

Notes on Worship Word Study

Shatachu/Worship/Bow Criteria

1. The object of shatachu can be inanimate and non-human. Gen 22:5
2. Bow (טָרַף - to show the crown of ones head) and Shatachu have different but related meanings as shatachu is often done after bowing ones head. Gen 24:26. Exodus 4:31, Exodus 34:8
3. A person can be shatachu'd by someone to someone else. In Gen 24:48, Abraham's servant shatachu'd Rebekah to Yahuwah.
4. An object can be shatachu'd by someone to someone else. Abraham's servant shatachu'd the land to Yahuwah. Gen 24:52
5. Obedience follows Israel shatachu-ing to Yahuwah's truth told to them by Aaron and Moses. Exodus 4:31, 12:27-28
6. Shatachu is something that can be done distant from the object of shatachu, but it didn't work out when Israel did it. After gathering and committing idolatry they were told to worship separate from one another, in their own tents. Exodus 24:1, 32:8, 33:10
7. Shatachu is a physical action done to demonstrate appreciation, mutual respect or honor. Exodus 34:8, Gen 23:7
8. We are commanded not to shatachu to other gods. Deut 4:19, 8:19, 11:16, Exo 20:5, 23:24, Lev 26:1
9. We are instructed not to shatachu to the created things. Deut 5:8, 17:3, Exo 20:4-5
10. We were created, the first fruits of Yahuwah, so that we would shatachu to his face. Deut 26:10
11. Shatachu-ing other gods is the cause of all the Deut. curses being upon Israel. Deut 29:26
12. Disobedience to the laws leads to Shatachu-ing and serving other gods. Deut 30:15-17
13. It is something that one sometimes must rise or stand up to do. Gen 18:2, 23:7
14. The nostrils can be shatachu'd down to something or someone. Gen 19:1
15. Shatachu is a demonstration of appreciation despite rather two parties agree. Abraham shatachu'd in disagreement when he refused to accept the children of Heth's gift of a choice burial plot. Gen 23:12
16. Isaac blessed Jacob thinking it was Esau saying, people and nations will shatachu him Gen 27:29
17. Jacob, his wives and their children, shatachu'd to Esau 7 times as he approached him asking forgiveness. Gen 33:3
18. In Joseph's dream/vision, his sheafs rose up and his brothers' shatachu to his sheafs and Joseph is prophesied to some day reign over his brothers. Gen 37:7
19. Isaac rebukes Joseph for his visions which indicated that his parents and brothers would bow to him. Gen 37:10 (Look at what actually happened, and we might find what it means to shatachu.)
20. Joseph's brothers shatachu to him with their nostrils down. Gen 42:6,43:26, 43:28 (This is the manifestation of the brothers shatachu-ing, which in this case means they submitted to him, looking down before him.)
21. Israel shatachu'd "upon the head of the branch" when Joseph swore to bury him with his fathers. Gen 47:31 (This has nothing to do with showing reverence. Rather, Israel leaned on the head/handle of a staff he held.)
22. Joseph shatachu to his nostrils her land/down when Israel was going to bless his sons. Gen 48:12
23. It is prophesied to Judah that his brothers will shatachu to him. gen 49:8
24. Moses says that the Pharaoh's servants would shatachu to Moses, begging him to take all his people and any who wants to follow him and leave and they would follow after him. Exodus 11:8
25. Moses shatachu (leaned in) and kissed his father in law. Exodus 18:7
26. "Not you will do him to you, their worthlessness/idleness and her garrison/protection not you will elevate him to you and stone wandering/imagery not you will give him in your lands so that you

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will shachatu upon them because I am Yahuwah your God ." Lev 26:1 (This points to a reliance upon such things.)

27. Balaam bowed his head and shachatu (leaned) to his nose. Num 22:31

28. "And she called them to the people and to the sacrifices of their gods and he consumed the people and they shachatu'd to their gods and he joined, Israel, to the lord of openness (Baal Peor) and he angered Yahuwah in Israel." Num 25:2

Certainties:

- ✓ Shatachu is literally a physical action.
- ✓ It is always a show of physical weakness, respect, appreciation, submission, or humility toward something or someone.
- ✓ It has little to do with its object's superiority but is sometimes an act done toward a superior.
- ✓ There is no definitive Hebrew word currently identified as meaning to submit. I believe this is a word closely linked to the idea of submission. It is at least a gesture or character trait that signifies submission.
- ✓ Shatachu may simply mean to lean or rely upon. See #21 and 26