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However, it’s a member of a larger word family

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Synonyms – “satisfaction”, “appeasement”

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See Lev. 8:15 – The blood on the horns of the altar cleansed (ekatharize), sanctified (hagiasen) and atoned for (exhilasasthai) the altar

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