

“Justice and righteousness” [*mishpat utsedeqah*] in royal contexts in the Hebrew Bible

Overall, the phrase or pair of terms are found 26 times in the Masoretic Text.

EXAMPLES REFERRING TO DAVIDIC KINGS OR OTHER LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE	
2 Samuel 8.15	So David reigned over all Israel; and <u>David</u> administered justice and equity to all his people.
1 Kings 10.9	[Queen of Sheba to Solomon] Blessed be YHWH your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because YHWH loved Israel forever, he has made you <u>king</u> to execute justice and righteousness ."
Isaiah 32.1, 14a, 15-16	See, a <u>king</u> will reign in righteousness , and <u>princes</u> will rule with justiceFor the palace will be forsaken... until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
Jeremiah 22.3	Thus says YHWH: Act with justice and righteousness , and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place.
Jeremiah 22.11a, 15	For thus says YHWH concerning <u>Shallum son of King Josiah of Judah</u> ... Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness ? Then it was well with him.
23.5 [also, 33.15]	The days are surely coming, says YHWH, when I will <u>raise up</u> for <u>David</u> a <u>righteous Branch</u> , and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
Ezekiel 45.9	Thus says YHWH GOD: Enough, <u>O princes of Israel</u> ! Put away violence and oppression, and do what is just and right .
Examples referring to YHWH	
Isaiah 33.5	<u>YHWH</u> is exalted, he dwells on high; he filled Zion with justice and righteousness
Jeremiah 9.24	...let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am <u>YHWH</u> ; I <u>act with</u> steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says YHWH.
Psalm 99.4	<u>Mighty King [= YHWH]</u> , lover of justice , you have established equity ; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Job 37.23	The <u>Almighty</u> --we cannot find him; he is great in power and justice, and abundant righteousness he will not violate.
Examples addressed to people of YHWH in general	
Isaiah 59.14	Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands at a distance; for truth stumbles in <u>the public square</u> , and uprightness cannot enter.
Ezekiel 33.14-16	Again, though I say <u>to the wicked</u> , "You shall surely die," yet if they turn from their sin and do what is lawful and right -- the wicked restore the pledge, give back what they have taken by robbery, and walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity-- they shall surely live, they shall not die. None of the sins that they have committed shall be remembered against them; they have done what is lawful and right , they shall surely live.
Amos 5.23-24	Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.