

~LEADER, NOBLE, PRINCE (347)

[Hebrew, *Na-ghidh'*, noble, Greek, *ka-the-ge-tes'*]

- Several **Hebrew** words may be translated variously as leader, noble, and prince. Those appearing most frequently are as follows;
- *Na-ghidh'*, meaning, leader, is applied to Saul and David in connection with their being designated as kings over Israel and to Hezekiah as the king of Judah, with the responsibility of shepherding Yehowah's people.
- Tomorrow about this time I shall send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you must anoint him as leader over my people Israel, and he must save my people from the hand of the Philistines, because I have seen the affliction of my people, for their outcry has come to me. (**1 Samuel 9:16**)
- And it must occur that, because Yehowah will do to my lord the good toward you according to all that he has spoken, he certainly will commission you as **leader** over Israel.
- They are the very ones who demonstrate the matter of the Law to be written in their hearts, while their conscience is bearing witness with them and, between their own thoughts, they are being accused or even excused. (**Romans 2:15**)
- Both yesterday and previously while Saul happened to be king over us, you yourself became the one leading Israel out and bringing it in. And Yehowah proceeded to say to you, You yourself will shepherd my people Israel, and you yourself will become **leader** over Israel. (**2 Samuel 5:2**)
- Go back, and you must say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, This is what Yehowah the God of David your forefather has said, I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Here I am healing you. On the third day you will go up to the house of Yehowah. (**2 Kings 20:5**)
- The tribe of Judah was selected by Yehowah to be **leader** of the 12 tribes of Israel, and it was from Judah that the kingly dynasty of David came.

- Accordingly Yehowah the God of Israel chose me out of all the house of my father to become king over Israel to time indefinite, for it was Judah that he chose as **leader**, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons, I was the one whom he approved, to make me king over all Israel. (**1 Chronicles 28:4**)
- The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (**Genesis 49:10**)
- To this Yehowah said; Judah will go up. Look! I shall certainly give the land into his hand. (**Judges 1:2**)
- Jesus is referred to as, Messiah the **Leader**, and a **leader** and commander to the national groups.
- And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the **Leader**, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (**Daniel 9:25**)
- Look! As a witness to the national groups I have given him, as a leader and commander to the national groups. (**Isaiah 55:4**)
- He counseled his disciples;
- Neither be called **leaders**, for your **Leader** is one, the Christ. (**Matthew 23:10**)
- As regards the Christian congregation, Jesus Christ is the only one rightly bearing the title, **Leader**, because no imperfect human is the leader of true Christians, they follow Christ.
- While there are those who take the lead in God's service, they are not titled, **leader**, or addressed as such, and their example is to be followed only as they imitate Christ.
- Become imitators of me, even as I am of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 11:1**)
- Remember those who are taking the lead among you, who have spoken the word of God to you, and as you contemplate how

their conduct turns out imitate their faith. (**Hebrews 13:7**)

- **Hebrew** *Na-dhiv'*, meaning, **noble, willing one, generous one**, is used at;
- A well, princes dug it. The nobles of the people excavated it, with a commander's staff, with their own staffs. Then from the wilderness on to Mattanah. (**Numbers 21:18**)
- Paralleling the term, **princes**, for the willing ones of Israel who excavated a well in the wilderness. It also describes the volunteer contributors to the tabernacle construction.
- From among yourselves take up a contribution for Yehowah. Let every willing-hearted one bring it as Yehowah's contribution, namely, gold and silver and copper (**Exodus 35:5**)
- As used at;
- He is pouring out contempt upon nobles, and the girdle of powerful ones he actually weakens. (**Job 12:21**)
- Positions of prominence and power are indicated.
- Do to them as to Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin at the torrent valley of Kishon. (**Psalms 83:9**)
- They were annihilated at En-dor, they became manure for the ground. (**Psalms 83:10**)
- As for their nobles, make these like Oreb and like Zeeb, and like Zebah and like Zalmunna all their dukes. (**Psalms 83:11**)
- The **Hebrew** word *cho-rim'*, meaning, **nobles**, is used for certain men of influence in a city of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel.
- Accordingly she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the older men and the nobles that were in his city dwelling with Naboth. (**1 Kings 21:8**)
- So the men of his city, the older men and the nobles that were dwelling in his city, did just as Jezebel had sent to them, just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them. (**1 Kings 21:11**)

- **And for Jews who held authority under the Persian Empire.**
- **So my heart took consideration within me, and I began finding fault with the nobles and the deputy rulers, and went on to say to them; Usury is what you are exacting, each one from his own brother. Further, I arranged a great assembly on their account. (Nehemiah 5:7)**
- **So I began to find fault with the nobles of Judah and say to them; What is this bad thing that you are doing, even profaning the Sabbath day? (Nehemiah 13:17)**
- **Many of the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem, including Daniel and his companions, were taken as exiles to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar in 617 B.C.E, and others were slaughtered by him in 607 B.C.E.**
- **That Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had not taken when he carried Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, together with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 27:20)**
- **And the king of Babylon proceeded to slaughter the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes, and all the nobles of Judah the king of Babylon slaughtered. (Jeremiah 39:6)**
- **Then the king said to Ashpenaz his chief court official to bring some of the sons of Israel and of the royal offspring and of the nobles. (Daniel 1:3)**
- **Now there happened to be among them some of the sons of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. (Daniel 1:6)**
- **Hebrew *Sar*, meaning prince, chief, is drawn from a verb meaning exercise dominion.**
- **And Abimelech kept playing the prince over Israel three years. (Judges 9:22) Footnote**
- **While it is often translated, prince, it does not necessarily apply to the son of a king or a person of royal rank in every instance. The tribal heads of Israel were called princes.**

- Of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the **princes** of the tribes of Israel. (**1 Chronicles 27:22**)
- Those holding high office under Pharaoh of Egypt and King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon were so titled.
- And the princes of Pharaoh also got to see her and they began praising her to Pharaoh, so that the woman was taken to the house of Pharaoh. (**Genesis 12:15**)
- Jeremiah now said to Zedekiah; This is what Yehowah, the God of armies, the God of Israel, has said; If you will without fail go out to the **princes** of the king of Babylon, your soul will also certainly keep living and this city itself will not be burned with fire, and you yourself and your household will certainly keep living. (**Jeremiah 38:17**)
- But if you will not go out to the **princes** of the king of Babylon, this city must also be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they will actually burn it with fire, and you yourself will not escape out of their hand. (**Jeremiah 38:18**)
- And, look! All the women that have been left remaining in the house of the king of Judah are being brought out to the **princes** of the king of Babylon, and they are saying; The men at peace with you have allured you and prevailed over you. They have caused your foot to sink down into the very ooze, they have retreated in the opposite direction. (**Jeremiah 38:22**)
- The king's secretaries were then called in the first month on the thirteenth day of it, and writing went on according to all that Haman commanded the king's satraps and the governor's who were over the different jurisdictional districts, and the princes of the different peoples, of each jurisdictional district, in its own style of writing, and each people in its own tongue, in the name of King Ahasuerus it was written and it was sealed with the king's signet ring. (**Esther 3:12**)
- An army chief might be termed a *sar*.
- Eventually I came to the governor's beyond the River and gave them the letters of the king. Moreover, the king sent with me chiefs of the military force and horsemen. (**Nehemiah 2:9**)

- Yehowah is called, the **Prince** of the army and the **Prince** of **princes**, at;
- And all the way to the **Prince** of the army it put on great airs, and from him the constant feature was taken away, and the established place of his sanctuary was thrown down. (**Daniel 8:11**)
- And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. (**Daniel 8:25**)
- Michael the archangel is the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of Daniel's people.
- And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (**Daniel 12:1**)
- Invisible demon princes governing the world powers of Persia and Greece are mentioned at;
- But the prince of the royal realm of Persia was standing in opposition to me for twenty-one days, and, look! Michael, one of the foremost princes, came to help me, and I, for my part, remained there beside the kings of Persia. (**Daniel 10:13**)
- So he went on to say; Do you really know why I have come to you? And now I shall go back to fight with the prince of Persia. When I am going forth, look! Also the prince of Greece is coming. (**Daniel 10:20**)
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)
- (**Psalms 45:6,7**) of which are applied to Christ Jesus by the apostle Paul;

- **God is your throne to time indefinite, even forever, the scepter of your kingship is a scepter of uprightness. ([Psalms 45:6](#))**
- **You have loved righteousness and you hate wickedness. That is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners. ([Psalms 45:7](#))**
- **But with reference to the Son; God is your throne forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. ([Hebrews 1:8](#))**
- **You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners. ([Hebrews 1:9](#))**
- **Contains the statement;**
- **In place of your forefathers there will come to be your sons, whom you will appoint as princes in all the earth. ([Psalms 45:16](#))**
- **Of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, men in Christ's ancestral line of descent, it is written:**
- **By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed in going out into a place he was destined to receive as an inheritance, and he went out, although not knowing where he was going. ([Hebrews 11:8](#))**
- **By faith he resided as an alien in the land of the promise as in a foreign land, and dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the very same promise. ([Hebrews 11:9](#))**
- **For he was awaiting the city having real foundations, the builder and maker of which city is God. ([Hebrews 11:10](#))**
- **In faith all these died, although they did not get the fulfillment of the promises, but they saw them afar off and welcomed them and publicly declared that they were strangers and temporary residents in the land. ([Hebrews 11:13](#))**
- **The rule of Christ involves his having not only subordinate kings and priests in heaven.**
- **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection,**

over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. ([Revelation 20:6](#))

- But also princely representatives on earth carrying out the kings directions.
- For it is not to angels that he has subjected the inhabited earth to come, about which we are speaking. ([Hebrews 2:5](#))
- All things you subjected under his feet. For in that he subjected all things to him God left nothing that is not subject to him. Now, though, we do not yet see all things in subjection to him. ([Hebrews 2:8](#))
- Look! A king will reign for righteousness itself, and as respects princes, they will rule as **princes** for justice itself. ([Isaiah 32:1](#))
- And each one must prove to be like a hiding place from the wind and a place of concealment from the rainstorm, like streams of water in a waterless country, like the shadow of a heavy crag in an exhausted land. ([Isaiah 32:2](#))
- Is clearly part of a Messianic prophecy and describes the benefits rendered by such **princes** under the Kingdom rule.

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