

Word Study: hardening (harden)

1)7185 “ozah (gashah)” translated as hardened but can include the concept of dense or severe....used only 1x in 7:3 which is prophetic overview of how **God** will harden pharaoh's heart

2)3515 “cabod” translated as hardened but more specifically means heavy (or burdensome or dull)...this is used 6x (7:14, 8:15, 8:32, 9:7, 9:34, 10:1) and almost always seems neutral but points grammatically to **pharaoh** hardening his own heart, with the exception of 10:1 where clearly **God** is doing the hardening

3)2388 “hazak” translated as hardened but more specifically means stiff (or obstinate, or make stiff)...this is used 11x (4:21, 7:13, 7:22, 8:19, 9:12, 9:35, 10:20, 10:27, 11:10, 14:4, 14:17) 4:21 refers to a prophetic overview in which **God** foretells of His hardening of pharaoh's heart, but from 7:13-8:19 they all seem to be neutral and perhaps again it is **pharaoh** doing the hardening....from 9:12 on though they all seem to point back to **God** doing the hardening