jesus Himself says one remains lost unless you repent.

Matthew 11:20-21

20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not **repent <3340 metanoeo>**.

21 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have **repented <3340 metanoeo>** long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Jesus says WOE TO YOU and DENOUNCES those who do not repent. To be denounced by Jesus is to remain lost and in your sins. Hell is the ominous future for all those who are lost, all those who do not turn their mind and purpose to God.

Luke 13:3-5

3 I tell you, no, but **unless you repent <3340 metanoeo>, you will all likewise perish.**

4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were [worse] culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?"

5 I tell you, no, but **unless you repent <3340 metanoeo>, you will all likewise perish.**

Without repentance there is no coming to Jesus ... Without repentance there is no forgiveness of sin ... Without repentance there is no going to heaven ... Without repentance there is no where but hell.

Jesus is teaching us the absolute importance of repentance. With repentance being so important, I'd say it is equally important that we understand what God teaches us in His Word about what is and is not Repentance.

Is Remorse Repentance?

I believe repent may be a less favorable translation of the Greek word *metamellomai* (*met-am-el'-lom-ah-ee*) in some verses of Scripture. (see remorse in Appendix A)

The Greek word *meta* is a primary preposition that means with and is often used as an adverb or as a prefix to denote change. We get the Greek *metamorph* and the English *metamorphosis* which means a drastic change in body or appearance. When *meta* is joined with the root *melo* which means care and take care of, we see that *metamelo* means to carefully and deeply ponder introspectively so that a change in how one see himself occurs. *Metamellomai* is a change of mind, opinion or perception of self based upon a deep and sincere self examination. *Metamellomai* is to see yourself in a regretful or remorseful manner. The emphasis of *metamellomai* is upon the emotional impact of a bad decision, regretfulness.

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This however, does not carry the same weight in meaning and purpose as repent. Let's take a look how *metamellomai* is used in Scripture. The NASB95 translates this word more appropriately than does the King James, which uses repent.

Matthew 21:28-30 (NASB95)

28 ¶ "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'

29 "And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he **regretted <3338 metamellomai>** it and went.

30 "The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go.

In this parable of the two sons, Jesus is using *metamellomai* to illustrate the difference between the two sons and to demonstrate the emotional state of the first son. When the first son was asked to work in the father's vineyard, he answered no but later felt remorse resulting in a **change of mind** and went. Let's continue with the vital lesson of Jesus.

Matthew 21:32 (NASB95)

31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They *said, "The first." Jesus *said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even **feel remorse <3338 metamellomai>** afterward so as to believe him.

Jesus is here making a point for instructing the Scribes and Pharisees who once again failed to entrap Jesus. Jesus now targets them with this parable by comparing the first son to repentant prostitutes and sinners and the second son to the Scribes and Pharisees who overtly lied to his master by saying he would obey, but did not. Jesus shamed them by illustrating their hardness of heart and failure to examine themselves. They were not even close to coming to a right emotional state for their actions.

Metamellomai is also used to illustrate the emotional state of Judas after he came to the realization of the reality of his betrayal of Jesus. His betrayal led to the merciless condemnation and brutal death of Jesus.

Matthew 27:3 (NASB95)

Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he **felt remorse <3338 metamellomai>** and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Repentance is not what Judas experienced but a deep remorse for what he did. He looked to himself for comfort (returning the money) rather than turning his mind to God for forgiveness. Though Judas' remorse was very deep, it did not lead him to

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repentance, a turning of the mind toward God, but rather suicide. Repentance is not merely the act of *turning away* from sin, but includes the act of *turning toward* God.

Paul uses *metamellomai* in his second letter to the Corinthian church to relate his emotional state when he strongly rebuked and corrected wrongs in his first letter to them. Word got back to Paul that his first letter deeply troubled the Corinthian church.

2 Corinthians 7:8 (NASB95)

For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not **regret <3338 metamellomai>** it; though I did **regret <3338 metamellomai>** it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

Paul is disclosing his emotional conflict stating he regrets that his letter caused sorrow but at the same time is pleased for Godly sorrow leads to repentance. It is often heart wrenching when the need for correction and discipline manifest for those you love.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance <3341 metanoia>*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a **repentance <3340 metanoia>** without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

In this section of Scripture, Paul does a marvelous job under inspiration of the Holy Spirit to contrast the differences between regret and repentance. *Matamellomai* is remorse, sorrow, and regret. How one responds to this may indeed lead to death ... worldly sorrow that turns to self ... or life, godly sorrow that leads to repentance. Repentance (*metanoia*) is the fruit of godly sorrow that turns to God and leads to life.

The final instance in Scripture where *metamellomai* is used is in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 7:21

(for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT **CHANGE HIS MIND <3338 metamellomai>**, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'");

God is communicating to His children that He will never regret or alter His mind through regret that Jesus the Messiah is to forever be the Most High Priest of God. Our Omniscient God is without sorrow or regret concerning His choice of Jesus as Eternal High Priest, just as prophesied in Psalms 110:4.

Repentance can not be viewed as sorrow for sins, though it is certain that godly sorrow accompanies repentance. Sorrow alone will not lead a soul to God.

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Hebrews 12:17

For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, though he sought for it with tears.

Esau, the subject of the above verse was deeply sorrowful and distressed, though like Judas, his sorrow did not lead him to God. There was no turning to the Lord and unless one turns to God there can be no forgiveness of sin, no coming to Jesus and no new birth into life.

What Is Repentance?

We just completed our examination of Scriptures that teach repentance as the first act of God in bringing people to Jesus. Repentance is the first Gospel message of Jesus. We also learned that true repentance is the turning of the mind away from sin and toward God while remorse is turning the mind away from sin but toward self ... not God. Repentance leads to life while remorse leads to death. Repentance is not a one-time action but a reaction to God for the remainder of ones life. Repentance leads a sinner to God (effectual calling), Regeneration (born again) and continues through to Sanctification (set apart and declared holy by God) and Progressive Sanctification (our walk with God).

With repentance being such an essential teaching (doctrine) of God, let's continue to examine Scripture so we can see what God teaches us about repentance.

A Gift and Act of God

Repentance is an act of God that He gifts to those He calls. Human beings are so depraved in their sinful state that repentance is not within them apart from the grace and mercies of God.

Acts 5:31 (Peter & Apostles)

He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant **repentance <3341 metanoia>** to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Romans 2:4-5 (Paul)

- 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the **kindness of God leads you to repentance <3341 metanoia>?**
- 5 But because of your **stubbornness and unrepentant <279 ametanoetos>** heart you are **storing up wrath for yourself** in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous **judgment of God,**

2 Timothy 2:25 (Paul)

with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps **God may grant** them **repentance <3341 metanoia>** leading to the knowledge of the truth,

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A Command of God

All people everywhere are commanded by God to repent. Unlike some of the false teaching of pseudochristianity that states repentance was only for the Jews at the time of Jesus, we see clearly that the New Covenant teaching clearly states that repentance is for all people for all time.

Acts 17:30 (Paul)

"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, **God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent <3340 metanoeo>**,

Acts 20:21 (Paul)

solemnly **testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance <3341 metanoia>** toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:20 (Paul)

but *kept* declaring both to those of Damascus first, and *also* at Jerusalem and *then* throughout all the region of Judea, and **even to the Gentiles, that they should repent <3340 metanoeo>** and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**.

2 Corinthians 12:21 (Paul)

I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have **sinned in the past and not repented <3340 metanoeo>** of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

Condition for Forgiveness of Sin

Jesus and the Apostles all teach that without repentance one cannot enter the Kingdom of God, one cannot be born again.

Luke 24:47 (Resurrected Jesus)

and that **repentance <3341 metanoia> for forgiveness of sins** would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Acts 2:38

Peter *said* to them, "**Repent <3340 metanoeo>**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins**; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19 (Peter)

"Therefore **repent <3340 metanoeo>** and return, **so that your sins may be wiped away**, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 8:22 (Peter)

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Therefore **repent** <3340 **metanoeo**> of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the [intention of your heart may be forgiven you](#).

Condition For Regeneration

Unless one repents there will be no forgiveness of sin.

Acts 11:18 (circumcised Jewish believers)

When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has [granted to the Gentiles](#) also the **repentance** <3341 **metanoia**> *that leads to life*."

Hebrews 6:1, 6

- 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance** <3341 **metanoia**> from dead works and of faith toward God,
- 6 and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to **repentance** <3341 **metanoia**>, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for [all to come to repentance](#) <3341 **metanoia**>.

Ministry of The Holy Spirit

Repentance is a gift of God, an act of God's grace, a ministry of the Holy Spirit and always a precedence to regeneration (Romans 2:4; 2 Timothy 2:25; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 2:38, 11:17-18.) The fullness of the Holy Spirit's ministry is to bring a sinner to true repentance that encompasses a firm resolution to "turn ones mind" away from sin and toward God (Acts 20:21; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.) Repentance reaches well beyond simple remorse to lead a person to a resolute change of mind, heart and purpose in life, to which remission of sin is promised (Acts 26:20) and eternal death if not (2 Corinthians 12:21.) Jesus began His earthly ministry with the message of repentance (Matthew 4:17, 11:20-21, 12:41; Mark 1:14-15, Luke 5:31-32, 13:1-5) as did His Apostles and disciples. (Mark 6:10-12, Acts 20:21) The elements of true repentance consists of:

Conviction

The Holy Spirit convicts sinners with a true sense of one's own guilt and sinfulness. (Acts 2:36-38, 8:21-22, 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, [I reprove and discipline](#); therefore be zealous and repent.

Comprehension

The sinner now is able to apprehend God's mercy in Christ. (Luke 15:7,10, 24:44-47; Acts 3:19, 5:31, 11:17-18)

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Acts 3:19

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, [in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord](#);

Conversion

The penitent individual will begin to manifest a true and actual conversion by the hatred of sin while simultaneously turning the mind from sin and toward God. Repentance leads to Conversion and Conversion to Regeneration in Christ Jesus. (Psalms 119:128, 51:13; Job 42:5-6; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Matthew 18:3)

Matthew 18:3

and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Constraint

The converted mind becomes regenerate (born again) and embarks upon a persistent endeavor to live a holy life in walking with God in joyful obedience to The Way of the Cross of Christ.

The true penitent is conscious of ... **guilt** (Psalms 51:4,9)

Psalms 51:4

Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

The true penitent is conscious of ... **the pollution of sin** (Psalms 51:5,7,10)

Psalms 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

The true penitent is conscious of ... **helplessness** (Palms 51:11, 109:21-22.)

Psalms 143:7

Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails; Do not hide Your face from me, Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.

Thus the penitent soul apprehends himself to be just what God has always seen him to be and declares him to be. But repentance comprehends not only such a sense of sin, but also an apprehension of mercy, without which there can be no true repentance.

The true penitent is conscious of ... **mercy and forgiveness** (Ps 130:4, Rev 2:5)

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Psalms 51:1

¶ Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

Repentance is an act of God and a work of God in bringing souls to eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is simply not within the self determination of man to repent. Only by Grace, Divine Intervention and mercy of God is man gifted with the means to repent. Repentance is simply not something man is capable of doing apart from God.

Appendix A: Definitions and Scriptures-NT

3340 metanoew metanoeo (met-an-o-eh'-o)

from 3326 and 3539; TDNT-4:975,636; v; *to change one's mind or purpose*:—

AV-repent 34; 34

NAS-repent (26), repented (5), repents (3).

1) to change one's mind, i.e. to repent

2) to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

For Synonyms see entry 5862

3341 metanoia metanoia (met-an'-oy-ah)

from 3340; TDNT-4:975,636; n f ; *change of mind, repentance*:—

AV-repentance 24; 24

NAS-repentance (22).

1) a change of mind, as it appears to one who repents, of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done

279 ametanohtov ametanoetos (am-et-an-o'-ay-tos)

from 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of 3340; TDNT-4:1009,636;

adj ; *impenitent, unrepentant*:—

AV-impenitent 1; 1

NAS-unrepentant (1).

1) admitting no change of mind, unrepented, impenitent

Scriptures

Matthew 3:2 (John)

Repent <3340 metanoeo>, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:8 (John)

Therefore bear fruit in keeping with **repentance <3341 metanoia>**;

Matthew 3:11 (John)

As for me, I baptize you with water for **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, **Repent <3340 metanoeo>**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Matthew 11:20-21 (Jesus)

20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not **repent <3340 metanoeo>**.

21 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have **repented <3340 metanoeo>** long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they **repented <3340 metanoeo>** at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

Mark 1:4

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of **repentance <3341 metanoia>** for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:14-15

14 ¶ Now after John had been taken into custody, **Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,**

15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent <3340 metanoeo>** and believe in the gospel.

Mark 2:17 (AV)

When Jesus heard [it], he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**.

Mark 6:12

They (disciples) went out and preached that *men* should **repent <3340 metanoeo>**.

Luke 3:3 (John)

And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of **repentance <3341 metanoia>** for the forgiveness of sins;

Luke 3:8 (John)

Therefore bear fruits in keeping with **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

Luke 5:32 (Jesus)

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**.

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Luke 10:13 (Jesus)

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Luke 15:7 (Jesus)

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who **repents <3340 metanoeo>** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no **repentance <3341 metanoia>**."

Luke 15:10 (Jesus)

"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who **repents <3340 metanoeo>**."

Luke 16:30 (rich man to Abraham)

But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will **repent <3340 metanoeo>!**'

Luke 17:3-4 (Jesus)

3 "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he **repents <3340 metanoeo>**, forgive him.

4 "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I **repent <3340 metanoeo>**,' forgive him."

Luke 24:47 (Resurrected Jesus)

and that **repentance <3341 metanoia>** for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Acts 2:38

Peter *said* to them, "**Repent <3340 metanoeo>**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19 (Peter)

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Acts 8:22 (Peter)

Therefore **repent <3340 metanoeo>** of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

Acts 11:18 (circumcised Jewish believers)

When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the **repentance <3341 metanoia>** *that leads to life.*"

Acts 13:24 (Paul)

after John had proclaimed before His coming a baptism of **repentance <3341 metanoia>** to all the people of Israel.

Acts 17:30 (Paul)

"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should **repent <3340 metanoeo>**,

Acts 19:4

Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

Acts 20:21 (Paul)

solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of **repentance <3341 metanoia>** toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:20 (Paul)

but *kept* declaring both to those of Damascus first, and *also* at Jerusalem and *then* throughout all the region of Judea, and *even* to the Gentiles, that they should **repent <3340 metanoeo>** and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**.

Romans 2:4-5 (Paul)

- 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to **repentance <3341 metanoia>?**
- 5 But because of your stubbornness and **unrepentant <279 ametanoetos>** heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

- 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of* **repentance <3341 metanoia>**; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of* God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

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10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a **repentance <3340 metanoia>** without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

2 Corinthians 12:21 (Paul)

I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not **repented <3340 metanoee>** of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

2 Timothy 2:25 (Paul)

with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them **repentance <3341 metanoia>** leading to the knowledge of the truth,

Hebrews 6:1, 6

1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance <3341 metanoia>** from dead works and of faith toward God,

6 and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Hebrews 12:17

For you know that even afterwards, when he (*Esau*) desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for **repentance <3341 metanoia>**, though he sought for it with tears.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to **repentance <3341 metanoia>**.

Revelation 2:5, 16, 21-22

5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and **repent <3340 metanoee>** and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you **repent <3340 metanoee>**.

16 'Therefore **repent <3340 metanoee>**; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

21 'I gave her time to **repent <3340 metanoee>**, and she does not want to **repent <3340 metanoee>** of her immorality.

22 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed of *sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they **repent <3340 metanoee>** of her deeds.

Revelation 3:3, 19

3 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and **repent <3340 metanoee>**. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and **repent**

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<3340 metanoeo>.

Revelation 9:20-21

- 20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not **repent <3340 metanoeo>** of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;
- 21 and they did not **repent <3340 metanoeo>** of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Revelation 16:9, 11

- 9 Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not **repent <3340 metanoeo>** so as to give Him glory.
- 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not **repent <3340 metanoeo>** of their deeds.

Remorse

3338 metamelomai metamellomai (met-am-el'-lom-ahee)

from [3326](#) and the middle voice of [3199](#); TDNT-4:626,589; v ; *to regret, repent*:— NAS-change his mind (1), feel remorse (1), felt remorse (1), regret (2), regretted (1).

AV-repent 5, repent (one's) self 1; 6

1) it is a care to one afterwards

1a) it repents one, to repent one's self

For Synonyms see entry [5862](#)

Scriptures

Matthew 21:29

"And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he **regretted <3338 metamellomai>** it and went.

Matthew 21:32

"For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even **feel remorse <3338 metamellomai>** afterward so as to believe him.

Matthew 27:3

Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he **felt remorse <3338 metamellomai>** and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

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2 Corinthians 7:8

For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not **regret <3338 metamellomai>** it; though I did **regret <3338 metamellomai>** it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

Hebrews 7:21

(for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT **CHANGE HIS MIND <3338 metamellomai>**, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'");

Appendix B: Definitions and Scriptures-OT

05162 נָחַם *nacham (naw-kham')*

a primitive root; TWOT-1344; v ; *to be sorry, console oneself*:—

AV-comfort 57, repent 41, comforter 9, ease 1; 108

05162. נָחַם nacham (636d); a prim. root;

NAS-am sorry (1), appeased (1), become a consolation (1), change mind (6), change minds (1), changed mind (4), comfort (30), comforted (18), comforter (2), comforters (4), comforts (2), console (3), console (1), consoling (1), give rest (1), have compassion (2), moved to pity (1), regret (1), regretted (1), relent (5), relented (4), relenting (3), relents (1), relieved (1), repent (3), repented (2), sorry (6), think better (1), when the time of mourning was ended (2).

1) to be sorry, console oneself, repent, regret, comfort, be comforted

1a) (Niphal)

1a1) to be sorry, be moved to pity, have compassion

1a2) to be sorry, rue, suffer grief, repent

1a3) to comfort oneself, be comforted

1a4) to comfort oneself, ease oneself

1b) (Piel) to comfort, console

1c) (Pual) to be comforted, be consoled

1d) (Hithpael)

1d1) to be sorry, have compassion

1d2) to rue, repent of

1d3) to comfort oneself, be comforted

1d4) to ease oneself

Scriptures

Genesis 5:29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will **give us rest <051623 nacham>** from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

Genesis 6:6 The LORD was **sorry <051623 nacham>** that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

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Genesis 6:7 The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for **I am sorry <051623 nacham>** that I have made them."

Genesis 24:67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; thus Isaac was **comforted <051623 nacham>** after his mother's death.

Genesis 27:42 Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, "Behold your brother Esau is **consoling <051623 nacham>** himself concerning you *by planning* to kill you.

Genesis 37:35 Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to **comfort <051623 nacham>** him, but he refused to be **comforted <051623 nacham>**. And he said, "Surely I will go down to Sheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

Genesis 38:12 Now after a considerable time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when the **time of mourning was ended <051623 nacham>**, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

Genesis 50:21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he **comforted <051623 nacham>** them and spoke kindly to them.

Exodus 13:17 Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "The people might **change their minds <051623 nacham>** when they see war, and return to Egypt."

Exodus 32:12 "Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'With evil *intent* He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your burning anger and **change Your mind <051623 nacham>** about *doing* harm to Your people.

Exodus 32:14 So the LORD **changed His mind <051623 nacham>** about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should **repent <051623 nacham>**; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Deuteronomy 32:36 "For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will **have compassion <051623 nacham>** on His servants, When He sees that *their* strength is gone, And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.

Judges 2:18 When the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was **moved to pity <051623 nacham>** by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.

Judges 21:6 And the sons of Israel were **sorry <051623 nacham>** for their brother Benjamin and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel today.

Judges 21:15 And the people were **sorry <051623 nacham>** for Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

Ruth 2:13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have **comforted <051623 nacham>** me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

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- 1 Samuel 15:11 "I **regret <051623 nacham>** that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the LORD all night.
- 1 Samuel 15:29 "Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or **change His mind <051623 nacham>**; for He is not a man that He should **change His mind <051623 nacham>**."
- 1 Samuel 15:35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD **regretted <051623 nacham>** that He had made Saul king over Israel.
- 2 Samuel 10:2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent some of his servants to **console <051623 nacham>** him concerning his father. But when David's servants came to the land of the Ammonites,
- 2 Samuel 10:3 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David is honoring your father because he has sent **consolers <051623 nacham>** to you? Has David not sent his servants to you in order to search the city, to spy it out and overthrow it?"
- 2 Samuel 12:24 Then David **comforted <051623 nacham>** his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him
- 2 Samuel 13:39 *The heart of King David* longed to go out to Absalom; for he was **comforted <051623 nacham>** concerning Amnon, since he was dead.
- 2 Samuel 24:16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD **relented <051623 nacham>** from the calamity and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough! Now relax your hand!" And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
- 1 Chronicles 7:22 Their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his relatives came to **comfort <051623 nacham>** him.
- 1 Chronicles 19:2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to **console <051623 nacham>** him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon to Hanun to **console <051623 nacham>** him.
- 1 Chronicles 19:3 But the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David is honoring your father, in that he has sent **comforters <051623 nacham>** to you? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"
- 1 Chronicles 21:15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but as he was about to destroy *it*, the LORD saw and was **sorry <051623 nacham>** over the calamity, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now relax your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and **comfort <051623 nacham>** him.
- Job 7:13 "If I say, 'My bed will **comfort <051623 nacham>** me, My couch will ease my complaint,'

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Job 16:2 "I have heard many such things; Sorry **comforters <051623 nacham>** are you all.

Job 21:34 "How then will you vainly **comfort <051623 nacham>** me, For your answers remain *full of falsehood?*"

Job 29:25 "I chose a way for them and sat as chief, And dwelt as a king among the troops, As one who **comforted <051623 nacham>** the mourners.

Job 42:6 Therefore I retract, And I **repent <051623 nacham>** in dust and ashes."

Job 42:11 Then all his brothers and all his sisters and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and **comforted <051623 nacham>** him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold.

Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they **comfort <051623 nacham>** me.

Psalms 69:20 Reproach has broken my heart and I am so sick. And I looked for sympathy, but there was none, And for **comforters <051623 nacham>**, but I found none.

Psalms 71:21 May You increase my greatness And turn *to* **comfort <051623 nacham>** me.

Psalms 77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; In the night my hand was stretched out without weariness; My soul refused to be **comforted <051623 nacham>**.

Psalms 86:17 Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed, Because You, O LORD, have helped me and **comforted <051623 nacham>** me.

Psalms 90:13 Do return, O LORD; how long *will it be?* And be **sorry <051623 nacham>** for Your servants.

Psalms 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And **relented <051623 nacham>** according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.

Psalms 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not **change His mind <051623 nacham>**, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Psalms 119:52 I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O LORD, And **comfort <051623 nacham>** myself.

Psalms 119:76 O may Your lovingkindness **comfort <051623 nacham>** me, According to Your word to Your servant.

Psalms 119:82 My eyes fail *with longing* for Your word, While I say, "When will You **comfort <051623 nacham>** me?"

Psalms 135:14 For the LORD will judge His people And will **have compassion <051623 nacham>** on His servants.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 Then I looked again at all the acts of oppression which were being done under the sun. And behold *I saw* the tears of the oppressed and *that* they had no one to **comfort <051623 nacham>** *them*; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to **comfort <051623 nacham>** *them*.

Isaiah 1:24 Therefore the Lord GOD of hosts, The Mighty One of Israel, declares, "Ah, I will be **relieved <051623 nacham>** of My adversaries And avenge Myself on My foes.

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Isaiah 12:1 Then you will say on that day, "I will give thanks to You, O LORD; For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, And You **comfort <051623 nacham>** me.

Isaiah 22:4 Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me, Let me weep bitterly, Do not try to **comfort <051623 nacham>** me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."

Isaiah 40:1 "**Comfort <051623 nacham>**, O **comfort <051623 nacham>** My people," says your God.

Isaiah 49:13 Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has **comforted <051623 nacham>** His people And will have compassion on His afflicted.

Isaiah 51:3 Indeed, the LORD will **comfort <051623 nacham>** Zion; He will **comfort <051623 nacham>** all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

Isaiah 51:12 "I, even I, am He who **comforts <051623 nacham>** you. Who are you that you are afraid of man who dies And of the son of man who is made like grass,

Isaiah 51:19 These two things have befallen you; Who will mourn for you? The devastation and destruction, famine and sword; How shall I **comfort <051623 nacham>** you?

Isaiah 52:9 Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has **comforted <051623 nacham>** His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

Isaiah 54:11 "O afflicted one, storm-tossed, *and* not comforted <051623 nacham>, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, And your foundations I will lay in sapphires.

Isaiah 57:6 "Among the smooth *stones* of the ravine Is your portion, they are your lot; Even to them you have poured out a drink offering, You have made a grain offering. Shall I **relent <051623 nacham>** concerning these things?

Isaiah 61:2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To **comfort <051623 nacham>** all who mourn,

Isaiah 66:13 "As one whom his mother **comforts <051623 nacham>**, so I will **comfort <051623 nacham>** you; And you will be **comforted <051623 nacham>** in Jerusalem."

Jeremiah 4:28 "For this the earth shall mourn And the heavens above be dark, Because I have spoken, I have purposed, And I will not **change My mind <051623 nacham>**, nor will I turn from it."

Jeremiah 8:6 "I have listened and heard, They have spoken what is not right; No man **repented <051623 nacham>** of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?' Everyone turned to his course, Like a horse charging into the battle.

Jeremiah 15:6 "You who have forsaken Me," declares the LORD, "You keep going backward. So I will stretch out My hand against you and destroy you; I am tired of **relenting <051623 nacham>!**

Jeremiah 16:7 "Men will not break *bread* in mourning for them, to **comfort <051623 nacham>** anyone for the dead, nor give them a cup of consolation to drink for anyone's father or mother.

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Jeremiah 18:8 if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will **relent <051623 nacham>** concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

Jeremiah 18:10 if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I **will think better <051623 nacham>** of the good with which I had promised to bless it.

Jeremiah 20:16 But let that man be like the cities Which the LORD overthrew without **relenting <051623 nacham>**, And let him hear an outcry in the morning And a shout of alarm at noon;

Jeremiah 26:3 'Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may **repent <051623 nacham>** of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.'

Jeremiah 26:13 "Now therefore amend your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will **change His mind <051623 nacham>** about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.

Jeremiah 26:19 "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD **changed His mind <051623 nacham>** about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are committing a great evil against ourselves."

Jeremiah 31:13 "Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together, For I will turn their mourning into joy And will **comfort <051623 nacham>** them and give them joy for their sorrow.

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus says the LORD, "A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation *and* bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be **comforted <051623 nacham>** for her children, Because they are no more."

Jeremiah 31:19 'For after I turned back, I **repented <051623 nacham>**; And after I was instructed, I smote on *my* thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

Jeremiah 42:10 'If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I will **relent <051623 nacham>** concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you.

Lamentations 1:2 She weeps bitterly in the night And her tears are on her cheeks; She has none to **comfort <051623 nacham>** her Among all her lovers. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.

Lamentations 1:9 Her uncleanness was in her skirts; She did not consider her future. Therefore she has fallen astonishingly; She has no **comforter <051623 nacham>**. "See, O LORD, my affliction, For the enemy has magnified himself!"

Lamentations 1:16 "For these things I weep; My eyes run down with water; Because far from me is a **comforter <051623 nacham>**, One who restores my soul. My children are desolate Because the enemy has prevailed."

Lamentations 1:17 Zion stretches out her hands; There is no one to **comfort <051623 nacham>** her; The LORD has commanded concerning Jacob That the ones round about him should be his adversaries; Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.

Lamentations 1:21 "They have heard that I groan; There is no one to **comfort <051623 nacham>** me; All my enemies have heard of my calamity; They are glad that You have done *it*. Oh, that You would bring the day which You have proclaimed, That they may become like me.

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Lamentations 2:13 How shall I admonish you? To what shall I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? To what shall I liken you as I **comfort <051623 nacham>** you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin is as vast as the sea; Who can heal you?

Ezekiel 5:13 'Thus My anger will be spent and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will be **appeased <051623 nacham>**; then they will know that I, the LORD, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.

Ezekiel 14:22 "Yet, behold, survivors will be left in it who will be brought out, *both* sons and daughters. Behold, they are going to come forth to you and you will see their conduct and actions; then you will be **comforted <051623 nacham>** for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

Ezekiel 14:23 "Then they will **comfort <051623 nacham>** you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it," declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 16:54 in order that you may bear your humiliation and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you **become a consolation <051623 nacham>** to them.

Ezekiel 24:14 "I, the LORD, have spoken; it is coming and I will act. I will not relent, and I will not pity and I will not be **sorry <051623 nacham>**; according to your ways and according to your deeds I will judge you," declares the Lord GOD."

Ezekiel 31:16 "I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall when I made it go down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit; and all the well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, were **comforted <051623 nacham>** in the earth beneath.

Ezekiel 32:31 "These Pharaoh will see, and he will be **comforted <051623 nacham>** for all his hordes slain by the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his army," declares the Lord GOD.

Joel 2:13 And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And **relenting <051623 nacham>** of evil.

Joel 2:14 Who knows whether He will *not* turn and **relent <051623 nacham>** And leave a blessing behind Him, *Even* a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?

Amos 7:3 The LORD **changed His mind <051623 nacham>** about this. "It shall not be," said the LORD.

Amos 7:6 The LORD **changed His mind <051623 nacham>** about this. "This too shall not be," said the Lord GOD.

Jonah 3:9 "Who knows, God may turn and **relent <051623 nacham>** and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish."

Jonah 3:10 When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God **relented <051623 nacham>** concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.

Jonah 4:2 He prayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who **relents <051623 nacham>** concerning calamity.

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Nahum 3:7 "And it will come about that all who see you Will shrink from you and say, 'Nineveh is devastated! Who will grieve for her?' Where will I seek **comforters <051623 nacham>** for you?"

Zechariah 1:17 "Again, proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again **comfort <051623 nacham>** Zion and again choose Jerusalem.'"

Zechariah 8:14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Just as I purposed to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I have not **relented <051623 nacham>**,

Zechariah 10:2 For the teraphim speak iniquity, And the diviners see lying visions And tell false dreams; They **comfort <051623 nacham>** in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep, They are afflicted,

07725 שׁוּב *shuwb (shoob)*

a primitive root; TWOT-2340; v ; *to turn back, return*:—

NAS-again (53), answer (4), answer* (5), answered (5), averted (1), back (7), back again (2), bring (1), bring her back (1), bring him back (2), bring it back (1), bring me back (2), bring the back (1), bring them again (1), bring them back (14), bring you back (5), bring back (14), bring presents (1), bring...back (4), bringing (1), bringing the back (1), brought (2), brought him again (2), brought him back (3), brought it back (3), brought me back (4), brought the again (1), brought them back (2), brought us back (1), brought again (1), brought back (17), brought...back (1), call (1), came again (1), came back (1), cause (1), certainly bring (1), certainly bring them back (1), come back (10), converted (1), deluded (1), desist (2), draw and turning (1), draw it back (1), drawn (1), drew back (1), drives (1), ever go back (1), fro (1), forth (1), gave...return (1), get (1), get it back (1), give (2), give a answer (1), give it back (1), give them back (1), give back (2), gives (2), go (1), go on back (1), go back (10), go* (1), going back (1), gone back (1), indeed (1), indeed bring (1), indeed bring me back (1), indeed return (2), indeed turn away (1), keeps (2), make them return (1), make restitution (1), paid (2), pass your again (1), pass away (1), pay (1), pays us back in full (2), punishing (1), put (3), put his back (1), put the back (1), put back (1), rebuilt* (2), recall (2), recalls* (1), receded (1), recompense (1), recompense* (1), recompensed (4), recovered (4), refreshes (1), refund (3), refuse (4), refute (1), regain (1), remade* (1), render (8), repaid (1), repay (5), repeatedly (2), repeats (1), repel (1), repent (6), repent and turn away (2), repentant (1), repented (1), replace (1), reply (6), reply* (1), reported (1), reported* (1), repulse* (2), rescue (1), respond (1), restitution may be made (1), restitution which is made (1), restore (58), restored (17), restorer (2), restores (7), restoring (1), restrain (2), restrained (2), retire (1), retreat (1), return (261), return and take back (1), return* (1), returned (151), returned* (1), returning (2), returns (9), reverse (1), revived (1), revoke (10), revoked (1), sent back (1), set (1), spent (1), still (3), subsides (2), surely return (4), take (4), take it back (1), take me back (1), take my back (2), take your back (1), take back (2), there (1), took back (2), turn (49), turn and and withdraw (1), turn her away (1), turn his away (1), turn it back (1), turn me into again (1), turn them back (1), turn to you again (1), turn you about (1), turn you around (1), turn you back (2), turn your away (1), turn again (1), turn aside (1), turn away (24), turn away and not repent (1), turn back

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(20), turn...back (1), turned (16), turned them back (1), turned around (1), turned away (9), turned back (16), turned...back (1), turning (2), turning away (1), turns (7), turns again (1), turns away (5), unleash (1), went back (5), went* (1), withdraw (4), withdrew (1).

שובאל Shubael; see 07619.

AV-return 391, ...again 248, turn 123, ...back 65, ...away 56, restore 39, bring 34, render 19, answer 18, recompense 8, recover 6, deliver 5, put 5, withdraw 5, requite 4, misc 40; 1066

1) to return, turn back

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to turn back, return

1a1a) to turn back

1a1b) to return, come or go back

1a1c) to return unto, go back, come back

1a1d) of dying

1a1e) of human relations (fig)

1a1f) of spiritual relations (fig)

1a1f1) to turn back (from God), apostatise

1a1f2) to turn away (of God)

1a1f3) to turn back (to God), repent

1a1f4) turn back (from evil)

1a1g) of inanimate things

1a1h) in repetition

1b) (Polel)

1b1) to bring back

1b2) to restore, refresh, repair (fig)

1b3) to lead away (enticingly)

1b4) to show turning, apostatise

1c) (Pual) restored (participle)

1d) (Hiphil) to cause to return, bring back

1d1) to bring back, allow to return, put back, draw back, give back, restore, relinquish, give in payment

1d2) to bring back, refresh, restore

1d3) to bring back, report to, answer

1d4) to bring back, make requital, pay (as recompense)

1d5) to turn back or backward, repel, defeat, repulse, hinder, reject, refuse

1d6) to turn away (face), turn toward

1d7) to turn against

1d8) to bring back to mind

1d9) to show a turning away 1d10) to reverse, revoke

1e) (Hophal) to be returned, be restored, be brought back

1f) (Pulal) brought back

Scriptures

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NOTE: There are over 1,000 verses using this Hebrew term. Therefore, about 40% of the Scriptures will be selected to illustrate the context of this Hebrew verb.

Genesis 3:19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till **you return <07725 shuwb>** to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall **return <07725 shuwb>**."

Genesis 8:3 and the water **receded <07725 shuwb>** steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

Genesis 8:9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she **returned <07725 shuwb>** to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

Genesis 14:7 Then they **turned back <07725 shuwb>** and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and conquered all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in Hazazon-tamar.

Genesis 14:16 He **brought back <07725 shuwb>** all the goods, and also **brought back <07725 shuwb>** his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

Genesis 14:17 Then after his **return <07725 shuwb>** from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Genesis 16:9 Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority."

Genesis 18:10 He said, "I will **surely return <07725 shuwb>** to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.

Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will **return <07725 shuwb>** to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Genesis 20:14 Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and **restored <07725 shuwb>** his wife Sarah to him.

Genesis 24:5 The servant said to him, "Suppose the woman is not willing to follow me to this land; should I **take your son back <07725 shuwb>** to the land from where you came?"

Genesis 24:6 Then Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do **not take my son back <07725 shuwb>** there!

Genesis 24:8 "But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; only do not **take my son back <07725 shuwb>** there."

Genesis 28:15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will **bring you back <07725 shuwb>** to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Genesis 28:21 and I **return <07725 shuwb>** to my father's house in safety, then the LORD will be my God.

Genesis 31:3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

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Genesis 31:13 'I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, leave this land, and **return <07725 shuwb>** to the land of your birth.'

Genesis 40:21 He **restored <07725 shuwb>** the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand;

Genesis 41:13 "And just as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he **restored <07725 shuwb>** me in my office, but he hanged him."

Genesis 42:25 Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to **restore <07725 shuwb>** every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus it was done for them.

Genesis 42:28 Then he said to his brothers, "My money has been **returned <07725 shuwb>**, and behold, it is even in my sack." And their hearts sank, and they *turned* trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

Exodus 13:17 Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war, and **return <07725 shuwb>** to Egypt."

Exodus 14:26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may **come back <07725 shuwb>** over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."

Exodus 14:27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea **returned <07725 shuwb>** to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

Exodus 14:28 The waters **returned <07725 shuwb>** and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.

Exodus 19:8 All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses **brought back <07725 shuwb>** the words of the people to the LORD.

Exodus 32:27 He said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Every man of *you* put his sword upon his thigh, and **go back <07725 shuwb>** and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.'"

Exodus 34:35 the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would **replace <07725 shuwb>** the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

Leviticus 6:4 then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall **restore <07725 shuwb>** what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found,

Leviticus 22:13 'But if a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and **returns <07725 shuwb>** to her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's food; but no layman shall eat of it.

Leviticus 25:10 'You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall **return <07725 shuwb>** to his own property, and each of you shall **return <07725 shuwb>** to his family.

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Leviticus 25:13 'On this year of jubilee each of you shall **return <07725 shuwb>** to his own property.

Leviticus 25:27 then he shall calculate the years since its sale and **refund <07725 shuwb>** the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and so **return <07725 shuwb>** to his property.

Leviticus 25:28 'But if he has not found sufficient means to **get it back <07725 shuwb>** for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hands of its purchaser until the year of jubilee; but at the jubilee it shall revert, that he may **return <07725 shuwb>** to his property.

Leviticus 25:41 'He shall then go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall **go back <07725 shuwb>** to his family, that he may **return <07725 shuwb>** to the property of his forefathers.

Leviticus 25:51 'If there are still many years, he shall **refund <07725 shuwb>** part of his purchase price in proportion to them for his own redemption;

Leviticus 25:52 and if few years remain until the year of jubilee, he shall so calculate with him. In proportion to his years he is to **refund <07725 shuwb>** the amount for his redemption.

Leviticus 26:26 'When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will **bring back <07725 shuwb>** your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.

Leviticus 27:24 'In the year of jubilee the field shall **return <07725 shuwb>** to the one from whom he bought it, to whom the possession of the land belongs.

Numbers 5:7 then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall **make restitution <07725 shuwb>** in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give *it* to him whom he has wronged.

Numbers 5:8 'But if the man has no relative to whom **restitution may be made <07725 shuwb>** for the wrong, the **restitution which is made <07725 shuwb>** for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement is made for him.

Numbers 8:25 "But at the age of fifty years they shall **retire <07725 shuwb>** from service in the work and not work any more.

Numbers 17:10 But the LORD said to Moses, "**Put back <07725 shuwb>** the rod of Aaron before the testimony to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put an end to their grumblings against Me, so that they will not die."

Numbers 18:9 "This shall be yours from the most holy *gifts reserved* from the fire; every offering of theirs, even every grain offering and every sin offering and every guilt offering, which they shall **render <07725 shuwb>** to Me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons.

Numbers 22:34 Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the way against me. Now then, if it is displeasing to you, I will **turn back <07725 shuwb>**."

Numbers 23:5 Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** to Balak, and you shall speak thus."

Numbers 23:6 So he **returned <07725 shuwb>** to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

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- Numbers 23:16 Then the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** to Balak, and thus you shall speak."
- Numbers 23:20 "Behold, I have received a *command* to bless; When He has blessed, then I cannot **revoke <07725 shuwb>** it.
- Numbers 24:25 Then Balaam arose and departed and **returned <07725 shuwb>** to his place, and Balak also went his way.
- Numbers 25:4 The LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the LORD, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from Israel."
- Numbers 25:11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has **turned away <07725 shuwb>** My wrath from the sons of Israel in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.
- Numbers 32:15 "For if you **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from following Him, He will once more abandon them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people."
- Numbers 32:18 "We will not **return <07725 shuwb>** to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.
- Numbers 32:22 and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you shall **return <07725 shuwb>** and be free of obligation toward the LORD and toward Israel, and this land shall be yours for a possession before the LORD.
- Numbers 35:25 'The congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall **restore <07725 shuwb>** him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.
- Numbers 35:28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall **return <07725 shuwb>** to the land of his possession.
- Numbers 35:32 'You shall not take ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may **return <07725 shuwb>** to live in the land before the death of the priest.
- Deuteronomy 3:20 until the LORD gives rest to your fellow countrymen as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God will give them beyond the Jordan. Then you may **return <07725 shuwb>** every man to his possession which I have given you.'
- Deuteronomy 4:30 "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.
- Deuteronomy 4:39 "Know therefore today, and **take <07725 shuwb>** it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.
- Deuteronomy 13:17 "Nothing from that which is put under the ban shall cling to your hand, in order that the LORD may **turn <07725 shuwb>** from His burning anger and show mercy to you, and have compassion on you and make you increase, just as He has sworn to your fathers,
- Deuteronomy 20:7 'And who is the man that is engaged to a woman and has not married her? Let him depart and **return <07725 shuwb>** to his house, otherwise he might die in the battle and another man would marry her.'

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Deuteronomy 23:14 "Since the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you or He will **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from you.

Deuteronomy 24:4 *then* her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her **again <07725 shuwb>** to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 28:60 "He will **bring back <07725 shuwb>** on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you.

Deuteronomy 28:68 "The LORD will **bring you back <07725 shuwb>** to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

Deuteronomy 30:2 and you **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

Deuteronomy 30:3 *then* the LORD your God will **restore <07725 shuwb>** you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you **again <07725 shuwb>** from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

Deuteronomy 30:8 "And you shall **again <07725 shuwb>** obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

Deuteronomy 30:9 "Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will **again <07725 shuwb>** rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

Deuteronomy 30:10 if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you **turn <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 32:41 If I sharpen My flashing sword, And My hand takes hold on justice, I will **render <07725 shuwb>** vengeance on My adversaries, And I will repay those who hate Me.

Deuteronomy 32:43 "Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And will **render <07725 shuwb>** vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land *and* His people."

Joshua 22:16 "Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this unfaithful act which you have committed against the God of Israel, **turning away <07725 shuwb>** from following the LORD this day, by building yourselves an altar, to rebel against the LORD this day?

Joshua 22:18 that you must **turn away <07725 shuwb>** this day from following the LORD? If you rebel against the LORD today, He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel tomorrow.

Joshua 23:12 "For if you **ever go back <07725 shuwb>** and cling to the rest of these nations, these which remain among you, and intermarry with them, so that you associate with them and they with you,

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- Joshua 24:20 "If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will **turn <07725 shuwb>** and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you."
- Judges 2:19 But it came about when the judge died, that they would **turn back <07725 shuwb>** and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways.
- Judges 3:19 But he himself **turned back <07725 shuwb>** from the idols which were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he said, "Keep silence." And all who attended him left him.
- Judges 8:33 Then it came about, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the sons of Israel **again <07725 shuwb>** played the harlot with the Baals, and made Baal-berith their god.
- Judges 9:56 Thus God **repaid <07725 shuwb>** the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father in killing his seventy brothers.
- Judges 9:57 Also God **returned <07725 shuwb>** all the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came upon them.
- Judges 11:39 At the end of two months she **returned <07725 shuwb>** to her father, who did to her according to the vow which he had made; and she had no relations with a man. Thus it became a custom in Israel,
- Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you *or* **turn back <07725 shuwb>** from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.
- 1 Samuel 5:3 When the Ashdodites arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and **set <07725 shuwb>** him in his place **again <07725 shuwb>**.
- 1 Samuel 5:11 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it **return <07725 shuwb>** to its own place, so that it will not kill us and our people." For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.
- 1 Samuel 6:21 So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have **brought back <07725 shuwb>** the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up to you."
- 1 Samuel 7:3** Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the LORD and serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."
- 1 Samuel 15:11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has **turned back <07725 shuwb>** from following Me and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the LORD all night.
- 1 Samuel 15:25 "Now therefore, please pardon my sin and **return <07725 shuwb>** with me, that I may worship the LORD."
- 1 Samuel 15:26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not **return <07725 shuwb>** with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

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- 1 Samuel 15:30 Then he said, "I have sinned; *but* please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and **go back <07725 shuwb>** with me, that I may worship the LORD your God."
- 1 Samuel 15:31 So Samuel **went back <07725 shuwb>** following Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.
- 1 Samuel 26:23 "The LORD will **repay <07725 shuwb>** each man *for* his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into *my* hand today, but I refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed.
- 2 Samuel 15:25 The king said to Zadok, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then He will **bring me back <07725 shuwb>** again and show me both it and His habitation.
- 2 Samuel 15:29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar **returned <07725 shuwb>** the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there.
- 2 Samuel 22:21 "The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has **recompensed <07725 shuwb>** me.
- 2 Samuel 22:25 "Therefore the LORD has **recompensed <07725 shuwb>** me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness before His eyes.
- 2 Samuel 23:10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people **returned <07725 shuwb>** after him only to strip *the slain*.
- 1 Kings 8:47 if they **take <07725 shuwb>** thought in the land where they have been taken captive, and **repent <07725 shuwb>** and make supplication to You in the land of those who have taken them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and have committed iniquity, we have acted wickedly';
- 1 Kings 8:48 if they **return <07725 shuwb>** to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and pray to You toward their land which You have given to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name;
- 1 Kings 9:6 "But if you or your sons **indeed turn away <07725 shuwb>** from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,
- 1 Kings 12:27 "If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will **return <07725 shuwb>** to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and **return <07725 shuwb>** to Rehoboam king of Judah."
- 1 Kings 22:17 So he said, "I saw all Israel Scattered on the mountains, Like sheep which have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each of them **return <07725 shuwb>** to his house in peace.'"
- 2 Kings 17:13 Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets *and* every seer, saying, "**Turn <07725 shuwb>** from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets."
- 2 Kings 19:28 'Because of your raging against Me, And because your arrogance has come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose, And My bridle in your lips, And I will **turn you back <07725 shuwb>** by the way which you came.

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- 2 Kings 23:25 Before him there was no king like him who **turned <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.
- 2 Kings 23:26 However, the LORD did not **turn <07725 shuwb>** from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.
- 2 Chronicles 6:24 "If Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and they **return <07725 shuwb>** to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this house,
- 2 Chronicles 6:25 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and **bring them back <07725 shuwb>** to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers.
- 2 Chronicles 6:26 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, and they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and **turn <07725 shuwb>** from their sin when You afflict them;
- 2 Chronicles 6:37 if they **take <07725 shuwb>** thought in the land where they are taken captive, and **repent <07725 shuwb>** and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have committed iniquity and have acted wickedly';
- 2 Chronicles 6:38 if they **return <07725 shuwb>** to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which You have given to their fathers and the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name,
- 2 Chronicles 6:42 "O LORD God, do not **turn away <07725 shuwb>** the face of Your anointed; remember *Your* lovingkindness to Your servant David."
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and **turn <07725 shuwb>** from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
- 2 Chronicles 7:19 "But if you **turn away <07725 shuwb>** and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,
- 2 Chronicles 12:12 And when he humbled himself, the anger of the LORD **turned away <07725 shuwb>** from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and also conditions were good in Judah.
- 2 Chronicles 15:4 "But in their distress they **turned <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.
- 2 Chronicles 19:4 So Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem and went out **again <07725 shuwb>** among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and **brought them back <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD, the God of their fathers.
- 2 Chronicles 20:27 Every man of Judah and Jerusalem **returned <07725 shuwb>** with Jehoshaphat at their head, **returning <07725 shuwb>** to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.
- 2 Chronicles 29:10 "Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His burning anger may **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from us.

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- 2 Chronicles 30:8 "Now do not stiffen your neck like your fathers, but yield to the LORD and enter His sanctuary which He has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that His burning anger may **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from you.
- 2 Chronicles 30:9 "For if you **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD, your brothers and your sons *will find* compassion before those who led them captive and will **return <07725 shuwb>** to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn *His* face away from you if you **return <07725 shuwb>** to Him."
- 2 Chronicles 32:25 But Hezekiah **gave no return <07725 shuwb>** for the benefit he received, because his heart was proud; therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 Chronicles 34:16 Then Shaphan brought the book to the king and **reported <07725 shuwb>** further word to the king, saying, "Everything that was entrusted to your servants they are doing.
- Ezra 9:14 shall we **again <07725 shuwb>** break Your commandments and intermarry with the peoples who commit these abominations? Would You not be angry with us to the point of destruction, until there is no remnant nor any who escape?
- Ezra 10:14 "Let our leaders represent the whole assembly and let all those in our cities who have married foreign wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of each city, until the fierce anger of our God on account of this matter is **turned away <07725 shuwb>** from us."
- Nehemiah 1:9 but *if* you **return <07725 shuwb>** to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.'
- Nehemiah 9:28 "But as soon as they had rest, they did evil **again <07725 shuwb>** before You; Therefore You abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them. When they cried **again <07725 shuwb>** to You, You heard from heaven, And many times You rescued them according to Your compassion,
- Nehemiah 9:29 And admonished them in order to **turn them back <07725 shuwb>** to Your law. Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to Your commandments but sinned against Your ordinances, By which if a man observes them he shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.
- Nehemiah 9:35 "But they, in their own kingdom, With Your great goodness which You gave them, With the broad and rich land which You set before them, Did not serve You or **turn <07725 shuwb>** from their evil deeds.
- Job 22:23 "If you **return <07725 shuwb>** to the Almighty, you will be restored; If you remove unrighteousness far from your tent,
- Job 34:15 All flesh would perish together, And man would **return <07725 shuwb>** to dust.
- Job 36:10 "He opens their ear to instruction, And commands that they **return <07725 shuwb>** from evil.
- Psalms 6:4 **Return <07725 shuwb>**, O LORD, rescue my soul; Save me because of Your lovingkindness.
- Psalms 7:12 If a man does not **repent <07725 shuwb>**, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready.

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Psalms 14:7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD **restores <07725 shuwb>** His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

Psalms 22:27 All the ends of the earth will remember and **turn <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You.

Psalms 23:3 He **restores <07725 shuwb>** my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Psalms 44:10 You cause us to **turn <07725 shuwb>** back from the adversary; And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

Psalms 51:13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be **converted <07725 shuwb>** to You.

Psalms 53:6 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God **restores <07725 shuwb>** His captive people, Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Psalms 54:5 He will **recompense <07725 shuwb>** the evil to my foes; Destroy them in Your faithfulness.

Psalms 68:22 The Lord said, "I will **bring them back <07725 shuwb>** from Bashan. I will **bring them back <07725 shuwb>** from the depths of the sea;

Psalms 69:4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; Those who would destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies; What I did not steal, I then have to **restore <07725 shuwb>**.

Psalms 71:20 You who have shown me many troubles and distresses Will revive me **again <07725 shuwb>**, And will bring me up **again <07725 shuwb>** from the depths of the earth.

Psalms 78:34 When He killed them, then they sought Him, And **returned <07725 shuwb>** and searched diligently for God;

Psalms 78:38 But He, being compassionate, forgave *their* iniquity and did not destroy *them*; And often He **restrained <07725 shuwb>** His anger And did not arouse all His wrath.

Psalms 80:3 O God, **restore <07725 shuwb>** us And cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved.

Psalms 80:7 O God of hosts, **restore <07725 shuwb>** us And cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved.

Psalms 80:19 O LORD God of hosts, **restore <07725 shuwb>** us; Cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved.

Psalms 85:3 You withdrew all Your fury; You **turned away <07725 shuwb>** from Your burning anger.

Psalms 85:4 **Restore <07725 shuwb>** us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

Psalms 85:8 I will hear what God the LORD will say; For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; But let them **not turn back <07725 shuwb>** to folly.

Psalms 90:3 You **turn man back <07725 shuwb>** into dust And say, "**Return <07725 shuwb>**, O children of men."

Psalms 116:12 What shall I **render <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?

Psalms 119:59 I considered my ways And **turned <07725 shuwb>** my feet to Your testimonies.

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- Psalms 119:79 May those who fear You **turn <07725 shuwb>** to me, Even those who know Your testimonies.
- Psalms 146:4 His spirit departs, he **returns <07725 shuwb>** to the earth; In that very day his thoughts perish.
- Proverbs 1:23 "**Turn <07725 shuwb>** to my reproof, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.
- Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer **turns away <07725 shuwb>** wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- Proverbs 17:13 He who **returns <07725 shuwb>** evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house.
- Proverbs 20:26 A wise king winnows the wicked, And **drives <07725 shuwb>** the *threshing* wheel over them.
- Proverbs 22:21 To make you know the certainty of the words of truth That you may correctly **answer <07725 shuwb>** him who sent you?
- Proverbs 24:12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider *it* who weighs the hearts? And does He not know *it* who keeps your soul? And will He not **render <07725 shuwb>** to man according to his work?
- Proverbs 24:18 Or the LORD will see *it* and be displeased, And **turn <07725 shuwb>** His anger **away <07725 shuwb>** from him.
- Ecclesiastes 3:20 All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all **return <07725 shuwb>** to the dust.
- Ecclesiastes 9:11 I **again <07725 shuwb>** saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise nor wealth to the discerning nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all.
- Ecclesiastes 12:7 then the dust will **return <07725 shuwb>** to the earth as it was, and the spirit will **return <07725 shuwb>** to God who gave it.
- Isaiah 5:25 On this account the anger of the LORD has burned against His people, And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down. And the mountains quaked, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this His anger is not **spent <07725 shuwb>**, But His hand is still stretched out.
- Isaiah 6:10 "Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, Otherwise they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And **return <07725 shuwb>** and be healed."
- Isaiah 10:21 A remnant will **return <07725 shuwb>**, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.
- Isaiah 10:22 For though your people, O Israel, may be like the sand of the sea, *Only* a remnant within them will **return <07725 shuwb>**; A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.
- Isaiah 14:27 "For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate *it*? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can **turn it back <07725 shuwb>**?"
- Isaiah 31:6 **Return <07725 shuwb>** to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel.
- Isaiah 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD will **return <07725 shuwb>** And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

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Isaiah 37:29 "Because of your raging against Me And because your arrogance has come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will **turn you back <07725 shuwb>** by the way which you came.

Isaiah 37:34 'By the way that he came, by the same he will **return <07725 shuwb>**, and he will not come to this city,' declares the LORD.

Isaiah 43:13 "Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can **reverse <07725 shuwb>** it?"

Isaiah 44:22 "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. **Return <07725 shuwb>** to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 45:23 "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not **turn back <07725 shuwb>**, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear *allegiance*.

Isaiah 49:5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To **bring <07725 shuwb>** Jacob **back <07725 shuwb>** to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength),

Isaiah 51:11 So the ransomed of the LORD will **return <07725 shuwb>** And come with joyful shouting to Zion, And everlasting joy *will be* on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 58:12 "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The **restorer <07725 shuwb>** of the streets in which to dwell.

Isaiah 58:13 "If because of the sabbath, you **turn <07725 shuwb>** your foot From doing your *own* pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy *day* of the LORD honorable, And honor it, desisting from your *own* ways, From seeking your *own* pleasure And speaking *your own* word,

Jeremiah 3:1 God says, "If a husband divorces his wife And she goes from him And belongs to another man, Will he still **return <07725 shuwb>** to her? Will not that land be completely polluted? But you are a harlot *with* many lovers; Yet **you turn <07725 shuwb>** to Me," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 3:7 "I thought, 'After she has done all these things she will **return <07725 shuwb>** to Me'; but she did not **return <07725 shuwb>**, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

Jeremiah 3:10 "Yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not **return <07725 shuwb>** to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 3:12 "Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, '**Return <07725 shuwb>**, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD; 'I will not look upon you in anger. For I am gracious,' declares the LORD; 'I will not be angry forever.

Jeremiah 3:14 '**Return <07725 shuwb>**, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD; 'For I am a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.'

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Jeremiah 3:22 **"Return <07725 shuwb>**, O faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to You; For You are the LORD our God.
Jeremiah 4:1 "If you will **return <07725 shuwb>**, O Israel," declares the LORD, "Then you should **return <07725 shuwb>** to Me. And if you will put away your detested things from My presence, And will not waver,
Jeremiah 4:8 "For this, put on sackcloth, Lament and wail; For the fierce anger of the LORD Has not **turned back <07725 shuwb>** from us."
Jeremiah 4:28 "For this the earth shall mourn And the heavens above be dark, Because I have spoken, I have purposed, And I will not change My mind, nor will I turn <07725 shuwb> from it."
Jeremiah 5:3 O LORD, do not Your eyes *look* for truth? You have smitten them, *But* they did not weaken; You have consumed them, *But* they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; They have refused to **repent <07725 shuwb>**.

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4 "You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do *men* fall and not get up again? Does one **turn away <07725 shuwb>** and not **repent <07725 shuwb>**?
5 "Why then has this people, Jerusalem, **Turned away <07725 shuwb>** in continual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to **return <07725 shuwb>**."

Jeremiah 11:10 "They have **turned back <07725 shuwb>** to the iniquities of their ancestors who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."

Jeremiah 15:7 "I will winnow them with a winnowing fork At the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of children, I will destroy My people; They did not **repent <07725 shuwb>** of their ways.

Jeremiah 15:19 Therefore, thus says the LORD, "If you **return <07725 shuwb>**, then I will **restore <07725 shuwb>** you— Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman. They for their part may **turn <07725 shuwb>** to you, *But* as for you, you must not **turn <07725 shuwb>** to them.

Jeremiah 18:8 if that nation against which I have spoken **turns <07725 shuwb>** from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

Jeremiah 23:3 "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and **bring them back <07725 shuwb>** to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.

Jeremiah 23:14 "Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: The committing of adultery and walking in falsehood; And they strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one has **turned back <07725 shuwb>** from his wickedness. All of them have become to Me like Sodom, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

Jeremiah 23:20 "The anger of the LORD will **not turn shuwb> back <07725 shuwb>** Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart; In the last days you will clearly understand it.

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Jeremiah 23:22 "But if they had stood in My council, Then they would have announced My words to My people, And would **have turned them back <07725 shuwb>** from their evil way And from the evil of their deeds.

Jeremiah 24:7 'I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will **return <07725 shuwb>** to Me with their whole heart.

Jeremiah 25:5 saying, '**Turn <07725 shuwb>** now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever;

Jeremiah 26:3 'Perhaps they will listen and everyone will **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.'

Jeremiah 27:16 *Then* I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, the vessels of the LORD'S house will now shortly be **brought again <07725 shuwb>** from Babylon'; for they are prophesying a lie to you.

Jeremiah 30:24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not **turn back <07725 shuwb>** Until He has performed and until He has accomplished The intent of His heart; In the latter days you will understand this.

Jeremiah 31:18 "I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; **Bring me back <07725 shuwb>** that I may be **restored <07725 shuwb>**, For You are the LORD my God.

Jeremiah 31:19 'For after I **turned back <07725 shuwb>**, I repented; And after I was instructed, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

Jeremiah 31:21 "Set up for yourself roadmarks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The way by which you went. **Return <07725 shuwb>**, O virgin of Israel, **Return <07725 shuwb>** to these your cities.

Jeremiah 32:37 "Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will **bring them back <07725 shuwb>** to this place and make them dwell in safety.

Jeremiah 32:40 "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.

Jeremiah 33:11 the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, For the LORD is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting"; *and of those* who bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will **restore <07725 shuwb>** the fortunes of the land as they were at first,' says the LORD.

Jeremiah 34:15 "Although recently you *had* **turned <07725 shuwb>** and done what is right in My sight, each man proclaiming release to his neighbor, and you had made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name.

Jeremiah 34:16 "Yet you **turned <07725 shuwb>** and profaned My name, and each man **took back <07725 shuwb>** his male servant and each man his female servant whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your male servants and female servants."

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Jeremiah 36:3 "Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his evil way; then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin."

Jeremiah 36:7 "Perhaps their supplication will come before the LORD, and everyone will **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his evil way, for great is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

Jeremiah 44:5 'But they did not listen or incline their ears to **turn <07725 shuwb>** from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods.

Jeremiah 46:27 "But as for you, O Jacob My servant, do not fear, Nor be dismayed, O Israel! For, see, I am going to save you from afar, And your descendants from the land of their captivity; And Jacob will **return <07725 shuwb>** and be undisturbed And secure, with no one making *him* tremble.

Jeremiah 48:47 "Yet I will **restore <07725 shuwb>** the fortunes of Moab In the latter days," declares the LORD. Thus far the judgment on Moab.

Jeremiah 49:39 'But it will come about in the last days That I **will restore <07725 shuwb>** the fortunes of Elam,'" Declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 50:6 "My people have become lost sheep; Their shepherds have led them astray. They have made them **turn aside <07725 shuwb>** on the mountains; They have gone along from mountain to hill And have forgotten their resting place.

Lamentations 1:16 "For these things I weep; My eyes run down with water; Because far from me is a comforter, One who **restores <07725 shuwb>** my soul. My children are desolate Because the enemy has prevailed."

Lamentations 1:19 "I called to my lovers, *but* they deceived me; My priests and my elders perished in the city While they sought food to **restore <07725 shuwb>** their strength themselves.

Lamentations 2:14 Your prophets have seen for you False and foolish *visions*; And they have not exposed your iniquity So as to **restore <07725 shuwb>** you from captivity, But they have seen for you false and misleading oracles.

Lamentations 5:21 **Restore <07725 shuwb>** us to You, O LORD, that we may be **restored <07725 shuwb>**; Renew our days as of old,

Ezekiel 3:19 "Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

Ezekiel 3:20 "Again, when a righteous man **turns away <07725 shuwb>** from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an obstacle before him, he will die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

Ezekiel 8:6 And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel are committing here, so that I would be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see **still <07725 shuwb>** greater abominations."

Ezekiel 8:13 And He said to me, "Yet you will see **still <07725 shuwb>** greater abominations which they are committing."

Ezekiel 8:15 He said to me, "Do you see *this*, son of man? Yet you will see **still <07725 shuwb>** greater abominations than these."

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- Ezekiel 8:17 He said to me, "Do you see *this*, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me **repeatedly <07725 shuwb>**? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose.
- Ezekiel 14:6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "**Repent <07725 shuwb>** and **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from your idols and **turn <07725 shuwb>** your faces **away <07725 shuwb>** from all your abominations.
- Ezekiel 18:21 "But if the wicked man **turns <07725 shuwb>** from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
- Ezekiel 18:23 "Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord GOD, "rather than that he should **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his ways and live?"
- Ezekiel 18:24** "But when a righteous man **turns away <07725 shuwb>** from his righteousness, commits iniquity and does according to all the abominations that a wicked man does, will he live? All his righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered for his treachery which he has committed and his sin which he has committed; for them he will die.
- Ezekiel 18:26 "When a righteous man **turns away <07725 shuwb>** from his righteousness, commits iniquity and dies because of it, for his iniquity which he has committed he will die.
- Ezekiel 18:27 "Again, when a wicked man **turns away <07725 shuwb>** from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life.
- Ezekiel 18:28 "Because he considered and **turned away <07725 shuwb>** from all his transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
- Ezekiel 18:30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord GOD. "**Repent <07725 shuwb>** and **turn away <07725 shuwb>** from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you.
- Ezekiel 18:32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, **repent <07725 shuwb>** and live."
- Ezekiel 21:5 "Thus all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its sheath. It will not **return <07725 shuwb>** to its sheath again."
- Ezekiel 33:9 "But if you on your part warn a wicked man to **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his way and he does not **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.
- Ezekiel 33:11 "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked **turn <07725 shuwb>** from his way and live. **Turn back <07725 shuwb>**, **turn back <07725 shuwb>** from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'
- Ezekiel 33:12 "And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, 'The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he **turns <07725 shuwb>** from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.'
- Ezekiel 33:14 "But when I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and he **turns <07725**

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- shuwb**> from his sin and practices justice and righteousness,
Ezekiel 33:15 [if a] wicked man **restores <07725 shuwb>** a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
- Ezekiel 33:19 "But when the wicked **turns <07725 shuwb>** from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.
- Ezekiel 34:16 "I will seek the lost, **bring back <07725 shuwb>** the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.
- Daniel 9:13 "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by **turning <07725 shuwb>** from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.
- Hosea 2:7** "She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them; And she will seek them, but will not find *them*. Then she will say, 'I will go **back <07725 shuwb>** to my first husband, For it was better for me then than now!'
- Hosea 4:9 And it will be, like people, like priest; So I will punish them for their ways And **repay <07725 shuwb>** them for their deeds.
- Hosea 5:4 Their deeds will not allow them To **return <07725 shuwb>** to their God. For a spirit of harlotry is within them, And they do not know the LORD.
- Hosea 5:15 I will go away *and* **return <07725 shuwb>** to My place Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.
- Hosea 6:1 "Come, let us **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD. For He has torn *us*, but He will heal us; He has wounded *us*, but He will bandage us.
- Hosea 7:16 They **turn <07725 shuwb>**, *but* not upward, They are like a deceitful bow; Their princes will fall by the sword Because of the insolence of their tongue. This *will be* their derision in the land of Egypt.
- Hosea 14:1 **Return <07725 shuwb>**, O Israel, to the LORD your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity.
- Hosea 14:2 Take words with you and **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity And receive *us* graciously, That we may present the fruit of our lips.
- Hosea 14:4 I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, For My anger has **turned away <07725 shuwb>** from them.
- Joel 2:13 And rend your heart and not your garments." Now **return <07725 shuwb>** to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And relenting of evil.
- Amos 2:6 Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not **revoke <07725 shuwb>** its *punishment*, Because they sell the righteous for money And the needy for a pair of sandals.
- Jonah 3:10 When God saw their deeds, that they **turned <07725 shuwb>** from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do *it*.
- Nahum 2:2 For the LORD will **restore <07725 shuwb>** the splendor of Jacob Like the splendor of Israel, Even though devastators have devastated them And destroyed their vine branches.

Repentance: What is It?

Zechariah 1:3 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may **return <07725 shuwb>** to you," says the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 1:4 "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "**Return <07725 shuwb>** now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.'" But they did not listen or give heed to Me," declares the LORD.

Zechariah 1:6 "But did not My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, overtake your fathers? Then they **repented <07725 shuwb>** and said, 'As the LORD of hosts purposed to do to us in accordance with our ways and our deeds, so He has dealt with us.'

Zechariah 9:12 **Return <07725 shuwb>** to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will **restore <07725 shuwb>** double to you.

Zechariah 10:6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, And I will save the house of Joseph, And I will **bring them back <07725 shuwb>**, Because I have had compassion on them; And they will be as though I had not rejected them, For I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.

Zechariah 10:9 "When I scatter them among the peoples, They will remember Me in far countries, And they with their children will live and **come back <07725 shuwb>**.

Zechariah 10:10 "I will **bring them back <07725 shuwb>** from the land of Egypt And gather them from Assyria; And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon Until no *room* can be found for them.

Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate," Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will **turn <07725 shuwb>** My hand against the little ones.

Malachi 3:7 "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept *them*. **Return <07725 shuwb>** to Me, and I will **return <07725 shuwb>** to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we **return <07725 shuwb>?**'

Malachi 3:18 So you will **again <07725 shuwb>** distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

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Isaiah 30:15

For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In **repentance <7729 shuwbah>** and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." But you were not willing,