

AMEN



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- **The Meaning of the Word “Amen.”**
  - **A transliterated word from Hebrew into Greek and English.**
  - **Dictionaries:**
    - **Mounce’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, “to show oneself dependable, know oneself to be secure, have faith.” In general *amēn* means “certain[ly]” or “true[ly].**
    - **Easton’s Bible Dictionary, “This Hebrew word means firm, and hence also faithful (**Rev. 3:14**).**

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  - Dictionaries:
    - Vines, “Thus ‘Amen’ said by God ‘it is and shall be so, ‘and by men, ‘so let it be.’
  - “Amen” carries different emphasis depending on placement.
    - Beginning of a discourse, “Truly I say to you...”  
**Matt. 5:18; Mk. 3:28**
    - At the close of a sentence, “So it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled.” **Matt. 28:20**

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- The Meaning of the Word “Amen.”
  - “Amen” carries different emphasis depending on placement.
    - When used as an adjective, “Firm” or “true.”  
**Deut. 7:9; Isa. 65:16**
    - After another’s statement or prayer, “This is true,” “may it come to pass,” or “we agree.” **1 Chron. 16:35-36; Ps. 106:48**

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- The Usage of the Word “Amen.”
  - To express agreement or affirmation. **Deut. 27:14-26**
  - To endorse prayer. **Rom. 11:36**
  - To express the truthfulness of an inspired writing.  
**Rom. 16:27; 1 Cor. 16:24**
  - To express agreement at the end of the reading of Scripture.  
**Neh. 8:6**
  - Used by Jesus to emphasize His authority. **John 3:3, 5; 5:24-25**

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## ■ Why Does This Matter?

1. Word studies help us discover the concepts and ideas the Bible writers had in mind when they chose the words they did.
2. Meaning of words change over time. Ex. **2 Tim. 3:17** NASB.
3. Word studies help us to accurately handle the word of God. **2 Tim. 2:15** NASB.