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The root-verb רהב (*rahab*) is difficult to translate, but it seems to have to do with experiencing a forceful intimacy. Thus the youth will "storm" against the elder (Isaiah 5:3), a young man will "importune" his creditor (Proverbs 6:3), the eyes of a dashing maiden may "bedazzle" the king (Song of Solomon 6:5) and make a poet whose prayer was answered "bold" with strength in his soul (Psalm 138:3).

The derivatives of this verb are:

- The adjective רהב (*rahab*), meaning proud (Psalm 40:5 only).
- The similar masculine noun רהב (*rohab*), meaning arrogance or pride (Psalm 90:10 only).
- The feminine noun רהב (*marheba*) denoting boisterous behavior (Isaiah 14:4 only).

Associated Biblical names

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HAW Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament and BDB Theological Dictionary both report an original meaning of storming against something or someone, which would fit the Biblical mythology of YHWH fighting Rahab and Leviathan; the Biblical answers to the Mesopotamian gods of chaos (as the Oxford Companion to the Bible calls them).

<http://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Rahab.html#.U9uWW2OTGwQ>

Patron Angels from *Angels A to Z* by Matthew Bunson

Pride Rabab

Sea Rahab

<http://www.palmyria.co.uk/superstition/angelsdemons.htm>

Rahab (Egypt)

This article is about the biblical usages of Rahab. For the prostitute in the Book of Joshua, see Rahab.

Rahab *m.n.* (Hebrew: רָהַב, Modern *Rahav* Tiberian *Rahab* ; "blusterer") is used in the Hebrew Bible to indicate *rage, fierceness, insolence, pride*. Rahab is the emblematic name of Egypt and is also spoken of with the sea. In mediaeval Jewish folklore, Rahab is a mythical sea monster.

Biblical usage

Egypt

Rahab is a poetical name for Egypt. It might have Egyptian origins that were accommodated to the Hebrew language. However, there is nothing revealing in the Coptic language.

I mention Rahab (Egypt) and Babel to those knowing Me, Lo, Philistia, and Tyre, with Cush! This [one] was born there. (Psalm 87:4 ^[1])^{YLT}

Thou [Jehovah] art ruler over the pride of the sea, In the lifting up of its billows Thou dost restrain them. Thou hast bruised Rahab (Egypt), as one wounded. With the arm of Thy strength Thou hast scattered Thine enemies. (Psalm 89:8–10 ^[2])^{YLT}

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of Jehovah, Awake, as [in] days of old, generations of the ages, Art not Thou it that is hewing down Rahab (Egypt), Piercing a dragon! (Isaiah 51:9 ^[3])^{YLT}

Rahab as insolence or pride

In Isaiah 30:7, *rahab* (insolence, strength) becomes a proverbial expression that gives an allusion to the Hebrew etymology *insolence*.

Yea, Egyptians [are] vanity, and in vain do help, Therefore I have cried concerning this: Their strength (rahab) [is] to sit still. (Isaiah 30:7 ^[4])^{YLT}

In the Book of Job, *rahab* (pride, blusterer) occurs in the Hebrew text and is translated in the King James Version as "proud".

[If] God will not withdraw his anger, the proud (rahab) helpers do stoop under him. (Job 9:13 ^[5])^{KJV}

He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud (rahab). (Job 26:12 ^[6])^{KJV}

Jewish folklore

In mediaeval Jewish folklore, **Rahab** (*noise, tumult, arrogance*) is a mythical sea monster, a dragon of the waters, the "demonic angel of the sea". Rahab represents the primordial abyss, the water-dragon of darkness and chaos, comparable to Leviathan and Tiamat. Rahab later became a particular demon, inhabitant of the sea, especially associated with the Red Sea.

Influence

Military

- The fifth Israeli Navy Dolphin class submarine is to be named Rahab.
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Video-games

- *Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver* for the PlayStation, *Rahab* is one of Kain's vampire generals that evolved over millennia into a large swimming monster.
- *Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow* for the Nintendo DS, features an underwater boss named *Rahab*.
- In *Castlevania: Aria of Sorrow* and in *Castlevania: Portrait of Ruin*, a weapon called *Rahab's Frost* (Rahab's Sword in *Aria of Sorrow*), which is "a dagger made from the fang of the water dragon Rahab" is found.
- In the arcade shooter, *The Ocean Hunter*, *Rahab* is also the final boss and main antagonist.

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Rahab - angel of death, destruction, but also the sea.

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