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### .. Throat

- The part of a human or an animal that connects the head with the rest of the body. The **Hebrew** terms for neck evidently emphasize its skeletal structure that can be broken.
- And every firstling ass you are to redeem with a sheep, and if you will not redeem it, then you must break its **neck**. And every firstborn of man among your sons you are to redeem. (**Exodus 13:13**)
- And it came about that at the moment that he mentioned the ark of the true God, he began to fall from the seat backward beside the gate, and his **neck** got broken so that he died, because the man was old and heavy, and he himself had judged Israel forty years. (**1 Samuel 4:18**)
- Or the back part of the **neck**.
- As for you, Judah, your brothers will laud you. Your hand will be on the back of the **neck** of your enemies. The sons of your father will prostrate themselves to you. (**Genesis 49:8**)
- And it came about that as soon as they had brought out these kings to Joshua, Joshua proceeded to call all the men of Israel and to say to the commanders of the men of war that had gone with him; Come forward. Place your feet on the back of the **necks** of these kings. So they came forward and placed their feet on the back of their necks. (**Joshua 10:24**)
- In the Bible the term, **neck** is frequently used in a figurative way.
- In **Hebrew**, one fleeing in defeat was literally said to turn his **neck** to the enemy,
- Excuse me, O Yehowah, but what can I say after Israel has turned his back before his enemies? (**Joshua 7:8**)
- That is, the back of his **neck**. Therefore, to have ones hand on the back of the **neck** of his enemies was to conquer, or subdue, them.

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- And as for my enemies, you will certainly give me **the back of their neck**, those hating me intensely, I shall also silence them. (**2 Samuel 22:41**)
- And as for my enemies, you will certainly give me **the back of their neck**, and as for those hating me intensely, I shall silence them. (**Psalms 18:40**)
- With similar significance, on monuments of Egypt and Assyria, monarchs are represented in battle scenes as treading on the **necks** of their enemies. Likewise, Joshua ordered his army commanders.
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- A yoke upon the **neck** indicated servitude, submission, or bondage.
- And by your sword you will live, and your brother you will serve. But it will certainly occur that, when you grow restless, you will indeed break his yoke off your **neck**. (**Genesis 27:40**)
- And it must occur in that day, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, that I shall break ones **yoke from off your neck**, and your bands I shall tear in two, and no more will strangers exploit him as a servant. (**Jeremiah 30:8**)
- Now, therefore, why are you making a test of God by imposing upon the **neck** of the disciples **a yoke** that neither our forefathers nor we were capable of bearing? (**Acts of Apostles 15:10**)
- The frequent expressions, **stiff-necked** and **hardened neck** represent a rebellious and obstinate spirit. As a warning to us, the Scriptures say that a man repeatedly reprov'd but making his **neck** hard will suddenly be broken, and that without healing.

- True wisdom has built its house. It has hewn out its seven pillars. (**Proverbs 9:1**)
- And you must know that it is not for your righteousness that Yehowah your God is giving you this good land to take possession of it, for you are a **stiff-necked** people. (**Deuteronomy 9:6**)
- And Yehowah went on to say this to me, I have seen this people, and, look! It is a **stiff-necked** people. (**Deuteronomy 9:13**)
- For I, I well know your rebelliousness and your **stiff neck**. If while I am yet alive with you today, you have proved rebellious in behavior toward Yehowah, then how much more so after my death! (**Deuteronomy 31:27**)
- And they did not listen but kept **hardening their necks** like the necks of their forefathers that had not exercised faith in Yehowah their God. (**2 Kings 17:14**)
- Do not exalt your horn on high. Do not speak with an **arrogant neck**. (**Psalms 75:5**)
- Due to my knowing that you are hard and that your **neck** is an **iron sinew** and your forehead is copper. (**Isaiah 48:4**)

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- The Hebrew word for **throat** evidently refers to the front part of the neck where the organs for speaking and swallowing are found.
- Let the songs extolling God be in their throat, and a two-edged sword be in their hand. (**Psalms 149:6**)
- Hold your foot back from becoming barefoot, and your throat from thirst. But you proceeded to say; It is hopeless! No, but I have fallen in love with strangers, and after them I am going to walk. (**Jeremiah 2:25**)
- The importance of the discipline and authority of ones parents, and, by implication, the eminent value of God's commandments and Laws, is emphasized by the admonition to **bind them upon the throat**, where beautiful and precious ornaments were worn.

- Listen, my son, to the discipline of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. (**Proverbs 1:8**)
- For they are a wreath of attractiveness to your head and a fine necklace to your **throat**. (**Proverbs 1:9**)
- My son, my Law do not forget, and my commandments may your heart observe. (**Proverbs 3:1**)
- Because length of days and years of life and peace will be added to you. (**Proverbs 3:2**)
- May loving-kindness and trueness themselves not leave you. **Tie them about your throat**. Write them upon the tablet of your heart. (**Proverbs 3:3**)
- Observe, O my son, the commandment of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. (**Proverbs 6:20**)
- **Tie them upon your heart** constantly, **bind** them upon your **throat**. (**Proverbs 6:21**)
- Walking with ones **throat** stretched forth can evidence **haughtiness**.
- And Yehowah says; For the reason that the daughters of Zion have become haughty and they walk with their throats stretched forth and ogling with their eyes, they go walking with tripping steps, and with their feet they make a tinkling sound. (**Isaiah 3:16**)
- Of wicked men of lies and bloodshed, the Bible says;
- For in their mouth there is nothing trustworthy, their inward part is adversity indeed. Their **throat is an opened burial place**, a smooth tongue they use. (**Psalms 5:9**)
- Their **throat is an opened grave**, they have used deceit with their tongues. Poison of asps is behind their lips. (**Romans 3:13**)