

## Determining Correct Colors in the Early Scriptures (Black)

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(results from KJV word search)

\*It is noteworthy to pay attention to how many glyphs, and combinations of glyphs, seem to repeat themselves within a given word study

### Black

H380      𐤆𐤆𐤍𐤅      fail

**appears:** 5x

**translated as:** apple (of eye), black, darkness

**related modern words ?:** -

#### **related obry words:**

H376 𐤆𐤆𐤍- man, male, husband (perhaps clarifying gender as opposed to 𐤆𐤃𐤍=a particular "species", if you will). Also related: H377 𐤆𐤆𐤍- male (categorized as "verb").

H381 𐤆𐤆𐤍 𐤁𐤆𐤌- mighty man (just arbitrarily combining H376- male, and H2428- 𐤁𐤆𐤌- strength, valor, army, wealth). H802 𐤆𐤍𐤅𐤍- woman, wife.

**failed** due to both context and related words and roots. The only roots with a direct structural relationship are above. When the 𐤆 is dropped and variations of 𐤆𐤍 are sought, the possibilities are far too wide and difficult to determine without perhaps weeks of testing. We can still look at context, however, and determine, based heavily on the 𐤆𐤆𐤍 root pertaining to "male" specifically, and with "night" or "dark" already being represented in two of the passages and "little man" of the eye being an entirely unreasonable euphemism (if that is, in fact, what it is), "center" or "midst, core" is more appropriate. This is due to the masculine "piercing, dominant, a priori" nature. This would make it the "center" of the eye, the "heart" of the night, or the "midst" of a flame. Although the core of some things are black, many are not.

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H2821      𐤁𐤍𐤅      pass

**appears:** 19x

**translated as:** to grow dark, be darkened, (1x "blackened")

**related modern words ?:**

#### **related obry words:**

H2820 𐤁𐤍𐤅- withhold, restrain, punish, keep back (likely "obscure" in a negative connotation). Also related: H2822 𐤁𐤍𐤅- darkness. H2823 𐤁𐤍𐤅- insignificant. H2824 𐤁𐤍𐤅𐤍- dark, obscure. H2825 𐤁𐤍𐤅𐤍- darkness. H4285 𐤍𐤁𐤍𐤅- dark places.

H3957 𐤌𐤍𐤅𐤍- chamber, parlour. Also related: H5393 𐤅𐤍𐤅𐤍- chamber, cell.

H4900 𐤍𐤍𐤅- draw out, seize, prolong. H4901 𐤁𐤍𐤅. H4908 𐤍𐤍𐤅𐤍- tabernacle.

H7899 𐤍- thorn (unproven. likely related to darkening...of eyes). Also related: H7900 𐤍- tabernacle (unproven. likely "a keep", "a hidaway", "chamber"-like).

H7911 𐤍𐤅𐤁- forget. Also related: H7913 𐤍𐤅𐤁.

H2363 𐤁𐤍- haste, make haste

H3907 𐤌𐤁𐤍- whisper, charm. Also related: H3908 𐤌𐤁𐤍- whisperer, charmer

**passed** although not all entries would be the extreme of darkness = "black", like qrd and whr below, it does have an ability to vary, possibly (as in Gen 1:2) to the point of blackness or utter "lightlessness". It is not necessarily the exact opposite of white, but absence of light. Darkness, at it's zenith, certainly may seem black, especially to man's eye (depending), but, even though I would say it likely has a close relationship to what we consider "black", it is not, at all times, technically "black".

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H3648      ᚱᚱᚱ      fail

**appears:** 4x

**translated as:** to yearn, to be black, to kindle

**related modern words ?:** (name) Cameron, ie Kurt, James... online etymology dictionary:  
Highland clan name, from Gaelic camshron "wry or hooked nose".

**related obry words:**

H3650 ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ- blackness (unproven; used as "\_\_\_ of day")

H3649 ᚱᚱᚱᚱ- "Chemarim", idolotrous, priest. Appears in context with ᚱᚱᚱᚱ (priest)

H4364 ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ- nets. Also related: H4365 ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ- nets

H4171 ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ- change, exchange. Also related: H4751 ᚱᚱᚱᚱ- bitterness

H3642 ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ- to long for, desire

**failed** due to the context of the four passages in which it appears. It always appears as ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ, an action, twice with ᚱᚱᚱᚱ "emotions" and once with ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ "repent"(?). It does appear with the comparative ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ "as an oven/cooking vessel/furnace" in Lam 5:10, but not all ovens/cooking vessels/furnaces are black... they can be many things. Based on it's associated roots, something akin to a sharp change (to emotion)... or the skin (they wazn't kang) seems more appropriate. Determining the exact root between ᚱᚱᚱᚱ or ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ is too difficult at this time, therefore speculation about the glyphs is relatively moot. The other associated words, as well as the preceding ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ make it seem more like "bound up", and not much is known of all the various cooking and heating vessels and chambers, so the comparative reference doesn't add sufficient light.

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H3650      ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ      fail

**appears:** 1x

**translated as:** blackness

see H3648

H5508      𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶      fail

**appears:** 1x (and the infamous Esther 1:6)

**translated as:** black, but defined as "stone used in paving"

**related modern words ?:**

**related obry words:**

H5503 𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶- trade, traffic (as a merchant). Also related: H5504 𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶- merchandise.

H5505 𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶- gain from traffic. H5506 𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶ᚱ- merchandise. H5507 𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶ᚱ- buckler/sheild. H4536 ᚱᚱ𐌹𐌸𐌹𐌶- traffic.

H3683 𐤙𐤏𐤁- cut down, cut away

H5255 𐤏𐤏𐤁- cut out, root out

H5498 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤀- to drag

H6452 𐤏𐤏𐤁- to pass over. Also related: H6453 𐤏𐤏𐤁- Passover. H6455 𐤏𐤏𐤁- lame

**failed** due to the clear indication from all related words that it has to do with motion/travel. Black and/or blackness would seem to be very far from anything this word could mean. Likely erroneously linked with H7835 𐤙𐤏𐤁.

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H6289 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏 fail

**appears:** 2x

**translated as:** blackness, but defined as "glow, heat"

**related modern words ?:** pare

**related obry words:**

H6286 𐤏𐤏𐤁- to glorify, beatify, adorn. Also related: H6287 𐤏𐤏𐤁- headdress, ornament.

H6288 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏- bough, branch, shoot. H8597 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏𐤏- beauty, splendor, glory

see H7388 𐤏𐤏𐤁 study in (white) document

H6284 𐤏𐤏𐤁- corner. Also related: H6285 𐤏𐤏𐤁- corner, edge

**failed** due to the evidence of related words. Besides the obvious 𐤏𐤏𐤁 words, there is the combination of 𐤏𐤏𐤁- edge, corner and 𐤏𐤏𐤁/𐤏𐤏𐤁/𐤏𐤏𐤁, "liquid". Whatever the actual meaning is, in the context of its two appearances, "gathering sweat (as in at the temples or edges of face)" is far more appropriate.

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H6937 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏 fail

**appears:** 17x

**translated as:** to mourn, be dark, black

**related modern words ?:** cedar

**related obry words:**

H6940 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏𐤏- blackness

H6937 𐤏𐤏𐤁- to mourn, be dark. Also related: H6941 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏𐤏- mournfully

H6915 𐤏𐤏𐤁- to bow down

H3344 𐤏𐤏𐤁- to burn, kindle (likely, "smolder" as embers). Also related: H4168 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏- burning, hearth (could be "smoldering" or "mourning"). H4169 𐤏𐤏𐤁𐤏- hearth (same likely alt. definition).

H5348 𐤏𐤏𐤁- speckled (poss. "projecting dark spots") Also related: H5349 𐤏𐤏𐤁- sheep raiser (could be rooted in 𐤏𐤏). H5350 𐤏𐤏𐤁- crumbs (likely spots, balls, etc)

see H1858 𐤏𐤏 study in (white) document

**failed** (although possibly referring to a darkened or shaded thing) even though its context and some words of relation (as its likely its root is 𐤏𐤏 and not 𐤏𐤏) have to do with darkness (of mood, ergo "mourning", and of color, ergo "spotted"), it can't purely qualify as "black". It isn't currently understood how the combination of these three glyphs achieve "dark", but they work in context and

have comparatives; however, to a large extent, these comparisons are circular and also in this study. It does seem to be similar to some words in the (white) color study in which brightness is closely associated with white, in that darkness and our present idea of blackness seem close, but not the same. Artistically speaking, a total lack of chroma would be black as would a total lack of light (to our eyes), but again, much of this appears to be speaking more of a darkening not blackness per se.

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H6940       $\Phi\Delta R\text{Y}\times$       pass  
**appears:** 1x  
**translated as:** blackness, but defined as "darkness, gloom"  
see H6937

**passed** as it is  $\Phi\Delta R$  to it's greatest degree

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H7835       $W\Theta R$       fail  
**appears:** 1x  
**translated as:** to be black  
**related modern words ?:**

**related obry words:**

H7838  $W\Theta R$ - black

H7838  $W\Theta R\Theta R$ - black, blackish

H7836  $W\Theta R$ - seek early, seek diligently

H7837  $W\Theta R$ - dawn. Also related: H4891  $\text{W}\Theta R$ - dawn

H7838  $W\Theta R\text{Y}\times$ - youth

H7883  $W^z\Theta\text{Y}R$ - river of mtsrym. Also related: H7815  $W\Theta\text{Y}R$ - black (likely the  $W^z\Theta\text{Y}R$ )

H3445  $zW\Theta$ - sinking feeling. Also related: H4889-  $\text{W}\Theta z\times$ - ruin. H7843  $W\Theta\times$ - corrupt, destroy. H4892  $\text{W}\Theta\times$ - destruction. H4893  $\text{W}\Theta\times$ - corruption. H7816  $W\Theta\text{Y}\times$ - pit. H7825  $W\Theta z\times$ - pit

H7807  $W\Theta$ - lowly. Also related: H7808  $W\Theta$ - thought. H7811  $W\Theta\text{Y}$ - swim (as in a low thing full of water). H7812  $W\Theta\text{Y}$ - bowed. H7813-  $W\Theta\text{Y}$  swimming (similar connotation). H7817  $W\Theta\Theta$ - bow, stoop

see H2353  $\Theta\text{Y}R$  study in (white) document

**fail** (although possibly referring to a darkened or shaded thing) because, as with  $\Phi\Delta R$ , there are variations of this meant to be taken as "lacking in light" but not as "altogether black". There must, as in the case of white, be a total lack of light or chroma to achieve "black". I believe that both  $W\Theta$  and  $\Theta R$  roots are represented above, so that it is very difficult to decide exactly what variations belong with the subject of study. With the  $W$  (at the front) typically representing low/ground,  $\Theta$  representing repetitive/constancy, and  $R$  (at the end) seeming to represent practitioner/epitome/height of, "lowness, darkness" would seem sound, but with more emphasis on emotional/spiritual rather than absolute color. It is somewhat difficult to see this even as clear as  $\Phi\Delta R$ .

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H7838      WER      ?  
**appears:** 6x  
**translated as:** black  
see H7838

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H7840      WERER      ?  
**appears:** 1x  
**translated as:** black, blackish  
see H7838

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*(no exhaustive word study has been done on those below)*

ellen/Greek words translated as "black" in latter scriptures

G1105 γνώφος (gnophos)-	blackness
G2217 ζόφος (zophos)-	darkness, mist, blackness
G3189 μέλας (melas)-	black

words referencing things black:

obry "Hebrew"

H1894 𐤕𐤓𐤁𐤀-	ebony
H6158 𐤐𐤓𐤁-	raven, crow
H2203 𐤆𐤓𐤁-	pitch, tar, asphalt

also:

"coal"- no acceptable match. Many words translated "coals", but nothing definitive for the black carbon fuel

"onyx"- no textual proof of this being the right stone, and if so, there are onyx stones of various color

"night sky" - no exact words for this

"crude oil, tar" - no exact matches found

army "Aramaic"

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