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The homology Πλψ/στέλλω (*send*) is tested by its fellow homology سفر/στέλλω (*journey*)—although the Hebrew and Arabic homologues do not tally with each other—because the differences between them can be accounted for. Thus, one λ drops out of both homologues, whereas the פ and the ρ rightly replace the τ and the remaining λ respectively.

Similarly, as regards the four homologies—Πλψ/ἀποστέλλω (*send away from*), Πλψ/ἀποστέλλω (*send away*), Πλψ/ἀποστέλλω (*banish*), Πλψ/ἀποστέλλω (*dispatch on a mission*)—*vis-à-vis* their fellow homology, سافر/ἀποστέλλω (*depart*). Besides, سافر corroborates سفر and سفر.

They are further tested and found to be sound by their fellow homology شلح/ἀποστέλλω (*doff*), where the Arabic and the Hebrew homologues—Πλψ and شلح—tally perfectly. This double homology confirms all the other homologies which contain the verb Πλψ or any of its derivatives. Indeed, its corroborative character is all the stronger because of the peculiar meaning of شلح, seeing that—on the face of it—*stripping* has no relation to *journeying*, *banishment* or *divorce*.

The homologue Πλψ is further tested and confirmed in its soundness by its fellow homologues سرح and ضح—although neither tallies with it—because, here again, the differences between them can be accounted for. Having dealt with سرح in relation to Πλψ, it is unnecessary to relate سرح to Πλψ.

As for طلق, it does not—at first sight—strike one as being related to Πλψ, although the two words have a double consonant and a guttural in common; while ψ replaces ط in *שקט* (Job 24. 6). But wide differences between homologues of a Greek word are common—e.g. Πλψ and أعد—and irrelevant to the criterion of testing the soundness of an homology. What is important is that each homology should independently conform to the rules, and then pass one or more tests of accuracy. εἰς ἀποστέλλω/طلق/طلق—

like *ἐξαποστέλλω/חלל*—is a perfect homology: both verbs are compound homophones, *σ* drops out of *στέλλω*, *τ* changes into *ט*, and a terminal guttural is added: each homology is well and truly tested by the other, and duly confirmed in its soundness.

Similarly *חלה* is tested and confirmed by its fellow homologue *חֵלֶה*; just as *שול* is by *שָׁל*, *זָדַי* by *أَعَدَّ*, and *أَعَدَّ* by *شَدَّ* and *حَدَّ*. *חֵלֶה* are also tested and confirmed by *חֵלֶה*.

A word about *أَسْطُول* which is a perfect homologue of *στόλος*, except for the prosthetic *أ*. In this connection, it is interesting to note that in speaking English, the Pakistanis and Iraqis add a prosthetic to every word beginning with *s*, saying: *ispeak*, *istand*, *istation*, *istop*.

And so it goes on: the obvious *سَلَّح* and *سِلَّاح*, and the not-so-obvious *سَلَّح* and *سِلَّاح* or *سَلَّح* (in its two or three different meanings) and *سَلَّح*. All of this adds up to a massive body of evidence the quality of which is of a very high order.

Perhaps it should be pointed out that the initial *מ* in the homologies—*ἀποστολή/משלוח*, *משלחה* and *ἀπόστολος/משלחת*—is the homologue of the prefix *ἀπο-*; as distinct from the initial *מ* in the homology *δραμα/מרה*, which is the prefix into which the suffix *-μα* has been converted.

4. *Resemblance in more than one meaning.* When a Greek word has several meanings, and its Hebrew homologue bears more than one of them, the possibility of mere coincidence in formal and/or phonetic resemblance between them is eliminated. Indeed, not only does this go to strengthen the homology, but it also constitutes a test of its soundness. For instance:

- A. *δαίζω*: *cleave asunder, rend, divide* דוק Jes 28. 28, 41. 15 Dan 7. 23
 דק IIR 23. 15 הודק Jes 28. 28 דק Dan 2. 34 דש Am 1. 3
 דש Dt 25. 4 הודש Jes 28. 27 דש Dan 7. 23 اندق شق;
slay, destroy utterly דק Mich 4. 13 דש Jes 28. 28;
pierce through, rend דקר Nu 25. 8 דקר Thr 4. 9 דש Jud 8. 7.

Here both דוק and דש bear more than one meaning of *δαίζω*, while דקר may be considered as a lengthened form of

- ἡμέτρα: μέτρον, *measure* (Jes 40. 12 Ez 40. 20); *count* (Jer 33. 22 Hos 2. 1).
 ἡμέτρα: ἐκμετρέω, *measure out, measure* (IIS 8. 2 Ps 60. 8);
 διαμετρέω, (astron.) *to be in opposition, to be diametrically opposite to*
 (Job 7. 4).
 ἡμέτρα: διαμετρέω, *measure with the eye, scan* (Hab 3. 6).
 ἡμέτρα: συμμετρέω, *to be in right measure with, to be commensurate with*
 (IR 17. 21).
 ἡμέτρα: μέτρον, τό, *measure* (Zach 2. 5); *weight or measure* (Lev 19. 35);
duration (Ps 39. 5); *length* (Ex 26. 2) ἡμέτρα Lev 6. 3 Ps 109. 18; *size*
 (IR 6. 25); pl., *dimensions* (Nu 13. 32 Jer 22. 14 Ez 40. 24).
 ἡμέτρα: μέτρημα, τό, *measurement*; μέτρον, *due measure or limit, proportion,*
 pl., *dimensions* (Job 38. 5).
 ἡμέτρα: μέδιμος, a corn measure: very nearly 12 gallons (Job 28. 25).

The Indo-European *méto-m* from *médto-m*, 'measuring instrument', probably accounts for the double ἡ in ἡμέτρα. It is also relevant that ἡμέτρα is similar to Gothic *mitan*, 'measure'. Moreover, Hebrew provides two homologues of μέτρον, formed in accordance with the Greek pattern and similar to the Latin *mensura*—but not ἡμέτρα—namely: ἡμέτρα and ἡμέτρα:

- ἡμέτρα: μέτρον, τό, *limit, term* (Ez 20. 37).
 ἡμέτρα: μέτρον, τό, *weight or measure* (ICh 23. 29);
 μέτρημα, τό, *measure, allowance, dole, soldier's rations* (Ez 4. 11, 16).

ἡμέτρα/μῶδιος: a measure of length, = 200 ὀργυαί (*the length of the outstretched arms, about 6 feet or 1 fathom*) Ez 48. 30, 33.

- ἡμέτρα: πίμπλημι, *fill*; πληρόω, *fill* Ex 40. 34; ἡμέτρα: pass., *to be filled, to be full of* Cant 5. 2;
 πλημύρω = πλημυρέω, *οὐεῖσθαι, rise like the flood-tide, to be full or in flood* Jos 3. 15 (cf. πλήρης);
 πληθύνω, *to be or become full* Jud 16. 27 IIR 6. 17;
 πληρόω, *make full or complete* Jes 40. 2; *tender, pay in full* IS 18. 27;
 πλήθω, *to be full* Joel 4. 13, intransitive form of πίμπλημι.
 ἡμέτρα: ἐμπίμπλημι, *fill quite full, fill full of a thing*; ἐκπίμπλημι, *fill them full of*; ἐπιπίμπλημι, *fill full of*; καταπίμπλημι, *fill quite full, fill full of* Ex 35. 35 IIR 21. 16 Jer 41. 9;
 ἐκπληρόω, *fulfil*; ἐμπίμπλημι, *fulfil, accomplish* IR 8. 15;
 ἐπιπίμπλημι, *fill a hungry man with food* Ps 107. 9 (Od. 17. 503);

- ἐκπληρώω, *make up the number of*; διαπληρώω, *strengthened for πληρώω, make full, complete* Ex 23. 26.
 κλῆρη: συμπληθύω, *multiply* Job 16. 10.
 κλῆρ: πλήρης, *solid, whole* Gn 23. 9; *full* Jer 4. 12; *full of* Jer 5. 27; of wine, *full-bodied, with a persistent flavour* Ex 22. 28 Nu 18. 27; used indecl. in later Greek, esp. of payments *in full* Gn 23. 9 ICh 21. 22, 24; *gorged, satisfied, satiated* Dt 33. 23; *full, complete* Jer 6. 11; *full of people* Jud 16. 27; abs., *full, of swollen stream* Jos 3. 15.
 κλῆρ: πλέως, *full* Ex 9. 8, 16. 32 IS 28. 20;
 πλησμονή, ἡ, *abundance* Dt 33. 16;
 πληθώρα, ἡ, *fullness* Jes 34. 1, 42. 10.
 κλῆρ: πλήρωμα, τό, *fullness* Ez 12. 19, 32. 15.
 κλῆρ, κλῆρ: πλήρωσις, ἡ, *filling* Ex 25. 7, 28. 17.

πλήμη, πλήσμη, and πλημυρίς, which derive from πίμπλημι, have a direct homologue, מליכה, and an indirect homologue—via the suffix-prefix construction—מכר, which do not seem to be related to מל, but nevertheless are:

- מליכה: πλήμη, ἡ, *flood-tide* Job 26. 7; cf. Ps 136. 6.
 מליכה: πλήσμη = πλημυρίς, ἡ, generally, *flood, deluge* = πλήμυρα; πλήμυ, ἡ, *flood-tide* Gn 6. 17.
 κῆρ: θεραπεύω, θαρ-, *do service to the gods*; abs., *worship* Job 13. 4; *treat medically* Eccl 3. 3; *to heal, cure* Jer 33. 6 شفى; *take care of* Hos 11. 3; of land, *cultivate* ICh 7. 14; *mend garments* יר.
 κῆר: ἐκθεραπεύω, strengthened for θεραπεύω, *mend* IR 18. 30; *cure perfectly* Ex 21. 19.
 κῆר: ἐκθεραπεύω, Med., *get oneself quite cured* IIR 8. 29.
 κῆר: θεραπεία, ἡ, *healing* Prv 3. 8.
 κῆר: θεραπεία, ἡ, *medical or surgical treatment* Jer 30. 13.
 κῆר: θεραπεία, ἡ, *medical treatment* Ez 47. 12.
 κῆר: θεραπεία, ἡ, pl., *cures* Jer 46. 11.
 κῆר: θεραπευτής, *medical attendant* ICh 16. 12.
 κῆר, κῆר: θεραπεία, *care of the body* Jer 8. 15, 14. 19, 33. 6.

Note that the first syllable of θεραπεύω drops out of all the homologies in the family, except מליכה and شفى.

- רא: ὁράω, *look* Jes 60. 1, ראה IS 24. 12.
 רא: ὁράω, *see that, perceive* IIR 11. 1.
 רא: ὁράω, *see* Gn 29. 10 Jes 40. 26; *look* Gn 29. 32 Jer 6. 16; *see, observe, behold, perceive* Ex 20. 18 Lev 13. 3, 56; *see that* Jud 20. 41;

- perceive* Gn 16. 4, 39. 3; *behold* Gn 27. 27 Dt 1. 8; *discern, perceive*, metaph. of mental sight Mal 3. 18 Eccl 1. 16; *observe* Gn 31. 12; *see visions* IS 9. 9 Jes 30. 10 Zach 1. 8; *look to, pay heed to*; *see to, look to*, i.e. *take or give heed* IS 12. 17, 24. 12 IR 12. 16; *look out for, provide* Gn 22. 8 IS 16. 17; *Pass., appear in vision* Gn 12. 7, 48. 3.
- רָאָה: *ὄρατός*, *to be seen, visible* Esth 2. 9.
- רָאוּ: *pass., ἐξοράω, attend, be in view* Job 33. 21.
- הָרָאָה Gn 12. 1, הָרָאָה Ex 25. 40, 26. 30 ?
- רָאָה: *ὄρατος (B), ὁ (ὄράω, ὦρα), watcher, guardian* IS 9. 9 Jes 30. 10 ICh 16. 10.
- רָאָה: *ὄρασις, ἡ, seeing, the act of sight* Job 10. 15.
- רָאוּהָ: *ὄρασις, ἡ, seeing, the act of sight, power of sight* Eccl 5. 10.
- רָאוּהָ: *ὄρασις, ἡ, vision* ICh 26. 5.
- רָאוּ: *ὄρασις, ἡ, appearance* IS 16. 12.
- הָרָאוּ: *ὄρασις, ἡ, appearance* Gn 29. 17.
- הָרָאוּהָ: *προσόρασις, ἡ, appearance* Jes 44. 13.
- הָרָאוּ: *ὄράω, ὁλάω, see visions* Joel 3. 1.
- הָרָאוּהָ Jer 29. 8 ?
- רָאוּ: *ὄράω, look towards* Prv 15. 14.
- רָאוּ: *ὄραμα, sight, spectacle* Eccl 1. 17; *device, plan* Is 2. 22.
- רָאוּ: *ὄρατος (ὄρατος (B)), watch* Ez 34. 23.
- רָאוּ: *ὄρατος (B), ὁ, watcher, guardian* Gn 4. 2.
- רָאוּ: *ὄρασις, ἡ, vision* Eccl 1. 14.
- רָאוּ: *ἐξοράω, of the gods, watch over* Gn 48. 15.
- רָאוּ: *ἐξορατος, ὁ, observer, guardian, ruler* Ps 23. 1.
- רָאוּ: *ἐξορατος, ὁ, observer, guardian, ruler* Gn 12. 15 فرعون.
- רָאוּ: *ὄραμα, τό, that which is seen, visible object* Nu 12. 8; *sight* Lev 13. 12; *sight, spectacle* Ex 3. 3; *device, plan* Ez 42. 11.
- רָאוּ: *ὄραμα, τό, vision during sleep, dream* IS 3. 15.
- רָאוּ: *ὄραμα, τό, sight, spectacle* Dt 4. 34.
- רָאוּ: *ὄραμα, τό, spectacle, vision, dream* Eccl 5. 6; *dream* Gn 40. 5; *vision* Job 20. 8.

The initial *l* in *וראוה* is part of the radical, replacing the initial vowel in *ὄράω*. There is no homologue to the *לפעיל* of either *הלם* or *ראה*, a unique and unaccountable gap: one of the very rare independent developments in both Arabic and Hebrew. *Per contra*, *הביא*—the homologue of *εἰσβαίνω*, which is causal only in the first aorist—is causal throughout. *ὁλάω* is the lispings pronunciation of *ὄράω*, and *הלום* is a direct homologue of *ὄραμα*,

following the Greek pattern. The final \aleph represents the suffix $-\mu\alpha$, whereas the final \aleph in $\aleph\lambda\eta$ is terminal. On the other hand, $\aleph\aleph\aleph$ is an indirect homologue of $\delta\rho\alpha\mu\alpha$ —as $\aleph\aleph\aleph$ is of $\pi\lambda\eta\theta\eta$ and $\pi\lambda\eta\sigma\mu\eta$ —following the suffix-prefix construction: the prefix \aleph represents the suffix $-\mu\alpha$. Similarly with $\aleph\aleph\aleph$ or $\aleph\aleph\aleph$ and $\aleph\aleph\aleph$: the final \aleph in the former represents the suffix in $\delta\rho\alpha\sigma\iota\varsigma$, as indeed does the initial \aleph in the latter—the noun changing gender in the process. Similarly, again, with $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\mu\epsilon\tau\rho\omicron\nu$ and $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\mu\epsilon\tau\rho\eta\mu\alpha$.

The regular changes undergone by the Greek homologues, $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\acute{\alpha}\omega$ and $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma$, to be transformed into Hebrew are as follows:

$\aleph\epsilon\aleph$ results from the last two syllables of $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\acute{\alpha}\omega$; the first syllable drops out because it includes ϕ , while o and ρ undergo vowel/consonant metathesis, at the same time o turning into e , as in $\omicron\rho\acute{\alpha}\omega/\aleph\aleph\aleph$. Thus: $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\acute{\alpha}\omega \rightarrow \omicron\rho\acute{\alpha}\omega \rightarrow \rho\omicron\epsilon\omega \rightarrow \rho\epsilon\alpha\omega = \aleph\epsilon\aleph$. That is why $\aleph\epsilon\aleph$ is Qal.

$\aleph\epsilon\aleph$ results from the first syllable dropping out of $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma$, metathesis taking place between the first o and the ρ which follows it, the second o turning into e , and the final σ dropping. Thus: $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \rho\omicron\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \rho\omicron\epsilon\varsigma \rightarrow \rho\omicron\epsilon = \aleph\epsilon\aleph$.

$\aleph\epsilon\aleph\aleph$ results from vowel-consonant metathesis taking place in $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma$, between e and ϕ , and o and ρ ; the e turning into a , and the terminal σ dropping. Thus: $\epsilon\phi\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \phi\epsilon\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \phi\epsilon\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \phi\epsilon\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma \rightarrow \phi\epsilon\omicron\rho\omicron\varsigma = \aleph\epsilon\aleph\aleph$.

5. *Resemblance of derivatives.* The existence of homologous derivatives is an essential test to a sound verb-homology, for homologies of derivatives corroborate each other in common solidarity as members of two sound homologous families. This has already been amply illustrated by five large homologous families: $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\mu\epsilon\tau\rho\acute{\epsilon}\omega$, $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\pi\acute{\iota}\mu\pi\lambda\eta\mu\iota$, $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\acute{\omicron}\rho\acute{\alpha}\omega$, $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\theta\epsilon\rho\alpha\pi\epsilon\acute{\iota}\omega$, and $\aleph\aleph\aleph/\sigma\tau\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\lambda\omega$. Yet there is an extremely rare example which throws into relief the function of homologous derivatives as a vital test of sound homology, where the verbs competing for homology appear to have equally good claims to it.

The two verbs concerned are $\kappa\alpha\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$ and $\mu\upsilon\theta\acute{\epsilon}\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$. Grammatically, both qualify to homologize with a verb beginning

with the MV 1. Phonetically and morphologically both qualify to homologize with $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$: the exchanges, κ/Π , θ/Π , λ/D , the addition of a terminal D , and the dropping of the first syllable which includes μ are all regular phenomena. Semantically also, both their compounds with the preposition *παρά*—*παρακαλέομαι* and *παραμυθέομαι*—coincide, meaning 'to comfort, to console'. Accordingly, either of them tallies with $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ in apparently perfect harmony. So much so that, had their claims in other respects been equal, $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ would have rightly claimed them both as legitimate homologues. For there is nothing to prevent a word in one language having more than one homologue in the other. It would merely imply that, with the passage of time, similar Greek words meaning more or less the same thing came to be pronounced the same way. But the claims of these two verbs are not equal in other respects; since, for one thing, *παραμυθέομαι* has, whereas *παρακαλέομαι* has not, derivatives that homologize with derivatives of $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$. Therefore, the whole family of the former verb prevails, as follows:

παραμυθέομαι, to comfort, to console $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Jes 40. 1; Pass., $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Jes 66. 13 $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Gn 37. 35 $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Gn 24. 67 Ez 5. 13.

παραμυθητής, consoler $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ The 1. 2.

παραμύθημα, τό, consolation $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Hos 13. 14 $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Jes 57. 18 $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Jer 16. 7.

παραμυθητικός, η, ον, consolatory $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Zach 1. 13.

παραμυθία, ή, encouragement, reassurance, consolation $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Ps 119. 50 Job 6. 10 $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ Ps 94. 19 Job 15. 11, 21. 2.

The Π in $\text{D}\Pi\lambda$ is not a prefix; it represents π .

6. *Semantics*. Semantics are a decisive factor in the following circumstances:

A. When allied to sound, the semantic factor constitutes a preliminary guide to, and prima facie evidence of, accurate homology. Thus *κυφός* is—by virtue of its meaning (*humped*), as well as by reason of the phonetic changes experienced in Graeco-Hebraic homology—a sound homologue of $\text{K}\Pi\lambda$ (Lev 21. 20). So is *ύβός*, for the same reasons: D , P , B , γ/κ , β/D , terminal 1. In fact, the said changes prove that *ύβός* is a variant of *κυφός*. Similarly, *ύβος* (*hump* of a camel) is proved to be a variant of

κῦβος, and passes muster as the homologue of קִבּוּץ. Is it not highly significant that the Latin *gibbus*, the Italian *gobbo*, and the French *gobin* resemble so closely the Hebrew קִבּוּץ?

The corroborative efficacy of semantics and phonetics when conjoined together is exemplified to advantage by comparing two Greek words which sound very much alike, yet completely differ in meaning, together with their respective homologues—one Arabic and the other Hebrew—which also sound strikingly alike while vastly differing in sense, namely: ὑπνος, ὁ, *sleep* שְׁנָה Jer 51. 39; *slumber* שְׁנָה Prv 6. 10; and ὑπνον, τό, *lichen* أَشْنَد In the circumstances, can there be a shadow of doubt that ὑπνος/שְׁנָה and ὑπνον/أشْنَد are absolutely genuine homologies?

Another pair of Greek nouns—κέρας and κράς—resemble one another phonetically, though semantically they are wide apart. Each of them has the same two Hebrew (and two similar Arabic) homologues which sound utterly unlike each other, namely קֶרֶן and רֶאֶשׁ.

κέρας, τό, *the horn of an animal* קֶרֶן Gn 22. 13 קֶרֶן Jos 6. 4; as a symbol of strength קֶרֶן Jer 48. 25; of elephants' tusks קֶרֶן Ez 27. 15; *bow* קֶרֶן IIS 22. 3, cf. IICh 14. 7; of musical instruments, *horn for blowing* קֶרֶן Jos 6. 5 קֶרֶן Hos 5. 8; *drinking horn* קֶרֶן IS 16. 1; *arm or branch of a river* רֶאֶשׁ Gn 2. 10; *corps or wing of an army* רֶאֶשׁ Jud 7. 16 Job 1. 17; *mountain-peak* רֶאֶשׁ Dt 34. 1 קֶרֶן رَأْس.

κράς, τό, gen. κρατός: Homer also has gen. and dat. κραάτος, κραάτι, pl. nom. κραάτα . . ., but no nom. κρᾶς is found. *head* קֶרֶן IS 2. 1 Ps 75. 5, 6 Job 16. 15 רֶאֶשׁ IS 17. 54 קֶרֶן Jud 4. 21, 22 (cf. ῥέχης); *top* רֶאֶשׁ Gn 28. 12 Esth 5. 2; *peak* רֶאֶשׁ Cant 4. 8 קֶרֶן رَأْس; *the head or far end* רֶאֶשׁ Gn 47. 31; *down from the head, from the top; from head to foot, entirety* רֶאֶשׁ Lev 13. 12 Jes 1. 6 رَأْس.

However, here—as elsewhere where homonyms are involved—the context plays a vital part: it, and not semantics, is the decisive factor.

Sound and sense combine to establish beyond a peradventure that native *Hebrew* words, undoubtedly *borrowed* by the ancient Greeks, are in reality veiled *Greek* words of pristine genuineness, which have returned home altered almost beyond recognition—e.g. ἀραβίων/ῥύσιον. Indeed, the entire family of this word has been preserved, unimpaired and free from ambiguity. Besides,

for good measure, the Greek custom of ratifying a pledge by giving the (right) hand is specifically recorded (Prv 6. 1, 11. 15, 17. 18, 22. 26). All testing and confirming the validity of the homologies concerned, and its consequential thesis that Hebrew is Greek.

ἔργμα, τό (ἐρύω B): a *breast work*, also of a river or trench used as a military defence, stronghold (W) ארומה Jud 9. 41 ארבען Ps 122. 7.

ἐρυμνός, ἡ, ὄν (ἐρύω B): *fenced, fortified, strong* by art: or nature; τὰ ἐρυμνά *strong positions* ארבען Am 2. 2 Ps 48. 14, 122. 7 Thr 2. 7.

ἐρύω (B), only in Med. ἐρύομαι; thematic present βύομαι: *protect, guard* ערב Gn 43. 9; *redeem* ערב Jes 38. 14.

ῥυσιάζω, Doric ῥυσιάζω: *treat as a ῥύσιον, seize, distraint* ערב Prv 11. 15, 20. 16.

ῥύσιον, Doric ῥύτιον, τό (ἐρύω B): *surety, pledge; property held or seized as a pledge or compensation* ערבון Gn 38. 17 ערב Prv 17. 18; *person seized and held to ransom* תערבנות IIR 14. 14.

ἀραβών, ἀραβών, ὁ, generally, *pledge, earnest* ערבון Gn 38. 17.

ἀραβωύζεται, ἀραβώνι δίδεται, ערב Prv 17. 18. 22. 26 Neh 5. 3.

I believe תערבנות to be the homologue of two words, τὰ ῥύσια, 'hostages'—like תרותה τὰ τόξα (Job 41. 21)—the initial ת standing for the article.

B. Meaning and morphology combine to explain why sense does not necessarily vary with form, thereby testing and confirming the validity of an homology, despite the alteration in the form of the homologue.

For instance, אנתנה Hos 2. 14, אנתן Ez 16. 34 Mich 1. 7, אנתה Ez 16. 33, אנתן Ib. bear the same meaning, but differ in form one from the other. However, this test, when applied to each one of these nouns, accounts for the change in it and confirms its homology with ἔδνον (mostly pl., *bride price* or *wedding gifts*; generally, *gifts*). Thus, the ה in אנתנה may have exchanged phonetically with the final ν; and since ἔδνον is neuter, it is capable of homologizing with a masculine or a feminine noun, or—as here—with both a masculine and a feminine noun. Alternatively, אנתנה may be the homologue of ἔδνον in the plural, i.e. ἔδνα; and the context inclines towards this interpretation. On the other hand, the ה in אנתה certainly replaces the final ν. As to the difference between אנתנה and אנתן on one hand, and אנתה and

ןד on the other—the former two nouns are direct homologues, conforming to the Greek pattern; while the latter are indirect homologues, homologizing with ἔδρον via the suffix-prefix construction.

Similarly, מַרְאָה Ex 3. 3, מַרְאָה Ez 1. 1, מַלְלוֹת Gn 20. 3: all three homologues of ὄραμα in their several meanings: the first noun is masculine, the second feminine, and the third heterogeneous. The last is a direct homologue, whereas the other two are indirect.

Also similar are רָאָה IS 16. 12, רָאָה עֵצִים Ecc1 5. 10, רָאָה Gn 29. 17 Thr 4. 8, all—in their several meanings—homologues of ὄρασις: the second noun is regularly feminine, the others are irregularly masculine; the last is an indirect homologue, the other two are direct.

C. Semantics combines with etymology to substantiate recalcitrant homologies. Two completely different examples will illustrate the efficacy of this combination.

We have seen that הַחֲנֹחֵה is the homologue of παραμυθέωμαι in the Passive voice, meaning 'to be consoled, to be comforted'; and that this homology is vouched for by several kindred homologies based on common derivation. However, הַחֲנֹחֵה has two homonyms and, therefore, two other homologues: νοέω and ὀπινοέω, and μετανοέω.

νοέω, Aeolian νόημα, with infinitive, *to be minded, intend; ἐπινοέω,*

think on or of, contrive, have in one's mind, purpose חָנַח IS 15. 29

חָנַח Gn 27. 42;

μετανοέω, *change one's mind or purpose* חָנַח Nu 23. 19; *repent*

חָנַח IS 15. 35 חָנַח Dt 32. 36.

Two tests apply: first, the context which establishes the homology חָנַח הַחֲנֹחֵה νοέω/ὀπινοέω; secondly, semantics which corroborates and further tests this homology by the homology μετανοέω/חָנַח הַחֲנֹחֵה. Indeed, both corroboration and testing are reciprocated and reciprocal.

The other example concerns חָנַח (Jer 38. 12) which is rendered in the Septuagint by *ράκη* (*rags, tatters*). This is not a meaning which—by a reasonable stretch of the imagination—might be suggested by the context, by a similar Arabic word, or by a connection between the verb חָנַח and 'rags'. However, Greek

homology not only confirms the said translation, but also shows that נִסְבַּח derives from נָסַח , affording the semantic link which connects the two words. Thus:

$\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\omega$, draw נָסַח Jes 30. 14 Hag 2. 16 נָסַח Gn 24. 13; pull away נָסַח IIS 17. 13; tear, rend, esp. of ravenous animals נָסַח Jer 15. 3; נָסַח Ez 36. 3 Ps 56. 2; snatch, tear or drag away נָסַח Jer 46. 15 נָסַח Ib 22. 19 נָסַח Prv 28. 3; draw in, suck in, drink off, quaff (W) נָסַח Dt 21. 20 Jes 56. 12 Prv 23. 20 נָסַח Ps 119. 131; draw breath נָסַח Jer 2. 24, 14. 6; enjoy נָסַח Job 7. 2; derive its origin נָסַח Eccl 1. 5. Cf. נָסַח ; $\gamma\upsilon\mu\nu\acute{o}\omega$.

$\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\mu\alpha$, $\alpha\tau\omicron\varsigma$, $-\mu\acute{o}\varsigma$, that which has been torn off, fragment, shred נִסְבַּח Jer 38. 11 נִסְבַּח Gn 30. 37; spasm, convulsion; fit of epilepsy נִסְבַּח IIS 1. 9.

It is not clear whether נָסַח in Jer 15. 3 means 'pull away' or 'tear, rend'; but the Septuagint has $\epsilon\iota\varsigma \delta\iota\alpha\sigma\pi\alpha\sigma\mu\acute{o}\nu$, tearing in pieces. However, there is no doubt that נָסַח homologizes with $\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\omega$, at least in respect of the senses of 'pulling' and 'dragging'. Besides, the notion of 'tearing' and 'rending' is transferred from $\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\omega$ to its derivative, $\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\mu\alpha$, in the form of 'shred'. These two facts, coupled together, enable נִסְבַּח to homologize with $\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\mu\alpha$. Moreover, the semantic link of 'tearing' and 'rending' which exists between $\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\omega$ and $\sigma\pi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\mu\alpha$ acts as a test of the validity of this homology. At the same time this homology, in its turn, constitutes corroborative evidence that נָסַח in Jer 15. 3 actually means 'tear, rend'—especially as the context is by no means averse to that meaning (v. p. 371, s.v. $\sigma\pi\alpha\rho\acute{\epsilon}\sigma\sigma\omega$).

7. *The Septuagint.* This *magnum opus* of our forefathers is not a perfect translation of our holy writ. Among other shortcomings, it sometimes overcomes the difficulty of translating a certain word by circumlocution (Jes 14. 23), or evades it by transliteration (Jud 8. 7). At other times it bypasses an obscure word, omitting to translate it altogether (Jer 38. 11). Yet again, it fails to use the apt word, as when עֵצֵי in Gn 2. 10 is rendered by $\acute{\alpha}\rho\chi\eta$ (used only by the LXX to mean 'branch of a river'), instead of by its homologue, $\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\rho\alpha\varsigma$ ('arm' or 'branch' of a river). Similarly, עֵצֵי in Job 1. 17 is rendered by $\kappa\epsilon\phi\alpha\lambda\acute{\eta}$ (a 'band' of men, 'right-hand half' of a phalanx), instead of by its homologue, $\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\rho\alpha\varsigma$ ('corps of 8192 men' or 'wing' of an army). Cf. p. 348. Occasionally there

ever suspected it to be the homologue of μέγας (*high*). It was not long before I realized that מוֹרָא also was a homologue of μέγας, homologizing with it in respect of its meaning 'great, mighty', as epithet of a god. This discovery—together with the fact that אֱלֹהִים and גִּבְעוּהַ are in the construct, in Dt 11. 30 and Jud 7. 1 respectively—convinced me that מוֹרָה homologizes with μέγας like מוֹרָא, rather than in respect of its meaning 'high', as rendered by the Septuagint. Thus the Septuagint's translation of מוֹרָה had led me to the discovery which enabled me to correct the Septuagint in that very translation.

B. Strange to say, the following example bears a striking resemblance to the last one, in respect of מוֹרָא and מוֹרָה, each being supposed to bear a different meaning of their common homologue, μέγας. Here the Hebrew word concerned (רָפַח) is supposed to have the same meaning as a very similar Arabic word (خَفَضَ); whereas both are homologues of a Greek word (κουφίζω), in respect of different meanings.

The Septuagint rendered the passage אָרַו זָנְבוֹ כְּמוֹ אֵרֶוּ, in Job 40. 17 (12): 'Ἐστῆσεν οὐρὰν ὡς κυπαρίσσου [ἄρκουθος]—'He raised his tail like a cypress [*cedar*].' Ibn Ezra, presumably independently, maintains that רָפַח means עָמַד—'will make to stand'. In fact, עָמַד means 'make to stand, set up, raise'. The interpretation seemed reasonable to me, for the erectile tail of animals generally stiffens and distends upwards when they are angry or otherwise excited. Yet all the commentators, lexicographers, and translators have ignored the Septuagint and embarked on a wild goose chase. I, however, banked on it, cast about for a suitable homologue, and soon came upon κουφίζω, a verb of diverse meanings and various homologues:

κουφίζω, *lighten, make light* רָפַח Ex 18. 22 خَفَضَ; *lift, raise* רָפַח
 Job 40. 17; ἀλμα κουφίειν *make a light leap* רָפַח Cant 2. 8 رَفَرَّ;
lighten ships of their cargo רָפַח Jon 1. 5; *relieve* רָפַח IR 12. 4 خَفَفَ;
cancel رَفَعَ; *cheapen* رَفَعَ Gn 16. 4, 5; *assuage* رَفَعَ Ib 19. 44
 رَفَعَ; *to be light* رَفَعَ Gn 8. 8 خَفَفَ; *abate* رَفَعَ Jcr 4. 13 Job 7. 6. (V. p. 248.)

Therefore, the homology רָפַח/κουφίζω is tested and validated by the Septuagint.

8. *The Supreme Test.* Naturally, the object of sound homology is to interpret a given text accurately, so as to convey to the reader its true and full meaning. Therefore, the ultimate test of sound homology is this: Does it render the text in hand—be it a passage or an episode—intelligible and clear, without straining the significance of the word or words concerned? This is essential, whether the word in question is an *hapax legomenon* or occurs elsewhere also; because any given word or text cannot be treated in isolation from the rest of the Bible, but must be considered in relation to other words or texts and should harmonize with them. Particularly since most words convey more than one meaning or shade of meaning.

This test is universal, and no homology escapes the rigour of its application. Accordingly, it is applied in the next chapter but one to several homologies, by comparing them with biblical translations and other interpretations.