

חטאה

The Progression of Sin

Here are the first three different words for "sin"

Ex 34:6,7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

01. Sin

#2403. חטאה **chatta'ah, khat-taw-aw'** from #2398.

חטא chata', khaw-taw' *to miss.* hence (figuratively and generally) to sin;

02. Transgression

#6588. פשע **pesha'**, a revolt, to break away from a just authority

03. Iniquity

#5771. עון **'avon, aw-vone'** *perversity*, to twist or distort

Shema means to hear and obey so the next sin is direct disobedience.

De 28:45 *"Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you."*

04. Not obey

#8085 שמע **shama', shaw-mah'**

(Refuse) to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience,

We are to serve G-d so what follows is a direct refusal to by serving other gods:

De 8:19 *"And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish."*

05. Refusal to serve God

#5647. עבד **'abad, aw-bad'** to work (in any sense) for another; by implication, to serve, enslave, etc.:--X be, keep in bondage

Now it progresses to acting treacherously translated as a trespass:

Nu 31:6 “Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.”

06. To act treacherously

#4604. מַעַל **ma'al, mah'-al** from 4603; treachery, falsehood, grievously, sore, trespass, X very.

This is followed by outright rebellion:

Isa 1:20 “But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.”

07. To make God bitter by being stubbornly disobedient

#4784. מָרָה **marah, maw-raw'** to make bitter; (figuratively) to rebel

This develops into wickedness:

Isa 57:20 “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”

08. To be wicked with strong excitement

#7563. רָשָׁע **rasha', raw-shaw'** morally wrong; an (actively) bad person

We have a similar word Hebrew word also translated as iniquity with the aleph at the beginning rather than the Ayin:

Mic 2:1 “Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.”

09. To live worthlessly or without any worthy purpose

#205. אָוֵן **'oven, aw-ven'** to pant (hence, to exert oneself, usually in vain; to come to naught); strictly nothingness;

Concluding with the Hebrew word for evil:

Ge 6:5 “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

10. To spoil or dash to pieces the moral worth God intended

#7451 רָע **ra', rah** evil (natural or moral):--affliction, calamity,

This is why:

Ge 6:6 “And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.”