

The Word “Oppress” as found in the Old Testament of the King James Version of the Holy Bible

There are 115 occurrences of the word “oppress”, or a derivative, found in the Old Testament, translated from 25 different Hebrew words.

Dak, Hebrew Strong's #1790, is an adjective found 4 times. It is translated as oppressed (3), afflicted (1). It is translated as “oppressed” in the following verses:

Psalm 9:9 –

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Psalm 10:18 –

To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Psalm 74:21 –

O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

Dākā', Hebrew Strong's #1792, is a verb found 18 times. It is translated as break (3), break in pieces (3), crush (3), bruise (2), destroy (2), contrite (1), smite (1), oppress (1), beat to pieces (1), humble (1). It is translated as “oppress” in the following verse:

Proverbs 22:22 –

Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

Ḥāmôṣ, Hebrew Strong's #2541, is a noun found 1 time, and is translated as oppressed in the following verse:

Isaiah 1:17 –

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Ḥāmās, Hebrew Strong's #2555, is a noun found 60 times. It is translated as violence (39), violent (7), cruelty (4), wrong (3), false (2), cruel (1), damage (1), injustice (1), oppressor + <H376> (1), unrighteous (1). It is translated as “oppressor” in the following verse:

Proverbs 3:31 –

Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

Yānā, Hebrew Strong's #3238, is a verb found 21 times and is translated as oppress (11), vex (4), destroy (1), oppressor (1), proud (1), do wrong (1), oppression (1), thrust out (1). It is translated as “oppress (-or, -ion, -ing, -ed)” in the following verses:

Leviticus 25:14 –

And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:

Leviticus 25:17 –

Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 23:16 –

He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

Isaiah 49:26 –

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Jeremiah 25:38 –

He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

Jeremiah 46:16 –

He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

Jeremiah 50:16 –

Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

Ezekiel 18:7 –

And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

Ezekiel 18:12 –

Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

Ezekiel 18:16 –

Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

Ezekiel 45:8 –

In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

Ezekiel 46:18 –

Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

Zephaniah 3:1 –

Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

Lāḥaṣ, Hebrew Strong's #3905, is a verb found 19 times and is translated as oppress (13), afflict (1), crushed (1), fast (1), forced (1), oppressors (1), thrust (1). It is translated as “oppress (-ors, -ed)” in the following verses:

Exodus 22:21 –

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 23:9 –

Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Judges 2:18 –

And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

Judges 4:3 –

And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

Judges 6:9 –

And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

Judges 10:12 –

The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

1 Samuel 10:18 –

And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you:

2 Kings 13:4 –

And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

2 Kings 13:22 –

But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

Psalms 106:42 –

Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

Isaiah 19:20 –

And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

Jeremiah 30:20 –

Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

Laḥaṣ, Hebrew Strong's #3906, is a noun found 12 times and is translated as oppression (7) and affliction (5). It is translated as "oppression" in the following verses:

Exodus 3:9 –

Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Deuteronomy 26:7 –

And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

2 Kings 13:4 –

And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

Job 36:15 –

He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

Psalms 42:9 –

I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Psalms 43:2 –

For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Psalms 44:24 –

Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

Ma' Ashaqqôt, Hebrew Strong's #4642, is a noun found 2 times and is translated as oppressor (1), oppression (1), in the following verses:

Proverbs 28:16 –

The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

Isaiah 33:15 –

He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

Miśpāḥ, Hebrew Strong's #4939, is a noun found 1 times, translated as oppression in the following verse:

Isaiah 5:7 –

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Nāgaś, Hebrew Strong's #5065, is a verb found 23 times. It is translated as oppressor (7), taskmasters (5), exact (4), distressed (2), oppressed (2), driver (1), exactors (1), taxes (1). It is translated as “oppress (-or, -ed)” in the following verses:

Job 3:18 –

There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

Isaiah 3:5 –

And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

Isaiah 3:12 –

As for my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Isaiah 9:4 –

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

Isaiah 14:2 –

And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

Isaiah 14:4 –

That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

Isaiah 53:7 –

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Zechariah 9:8 –

And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

Zechariah 10:4 –

Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

‘Ōṣer, Hebrew Strong's #6115, is a noun found 3 times. It is translated as oppression (1), barren (1), prison (1). It is translated as “oppression” in the following verse:

Psalms 107:39 –

Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

‘Āqâ, Hebrew Strong's #6125, is a noun found 1 time, translated as “oppression” in the following verse:

Psalms 55:3 –

Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

‘Ārîṣ, Hebrew Strong's #6184, is an adjective found 20 times. It is translated as terrible (8), terrible one (5), oppressor (3), mighty (1), power (1), strong (1), violent (1). It is translated as “oppressor” in the following verses:

Job 15:20 –

The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

Job 27:13 –

This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.

Psalms 54:3 –

For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

‘**Āraṣ, Hebrew Strong’s #6206**, is a verb found 15 times and is translated as afraid (3), fear (3), dread (2), terribly (2), break (1), affrighted (1), oppress (1), prevail (1), terrified (1). It is translated as “oppress (-ed)” in the following verse:

Psalms 10:18 –

To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

‘**Āshôq, Hebrew Strong’s #6216**, is a noun found 1 time, translated as “oppressor” in the following verse:

Jeremiah 22:3 –

Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

‘**Āshûwq, Hebrew Strong’s #6217**, is a noun found 3 times and is translated as oppression (2), oppressed (1), in the following verses:

Ecclesiastes 4:1 –

So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter.

Amos 3:9 –

Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

Job 35:9 –

By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

‘**Āshaq, Hebrew Strong’s #6231**, is a verb found 37 times. It is translated as oppress (23), oppressor (4), defraud (3), wrong (2), deceived (1), deceitfully gotten (1), oppression (1), drink up (1), violence (1). It is translated as “oppress (-ed, -ion, -or)” in the following verses:

Deuteronomy 24:14 –

Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

Deuteronomy 28:29 –

And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

Deuteronomy 28:33 –

The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away:

Job 10:3 –

Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

Psalms 72:4 –

He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

Psalms 103:6 –

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

Psalms 119:121 –

I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

Psalms 119:122 –

Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Psalms 146:7 –

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

Proverbs 14:31 –

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Proverbs 22:16 –

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, and he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

Proverbs 28:3 –

A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 –

So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter.

Isaiah 23:12 –

And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

Isaiah 52:4 –

For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Jeremiah 7:6 –

If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

Jeremiah 21:12 –

O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

Jeremiah 50:33 –

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

Ezekiel 18:18 –

As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

Ezekiel 22:29 –

The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

Hosea 5:11 –

Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

Hosea 12:7 –

He is a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

Amos 4:1 –

Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

Micah 2:2 –

And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

Zechariah 7:10 –

And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Malachi 3:5 –

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

‘Ōsheq, Hebrew Strong's #6233, is a noun found 15 times. It is translated as oppression (11), cruelly (1), extortion (1), oppression + [<H6231>](#) (1), thing (1). It is translated as “oppression” in the following verses:

Psalm 62:10 –

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them*.

Psalm 73:8 –

They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

Psalm 119:134 –

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Ecclesiastes 5:8 –

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for *he that is* higher than the highest regardeth; and *there be* higher than they.

Ecclesiastes 7:7 –

Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

Isaiah 30:12 –

Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

Isaiah 54:14 –

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Isaiah 59:13 –

In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

Jeremiah 6:6 –

For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her.

Jeremiah 22:17 –

But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do *it*.

Ezekiel 22:7 –

In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

‘Oshqâ, Hebrew Strong's #6234, is a noun found 1 time and is translated as “oppressed” in the following verse:

Isaiah 38:14 –

Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

Şûq, Hebrew Strong's #6693, is a verb found 11 times and is translated as distress (5), oppressor (2), sore (1), press (1), straiten (1). It is translated as “oppressor” in the following verse:

Isaiah 51:13 –

And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where *is* the fury of the oppressor?

Şārar, Hebrew Strong's #6887, is a verb found 58 times and translated as enemy (14), distress (7), bind up (6), vex (6), afflict (4), besiege (4), adversary (3), strait (3), trouble (2), bound (2), pangs (2), *miscellaneous translations* (5). It is translated as “oppresseth” in the following verse:

Numbers 10:9 –

And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

Rāmas, Hebrew Strong's #7429, is a verb found 19 times and is translated as tread down (7), tread (5), stamped (2), trample...feet (1), oppressors (1), tread under foot (1), trample (1), trodden (1). It is translated as “oppressors” in the following verse:

Isaiah 16:4 –

Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

Rāşaş, Hebrew Strong's #7533, is a verb found 19 times. It is translated as oppressed (6), broken (4), break (3), bruised (2), crush (2), discouraged (1), struggle together (1). It is translated as “oppress (-ed)” in the following verses:

Judges 10:8 –

And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.

1 Samuel 12:3 –

Behold, here I *am*: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

1 Samuel 12:4 –

And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.

2 Chronicles 16:10 –

Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

Job 20:19 –

Because he hath oppressed *and* hath forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

Isaiah 58:6 –

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Shōd, **Hebrew Strong's #7701**, is a noun found 25 times. It is translate as spoil (10), destruction (7), desolation (2), robbery (2), wasting (2), oppression (1), spoiler (1). It is translated as “oppression” in the following verse:

Psalms 12:5 –

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.

Shādad, **Hebrew Strong's #7703**, is a verb found 58 times. It is translated as spoil (30), spoiler (11), waste (8), destroy (2), robbers (2), *miscellaneous translations* (5). It is translated as “oppress” in the following verse:

Psalms 17:9 –

From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

***The Word “Oppress” as found in the New Testament
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There are 3 occurrences of the word “oppress”, or a derivative, found in the New Testament, translated from 2 different Greek words.

Kataponeō, Greek Strong's #2669, is a verb found 2 times and translated as oppress (1), vex (1). It is translated as “oppress” in the following verse:

Acts 7:24 –

And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

Katadynasteuō, Greek Strong's #2616, is a verb found 2 times and is translated as “oppress” in the following verses:

Acts 10:38 –

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

James 2:6 –

But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
