

~DATE (31)

- The fruit of the date palm, *Phoenix dactylifera*, a tree common to Palestine. Dates are oval shaped, fleshy, sweet tasting, and produce one seed.
- In the Bible account, dates are mentioned only indirectly. For example, the Shulammite maiden describes the dark locks of her shepherd lovers hair as being like **date clusters**, **bushy**, **KJ**, **Hebrew**, *tal-tal-lim'*, date-panicles, [Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros, by L. Koehler and W. Baumgartner, Leiden, 1958, p. 1030].
- Solomon likens her stature to a palm tree and her breasts to date clusters, clusters of grapes, **KJ** and to fruit stalks of dates **Hebrew**, *san-sin-nim'*; see [Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros, p. 662].
- His head is gold, refined gold. The locks of his hair are **date** clusters. His black hair is like the raven. (**Song of Solomon 5:11**)
- This stature of yours does resemble a palm tree, and your breasts, **date** clusters. (**Song of Solomon 7:7**)
- I have said; I shall go up on the palm tree, that I may take hold of its fruit stalks of **dates**. And, please, may your breasts become like clusters of the vine, and the fragrance of your nose like apples. (**Song of Solomon 7:8**)

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