

42– HEBREW DUAL ROOTS

A listing of Hebrew biblical roots that are known by some of the experts to possess a dual form – i.e. to possess two forms for the same verb . Most of these are of the forms – A-B-B & AB NUNN-A-B – e.g. & - נדם – דמם [both denote silence, restraint] - נמג – מגג [both mean – melt, dissolve]

Various lexicographers have included in this known dual root category such root pairs as - melt, dissolve מסס נמס ⁸⁹⁰ // - המם-נהם / / and קבב hollow out – curse & קב perforate, - curse - make a cavity / and נמג – מגג - another melt- dissolve pair - among others. In these word pairs – both root forms possess the exact same meaning. And therefore Avrohom Even Shoshan has listed – the root נדם of נדמו and נדמו – נאום השלום - v'nodamu [Jer. 25:37] as a secondary form of the root דמם - and denoting there– will be destroyed - and I do agree with his assessment⁸⁹¹. And there is Also the dual root pair - סבב – נסב surround, go around⁸⁹² - חתת נחת - נבר ברר נכת כתת⁸⁹³

נבק - בקק - vacate

נחת חתת - נתז - spray, squirt

נחש נחש - נפץ פצץ - נבב ביב - נצץ ציץ

⁸⁹³ שמם נשם

* In a few of these dual root word pairs the relationship may not be synonymous but only conceptual instead – To be perfected at a later date

⁸⁹⁰ Etymon of moist

⁸⁹¹ Note however that some translations have this phrase as denoting instead – will be silenced – and there may not be any reason to assume that Even Shoshan believes that the דמם root that means silenced does not also possess the secondary נדם form, as well

⁸⁹² Also נדה - דחה - נבר ברר

⁸⁹³ A breathtaking - gasp causing desolation

לאט אטט –לגם גמם — להג הגג – להם המם - לכד כדד - למג מגג – - There are also
לעס עסס – לשך שכך לבש בשש

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There are also - תרב great, thick, fat רבב - fat

תרם – רמם

נחת חתת - spray, squirt - נתז תזז break רעע - breakתרע -

תרף make soft? - תרף be loose, tremble - רפף

לפף to coil around ?? - תלף talpiot rounded castle towers - תלף

Wherein the first letter is a tof

Artscroll has תות as catapult and therefore I regard it as an AAB reduplicate of the
same תח base of מלתחת stretchable wardrobe container