

***himinaz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'xi.mi.naz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. cloud cover
2. sky

Etymology

Unclear, but possibly descending from Proto-Indo-European **h₂ékmō* ('stone?') with heavy remodelling, including apparent metathesis similar to Proto-Slavic **kamy*. The difference in meaning seems to be bridged by Ancient Greek *ἄκμων* (*ákmōn*) (*ákmōn*), meaning among other things 'meteorite'. Kroonen suggests 'heavenly vault' as the original meaning. Compare also Iranian cognates such as Persian آسمان (*âsemân*, *âsmân*, 'sky, heaven').

Kroonen proposes descent primarily from the genitive **h₂k̑mnós*, yielding first in Germanic a paradigm with nominative **hemō*, genitive **hemnaz*, dative **hemeni*, later levelled further to give two parallel stems **hemina-* and **hemna-*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	himinaz	himinōz, himinōs
Acc.	himinaꝥ	himinanz
Gen.	himinas, himinis	himinô
Dat.	himinai	himinamaz
Inst.	himinō	himinamiz
Voc.	himin	himinōz, himinōs

Descendants

***hebun** (Proto-West Germanic)

***himil** (Proto-West Germanic)

himinn (Old Norse)

himin (Faroese)

himinn, hifinn (Icelandic)

himæn (Old Danish)

himin (Old Gutnish)

himin (Old Swedish)

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himin (Old Gutnish)

himin (Old Swedish)

himins (himins) (Gothic)

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