

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, June 20, 2021

Sermon: "The Power Behind The Weapon!" What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 12

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Judges 3:31*

New Covenant: *Acts 26:1-23*

II Doctrine:

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III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

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2) The type of weapon Shamgar utilized revealed the true purpose of a Judge over Israel. Just like a stubborn Ox, God's people need to be "poked and prodded" to keep them in line with his commands. (*Ecclesiastes 12:9-14*)

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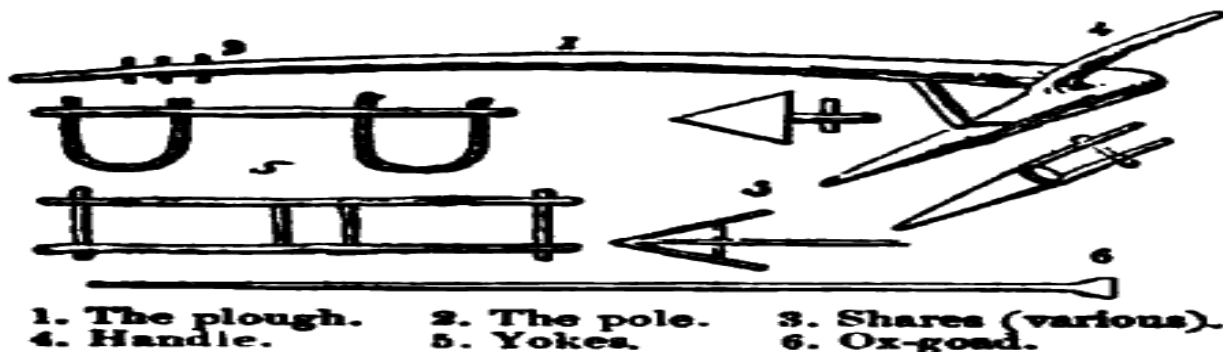
Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 2759: κέντρον

κέντρον, κέντρον, τό (κεντέω to prick);

1. a sting, as that of bees (4 Macc. 14:19), scorpions, locusts, Revelation 9:10. Since animals wound by their sting and even cause death, Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:55 (after Hosea 13:14, the Sept.) attributes to death, personified, a κέντρον, i. e. a deadly weapon, and that κέντρον is said to be ἡ ἁμαρτία (56), because sin is death's cause and punishment (?) (Romans 5:12).

2. as in the Greek writings an iron goad, for urging on oxen, horses and other beasts of burden; hence, the proverb πρὸς κέντρα λακτίζειν, to kick against the goad, i. e. to offer vain and perilous or ruinous resistance: Acts 9:5 Rec.; ; cf. Pindar Pythagoras 2, 173; Aeschylus (Ag. 1624, cf.) Prom. 323; Euripides, Bacch. 795; Terent. Phorm. 1, 2, 28; Ammian. 18, 5.



1. The plough.
4. Handle.

2. The pole.
5. Yokes.

3. Shares (various).
6. Ox-goad.