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Verse	Idiom	Meaning
Gen 22.17	Seed	descendants
Gen 24.60	Possess gates	capture cities
Gen 27.41	Said in heart	thought to self
Gen 31.35	The way of women	menstruation
Gen 40.13	Lift up your head	restore to honor
Ex 1.5	Loins?	descendants
Ex 3.8	Flowing with milk and honey	fertile
Ex 3.19	Mighty hand	force
Ex 13.2	Open the womb	be born
Ex 15.25	Sweet water	water fit to drink
Ex 32.19	His anger burned	very angry
Ex 34.6	Long of anger	slow to get angry
Lev. 20.18	Her sickness	her period
Lev 22.6	Soul	person
Deut 5.6	House of bondage	(land of) slavery
Deut 8.14	Heart lifted up	proud
Deut 15.7	Close hand	selfish
Deut 20.8	Heart melt	lose courage
Deut 21.17	Beginning of his strength	his firstborn
Deut 23.13	Squat outside	defecate
Deut 23.13	What comes from you	excrement
Deut 28.28	Heart	mind
Josh 10.6	Slack hands	abandon
Judges 3.28	Deliver them into your hands	defeat them for you
Judges 13.5	From the womb	from birth
1 Sam 10.9	gave him another heart	changed his attitude
1 Sam 24.3	covered his feet	relieved himself
1 Sam 25.22	one who urinates against a wall	male
2 Sam 1.12	house	nation
2 Sam 18.25	good news is in his mouth	he brings good news
1 Ki 2.10	slept	died
2 Ki 2.7	sons of the prophets	group of prophets
2 Ki 4.29	gird up your loins	get ready
2 Ki 19.26	small of hand	weak
2 Chr 25.17	look each other in the face	meet each other in battle

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2 Chr 36.13	stiffened his neck	became stubborn
Esther 1.7	Open hand	generosity
Esther 1.14	Saw his face	had access to him
Esther 2.21	Send a hand against	assassinate
Esther 6.10	let fall	neglect (3)
Job 1.12	Put hand on	harm
Job 20.20	Knew no quiet in their bellies	greedy
Job 23.16	Soft heart	fearful
Job 31.10	Kneel over	have sex with
Job 33.16	Opens the ear	informs, reveals
Job 35.8	Son of man	other humans
Ps 3.7	Break teeth	make powerless
Ps 4.1	Enlarge space	set free
Ps 5.9	Their throat is an open grave	they speak deceitfully
Ps 6.7	Eye is consumed	vision is blurred
Ps 7.3	Iniquity in my hands	guilty
Ps 7.9	Hearts and kidneys	thoughts and emotions
Ps 10.5	Snorts	scoffs
Ps 11.6	the portion of their cup	their destiny
Ps 12.2	double heart	duplicitous
Ps 17.8	Little man of the eye	pupil
Ps 24.4	Clean hands	act purely
Ps 25.1	Lift up my soul	pray
Ps 27.8	Seek my face	seek me
Ps 33.18	Eyes are upon	watches over
Ps 41.9	Lifted heel against	turned against
Ps 73.9	Tongue struts through the earth	arrogantly order everyone
Ps 75.5	Lift horn	defy God
Ps 89.13	Right hand	might
Ps 89.22	Son of wickedness	wicked person
Ps 90.12	Number days	use time wisely
Ps 94.9	Planted	created
Ps 102.2	Hide your face	refuse to answer
Ps 121.1	Lift up eyes	look up toward
Ps 124.3	Swallowed alive	killed
Pro 17.22	Dries bones	drains strength

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Pro 18.20	Fruit of the mouth	what someone says
Pro 24.20	lamp will go out	will die
Song 2.4	His banner over me is love	he loves me very much
Song 2.17	Until the day breathes	until dawn
Song 4.2	none is bereaved	none is missing
Is 9.9	Arrogance of heart	arrogant
Is 14.12	Son of the morning	morning star
Is 35.10	Joy will crown their heads	they will be joyful
Is 52.7	Feet	person
Is 57.4	Open mouth wide	sneer
Is 60.16	Suck the milk of nations	receive the wealth of other countries
Is 61.3	Oil of gladness	joy
Jer 4.4	Remove the foreskin of your heart	dedicate yourselves fully to God
Jer 4.19	Walls	pain
Jer 4.30	Seek your life	want to kill you
Jer 5.5	Broken the yoke	rejected God's authority
Jer 6.10	Ears are uncircumcised	don't listen
Jer 7.12	Where I caused my name to dwell	where I chose to be worshiped
Jer 9.1	waters	spring of water
Jer. 25.15	Wine of wrath	my anger
Jer 50.33	Sons of	people of
Jer 51.37	Hissing	scorn
Lam 1.16	Eyes run down with water	eyes flow with tears
Ezek 3.7	Hard forehead	stubborn
Ezek 16.25	Spread feet	offer self for sex
Ezek 16.26	Big of phallus	lustful
Mal 1.11	My name	me
Mal 2.12	he who awakens and he who answers	every single person

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