

# The Doctrine of ṚĀrak<sup>e1</sup>

**Introduction:** Ṛārak<sup>e</sup> is a very tough word to work with. As soon as I think I have it figured out, I find it used in a very different way in another passage. In the King James Bible, there are over 20 ways this word is translated.

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- Pronunciation and spelling:**
- Meanings** already attributed to :
  - KJV renderings: *array, order, expert, value, equal, estimate, ordain, prepare, compare, direct, furnish, handle, join.*
  - Strong's renderings: *properly to set in a row, that is, arrange, put in order (in a very wide variety of applications): - put (set) (the battle, self) in array, compare, direct, equal, esteem, estimate, expert [in war], furnish, handle, join [battle], ordain, (lay, put, reckon up, set) (in) order, prepare, tax, value.; by implication i (Strong's #6186)*
  - BDB translations: (BDB #789) 1) to arrange, set or put or lay in order, set in array, prepare, order, ordain, handle, furnish, esteem, equal, direct, compare
    - 1a1) to arrange or set or lay in order, arrange, state in order, set forth (a legal case), set in place; 1a2) to compare, be comparable
    - (Hiphil) to value, tax
  - Gesenius translations:
    - To arrange in order [in a row]; to put in order; to place together; to compare.
    - To estimate; to value; to compare the value [of anything]
    - (Hiphil) To estimate
  - Zodhiates: Not listed.
- Cognates:** Since this word occurs so often, and since the cognates are clearly connected to this word's basic meaning, we will dispense with them for the time being.
- Passages:**

One of the best ways to determine the meaning of a word, is to simply examine its every occurrence in Scripture.

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array	arrange, set in array	26	Judges 20:20, 22, 30, 33 1Sam. 17:2, 8, 21 2Sam. 10:8–10 2Sam. 10:17 1Chron. 19:9–11, 17 2Chron. 13:3 14:10 Job 6:4 Jer. 6:23 50:9, 14 50:42 Joel 2:5	And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and <b>put themselves in array</b> against Gibeah, as at other times (Judges 20:30).

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order	arrange, set in order	20	Gen. 22:9 Ex. 27:21 Ex. 40:4, 23 Lev. 1:7-8 6:12 24:3-4, 8 Joshua 2:6 1Kings 18:33 Job 33:4-5 37:19 Psalm 40:5 50:21 Isa. 44:7 Jer. 46:3	And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and <b>laid</b> the wood <b>in order</b> , and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood (Gen. 22:9).
expert	arrange	3	1Chron. 12:33, 35-36	And of the Danites <b>expert</b> in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred (1Chron. 12:35).
value	value	3	Lev. 27:8, 12	And the priest shall <b>value</b> it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, who art the priest, so shall it be (Lev. 27:12).
equal	equal	2	Job 28:17, 19	The gold and the crystal cannot <b>equal</b> it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold (Job 28:17).
estimate	value	2	Lev. 27:14	And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall <b>estimate</b> it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall <b>estimate</b> it, so shall it stand.
ordained	arrange	2	Psalms 132:17 Isa. 30:33	There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have <b>ordained</b> a lamp for mine anointed (Psalms 132:17).
ordered	arranged, set in order	2	2Sam. 23:5 Job 13:18	Behold now, I have <b>ordered</b> my cause; I know that I shall be justified (Job 13:18).
prepare	arrange, set in array	2	Isa. 21:5 65:11	But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that <b>prepare</b> a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number (Isa. 65:11).
prepared	arranged, arrayed	2	Num. 23:4 Ezek. 23:41	And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have <b>prepared</b> seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram (Num. 23:4).

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compare	compare	1	Isa. 40:18	To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye <b>compare</b> unto him?
compared	compare	1	Psalms 89:6	For who in the heaven can be <b>compared</b> unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
direct	set in array	1	Psalms 5:3	My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I <b>direct</b> my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
directed	set in array	1	Job 32:14	Now he hath not <b>directed</b> his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.
esteem	value	1	Job 36:19	Will he <b>esteem</b> thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
furnish	array	1	Psalms 78:19	Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God <b>furnish</b> a table in the wilderness?
furnished	arranged	1	Prov. 9:2	She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also <b>furnished</b> her table.
handle	setting in array	1	1Chron. 12:8	And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could <b>handle</b> shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains:...
joined	set in array	1	Gen. 14:8	And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they <b>joined</b> battle with them in the vale of Siddim;...
preparest	arrange	1	Psalms 23:5	Thou <b>preparest</b> a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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put	arrange	1	1Kings 18:33	And he <b>put</b> the wood in <b>order</b> , and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
set	set in order	1	Ex. 40:23	And he <b>set</b> the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.
taxed	value	1	2Kings 23:35	And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he <b>taxed</b> the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaohnechoh.

## 5. Conclusions:

- a. There seem to be two basic meanings for this word:
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- c. The other option is, this word began with a specific meaning which branched out in two directions:
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  - ii. When you arrange things together, in some sort of an order, you also are *comparing* them, to some degree; and in comparing them, you *place a value* or *estimate the worth* of the individual things.

In case you have chosen not to look this doctrine up, let me provide you some of the conclusions:

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These conclusions are carefully justified and documented in the full doctrine.

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