

# WORD BANK

**Curse (Hebrew: 'alah):** a spoken or written sentence of consequence or Judgment

- **(arar):** This word signifies a binding curse, invoking divine judgment and placing the cursed object or person outside of God's blessing and into a state of futility and eventual destruction.
  - Pronunciation: ah-RAHR
  - Example: The curse placed on the serpent in the Garden of Eden is described using this term.
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- **קללה (qelalah):** This term has a broader meaning, encompassing attitudes, behaviors, and actions ranging from contempt to verbal abuse and physical violence.
  - Pronunciation: keh-lah-LAH
  - Example: In some contexts, such as Genesis 12:3, Kehila News Israel highlights debate on whether it implies a lesser form of "curse" like "to make light of" or "to belittle".
- **אלה (alah):** This refers to an oath or execration, an imprecation of evil.
  - Pronunciation: aw-LAW

**In the Greek New Testament, the following words are translated as "curse":**

- **κατάρᾳ (katara):** This signifies an imprecation or execration, a spoken wish for harm or misfortune upon someone or something. It refers to the penalty-curse resulting from God's condemnation.
  - Pronunciation: kat-ar'-ah
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- **καταράομαι (kataraoimai):** This verb means "to curse" or "to invoke evil upon," the act of using powerful words to invoke supernatural harm.
  - Pronunciation: kat-ar-ah'-oH-my
- **ἄρα (ara):** This word also means curse, often used in the context of an imprecation or a prayer calling down evil.
  - Pronunciation: ar-ah'

**Blessing (Hebrew: 'barak'): to kneel and speak favor over**

**In Hebrew:**

**barak: mean kneel praise.. or invoke blessings.**

**in Greek:**

**Eulogeo: to speak well of, praise, or invoke blessings**

**Fruit (Greek: karpos): outward evidence of what is rooted in wa**