

Greek Words for Curse

Nouns:

Ara Used only once in Rom. 3:14 - Cursing a malediction.

Katara

Found in almost all religious history, are utterances that are designed to bring harm by supernatural operation. Self-cursing for breaches of oaths. Jesus forbids His disciples to curse in Luke 6:28. Gal. 3:10, 13 curse is used concretely of Christ as having "become a curse" for us, I.e. by voluntarily undergoing on the cross the appointed penalty of the curse, He thus identified, on our behalf, with the doom of sin.

Anathema

Handing over to God's judicial wrath in I Cor. 16:22, Gal. 1:8, Rom. 9:3.

Katathema

Put something under divine curse. Rev. 22:3

Verbs:

Anathematizo

Devoted to destruction, accursed, to curse (Mark 14:71) or to bind by a curse (Acts 23:12, 14, 21).

Katanathematizo

Denotes to utter curses against. Peter puts himself under a curse if he is lying, or puts the people under a curse if they discern that he is a disciple. Matt. 26:74

Kataraomi

To pray against, to wish evil against a person or thing. Matt. 25:41, Mk. 11:21, Lk. 6:28, Rom. 12:14, Jas. 3:9

Kakologeo

To speak evil. Matt. 15:4, Mk. 7:10 (of father and mother.)

Adjectives:

Epekataratos

Cursed, accursed (epi upon) Gal. 3:10, 13

Eparator

Accursed in John 7:49

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