

prove what a word means. It may give you an interesting idea to see whether it means that in that language. The way to prove what a word means is usage and I know no better way to find where a word is used in Hebrew than than this case.

Now I'm going to call your attention to a word which is used about 50 times in the OT. If you have a word only used two or three times naturally usage is not going to decide ^{for you} a great deal about the meaning of the word. It may rule out certain possibilities; it may give certain definite ideas. But you have to look to ancient translations; you have to look to recent translations. You have to look to ⁱ dictionaries. ~~look to dictionaries~~ If you look to dictionaries be careful! Because many a dictionary just says what he thinks the word means, and that may give you a general idea but not tell you much about it.

When I was working in Babylonian at the U. of Chicago, I was working in material where I wanted to get the exact meaning of a word. Somebody said to me, God see Dr. Geers. He has done extensive work in this area. I went to Dr. Geers with a word and said, What does this mean? Oh he said, that means ^{agrandisement} a gramphsite (?) Simple enough! What more do you need? I went back to them and said, I could have found that in a dictionary, what good does that do me? Oh, they said, well Dr. Geers knows the average person is not much interested and he'll just give you an offhand meaning. Now you ask him specifically ^{agrandisement} and you will find it means a certain kind of a gramphisite (?) that is not used in certain types of agrandizement. It really has a very definite meaning. And Dr. Geers was working extensively in the context of Babylonian words. Now you can do the same kind of work in Hebrew with the use of this book - the Englishman's Hebrew and Chaldee Concordance. You can do it with other concordances. You can do it with Young's or with Strongs, but it takes longer. Now in this