

כּוֹן

Meaning

- To be firm
- Establish
- Prepare
- Set

Verb. Occurs about 200 times in the Old Testament.

Meanings by Stem

Qal Stem (basic form)

To be firm, stable, fixed, established.

Describes something that stands securely or endures.

For example, “Your throne is established (כּוֹן) from of old” — [Psalm 93:2](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigPsalm 93:2

Hebrew מֵעוֹלָם מֵאֲזַנֵּי כְסֵאֲךָ כּוֹן עַד עַד ESV Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. NIV Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. NLT Your throne, O LORD, has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past.
 ἔτοιμος ὁ θρόνος σου ἀπὸ τότε ἀπὸ τοῦ αἰῶνος οὐκ ἔ

Niphal Stem (passive/reflexive form)

To be established, be fixed, be prepared.

Often refers to plans or purposes that are set.

For example, “The LORD’s throne is established (כּוֹן) in the heavens.” — [Psalm 103:19](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigPsalm 103:19

Hebrew יְהוָה יָהֵךְ בְּשָׁמַיִם הַכֵּין כְּסֵאוֹ וְיִמְלֹכוֹתוֹ בְּכָל מְשֻׁלָּה ESV The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. NIV The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. NLT The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. κύριος ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἡτοίμασεν τὸν θρόνον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ βασιλεία αὐτοῦ πάντων...

Hiphil Stem (causative form)

To establish, set up, prepare, make firm.

This is the most common form and often means to make something stable or ready.

For example, “The LORD establishes (הִכִּין) his steps.” — [Proverbs 16:9](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigProverbs 16:9

Hebrew עָשָׂה יָכִין יְהוָה דְּרָכּוֹ יִשָּׁבּ לִבְּאָדָם לֵב אָדָם יִשָּׁבּ דְּרָכּוֹ יְהוָה יָכִין עָשָׂה ESV The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. NIV In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. NLT We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.

πάντα τὰ ἔργα τοῦ κυρίου μεταδικαιοσύνης φυλάσσεται· οὐδὲ ὁ ἀσεβὴς εἰς ἡμέραν κακῇ.

Theological Significance

The verb כִּין often refers to God’s action in establishing creation, kingship, and moral order. It expresses the idea that what God does is permanent, reliable, and purposeful.

Examples:

- Creation: “He established (כִּין) the world, it shall not be moved.” — [Psalm 96:10](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigPsalm 96:10

Hebrew אָמְרוּ בְּגוֹלִים יְהוָה מֶלֶךְ אֵל תִּכְּוֹן תִּבֵּל בֶּל תִּמּוּט יָדָיו עַמִּים בְּמִשְׁפָּרִים ESV Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.” NIV Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ὁ κύριος ἐξέβασιλευσεν καὶ γὰρ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἥτις οὐ σαλευθήσεται· κρινεῖ τοὺς ἐνέθυτοι.

- Covenant and throne: “Your kingdom shall be established (יָכִין) forever before you.” — [2 Samuel 7:16](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big2 Samuel 7:16

Hebrew וְנֶאֱמַר בֵּיתְךָ וּמַמְלַכְתְּךָ עַד עוֹלָם לְפָנַי כְּסֵאֲךָ יְהוָה נִכּוֹן עַד עוֹלָם ESV And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” NIV Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’

καὶ πιστωθήσεται ὁ οἶκος αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ βασιλεία αὐτοῦ ὥς αἰῶνος ἐνώπιον ἐμοῦ καὶ ὁ θρόνος αὐτοῦ ἔσται ἀνωρθωμένος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα...

- Moral order and plans: “Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established (יָכִין).” — [Proverbs 16:3](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigProverbs 16:3

Hebrew אֶל יְהוָה מַעֲשֶׂיךָ יִכְּוֹן מִכְשָׁבֶיךָ יִכְּוֹן יְהוָה יִכְּוֹן מִכְשָׁבֶיךָ יִכְּוֹן ESV Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. NIV Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. NLT Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.

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