

Beowulf Vocabulary Ch. 4-6

Goaded: Pricked; pushed on by a goad; instigated.

Sinews: 1. In anatomy, a tendon; that which unites a muscle to a bone.
2. In the plural, strength; or rather that which supplies strength.
3. Muscle; nerve.

Seethed: Boiled; decoated.

Blithe: Gay; merry; joyous; sprightly; mirthful.

Tapestries: A kind of woven hangings of wool and silk, often enriched with gold and silver, representing figures of men, animals, and landscapes.

Embroideries: Work in gold, silver or silk thread, formed by the needle on cloth, stuffs and muslin, into various figures; variegated needle-work.

Haste:

1. Celerity of motion; speed; swiftness; dispatch; expedition; applied only to voluntary beings, as men and other animals; never to other bodies. We never say, a ball flies with haste.
The king's business required haste. 1 Sam.21.
2. Sudden excitement of passion; quickness; precipitance; vehemence.
I said in my haste, all men are liars. Ps.116.
3. The state of being urged or pressed by business; as, I am in great haste.

Direful: Dire; dreadful; terrible; calamitous; as direful fiend; a direful misfortune.

Flurky: Dark; obscure; gloomy.

Unsheathe: To draw from the sheath or scabbard.

Unsheathe thy sword.
To unsheathe the sword, to make war.

Smote: pret. of smite.

SMITE, v.t. pret. smote; pp. smitten, smil. [This verb is the L. mitto.]

1. To strike; to throw, drive or force against, as the fist or hand, a stone or a weapon; to reach with a blow or a weapon; as, to smite one with the fist; to smite with a rod or with a stone. Whoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matt. 5.
2. To kill; to destroy the life of by beating or by weapons of any kind; as, to smite one with the sword, or with an arrow or other engine. David smote Goliath with a sling and a stone. The Philistines were often smitten with great slaughter. [This word, like slay, usually or always signification, that of beating, striking, the primitive mode of killing. We never apply it to the destruction of life by poison, by accident or by legal execution.]
3. To blast; to destroy life; as by a stroke or by something sent. The flax and the barley were smitten. Ex. 9.
4. To afflict; to chasten; to punish. Let us not mistake God's goodness, nor imagine, because he smites us, that we are forsaken by him.
5. To strike or affect with passion. See what the charms that smite the simple heart. Smit with the love of sister arts we came.

Turgid:

1. Swelled; bloated; distended beyond its natural state by some internal agent or expansive force.

A bladder held by the fire grew turgid.

More generally, the word is applied to an enlarged part of the body; as a turgid limb.

2. Tumid; pompous; inflated; bombastic; as a turgid style; a turgid manner of talking.

Wended:

1. To go; to pass to or from. [Obsolete, except in poetry; but its preterit, went, is in common use.]

2. To turn round. [Wend and wind are from the same root.]