

doesn't look to me as if that interpretation of BDB there is at all required, at least. It doesn't seem to fit alot of the cases.....2½.....

You've heard the story about the foreigner who came over here and was learning his English. He was standing in the hallway, ~~xx~~ and somebody hollered Look out. And he looks out the window and get hit. (laughter.) We have got alot of ...3... English....., and I guess you have in just about any language. Yes? Oh,3½.....

Well, this ba'ad now, ~~xxxx~~ it seems to me the thing is if possible to try to find one meaning to fit the use of the word. As far as you can, see what is the root of the meaning which is used, and~~x~~ then if you cannot find one, then consider the possibility that you have two separate roots. Now, in this case that possibility seems to be not at all unnatural, since you have a word ba'ad, which means separation, of which this could be a construct, and you also have got a preposition be, and a propositon 'ad, and you do have compound prepositions, so that under those circumstances it would seem to me that both would ~~g~~ be natural etymological possibilities~~xx~~, and to have both occur4½..... Some people assume that both won't occur. The RSV assumes that when it ~~xxxx~~ translates pit, instead of corruption. But they recognize it occuring in many other ~~xx~~ cases. It does occur...4½.....and so there are such cases, but we ordinarily we don't just assume it to solve a problem, we ~~xxxx~~ look for the meaning. ~~if~~ I was talking to a fellow in NY yesterday, who has evidently done a good bit of ~~xxxx~~ study in Chinese, and some in other languages too. I forget his name.....5½..... but he~~x~~ remarked for meanings of words trying to use a method of checking, what did he say?.....5½..... over an area..... Well, I suggested tohim the possibility of spot checking, the possibility that you take a word and it can be used a great many times in a certain context, and you will find in a certain age, in a certain group of people, in a certain situation that the word is used over and over and over, used hundreds of times, and then you will find many other offshoots, you might say, from that, and there are groups of people who don't have that particular situation....6....., but