

~BOAR (31)

[Hebrew, *chazir*]

- This animal is mentioned in the Scriptures at;
- A **boar** out of the woods keeps eating it away, and the animal throngs of the open field keep feeding upon it. (**Psalms 80:13**)
- Where there is allusion to its depredations on unguarded vineyards. It is believed that the **wild boar**, which is not to be confused with the **male of the domesticated hog**, to which it is related is meant. This animal, *Sus scrofa*, is still to be found in the swamps of Palestine.
- A large **wild boar** may weigh some 160 kilograms (350 pounds), measure nearly 1.5 meters (5 feet) in length, and may stand 1 meter (3 feet) high at the shoulder.
- The snout of the wild boar is specially suited to rooting for food amid forest undergrowth. The tusks, especially those of the male, constitute a formidable weapon, with which it can easily rip up a horse.
- This animal is not only dangerous, but also destructive, it being said that **a group of them can ruin an entire vineyard in one night**. Its diet, although basically vegetarian, includes a great variety of foods such as roots, grain, earthworms, snails, small animals, birds eggs, and the like.