

~DREAD (400)

[Hebrew, *pa'chadh*]

- This is the usual rendering for the Hebrew noun *pa'chadh* verb *pa chadh'*, having the basic sense of that which causes quivering.
- They will lick up dust like the serpents. Like reptiles of the earth they will come in agitation out of their bulwarks. To Yehowah our God they will come quivering, and they will be afraid of you. (Micah 7:17)
- A form of the Hebrew word *quts* has been translated feel a sickening dread.
- But the more they would oppress them, the more they would multiply and the more they kept spreading abroad, so that they felt a sickening dread as a result of the sons of Israel. (Exodus 1:12)
- And Moab became very frightened at the people, because they were many, and Moab began to feel a sickening dread of the sons of Israel. (Numbers 22:3)
- For before the boy will know how to reject the bad and choose the good, the ground of whose two kings you are feeling a sickening dread will be left entirely. (Isaiah 7:16)
- And this term often conveys the sense of abhorrence. The expression dread during the nights refers to what may cause dread, or intense fear, during the night, such as surprise assault by robbers or attack by large beasts of prey.
- All of them in possession of a sword, being taught in warfare, each one with his sword upon his thigh because of dread during the nights. (Song of Solomon 3:8)

See Also ABHORRENT THING

- Jacob referred to the Almighty as the Dread of Isaac, the one that Isaac viewed with reverential awe, fearing to displease Him. That Jacob shared the viewpoint of his father Isaac is shown by his making an oath by the Dread of his father Isaac.

- If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the **Dread** of Isaac, had not proved on my side, you would now have sent me away empty-handed. My wretchedness and the toil of my hands God has seen, and so he reproved you last night. (**Genesis 31:42**)
- Let the god of Abraham and the god of Nahor judge between us, the god of their father. But Jacob swore by the **Dread** of his father Isaac. (**Genesis 31:53**)
- A wholesome **dread** of Yehowah, reflected in a desire to shun what He disapproves, is vital if a person is to remain his servant. This **dread** made it possible for Job to be blameless and upright.
- There happened to be a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man proved to be blameless and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad. (**Job 1:1**)
- That is why I feel disturbed because of him. I show myself attentive and am in **dread** of him. (**Job 23:15**)
- For disaster from God was a **dread** to me, and against his dignity I could not hold out. (**Job 31:23**)
- And it enabled the psalmist to persevere in a divinely favored course despite the persecution by princes.
- From the **dread** of you my flesh has had a creepy feeling, and because of your judicial decisions I have been afraid. (**Psalms 119:120**)
- Princes themselves have persecuted me for no cause, but my heart has been in **dread** of your own words. (**Psalms 119:161**)
- Jehoshaphat encouraged appointed judges to have this proper **dread** so that they would be impartial in rendering just decisions.
- And he proceeded to station judges throughout the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city. (**2 Chronicles 19:5**)
- And he went on to say to the judges; See what you are doing, because it is not for man that you judge but it is for Yehowah, and he is with you in the matter of judgment. (**2 Chronicles 19:6**)

- And now let the **dread** of Yehowah come to be upon you. Be careful and act, for with Yehowah our God there is no unrighteousness or partiality or taking of a bribe. (**2 Chronicles 19:7**)
- Yehowah is the Protector and Sustainer of his people. So there is no reason for one to be in **dread** of men, manifesting intense fear of what they might do, and so yield to their improper demands.
- Yehowah is my light and my salvation. Of whom shall I be in fear? Yehowah is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be in **dread**? (**Psalms 27:1**)
- And he kept leading them in security, and they felt no **dread**, and the sea covered their enemies themselves. (**Psalms 78:53**)
- I will say to Yehowah; You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I will trust. (**Psalms 91:2**)
- For he himself will deliver you from the trap of the birdcatcher, from the pestilence causing adversities. (**Psalms 91:3**)
- With his pinions he will block approach to you, and under his wings you will take refuge. His trueness will be a large shield and bulwark. (**Psalms 91:4**)
- You will not be afraid of anything **dreadful** by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day. (**Psalms 91:5**)
- Look! God is my salvation. I shall trust and be in no **dread**, for Yah, Yehowah is my strength and my might, and he came to be the salvation of me. (**Isaiah 12:2**)
- But this does not mean that servants of God will never suffer in the present system of things. At times they do find themselves in a pitiable, disadvantaged position. Not discerning that such ones are still the objects of Yehowah's care, faithless persons may abandon them in **dread**, not wanting to share their seemingly hopeless lot.
- From the standpoint of all those showing hostility to me I have become a reproach, and to my neighbors very much so, and a **dread to my acquaintances**. When seeing me out of doors, they have fled from me. (**Psalms 31:11**)

- **But Yehowah will not forsake them.**
- **In case my own father and my own mother did leave me, even Yehowah himself would take me up. ([Psalms 27:10](#))**
- **For Yehowah will not forsake his people, nor will he leave his own inheritance. ([Psalms 94:14](#))**
- **It is because of having no **dread** of God that the wicked continue in their evil ways.**
- **The utterance of transgression to the wicked one is in the midst of his heart, there is no **dread** of God in front of his eyes. ([Psalms 36:1](#))**
- **For he has acted too smoothly to himself in his own eyes to find out his error so as to hate it. ([Psalms 36:2](#))**
- **The words of his mouth are hurtfulness and deception, he has ceased to have insight for doing good. ([Psalms 36:3](#))**
- **Hurtfulness is what he keeps scheming upon his bed. He stations himself on a way that is not good. What is bad he does not reject. ([Psalms 36:4](#))**
- **But they will not escape the **dread** that comes from the calamity befalling them on account of their ignoring godly wisdom.**
- **I also, for my part, shall laugh at your own disaster, I shall mock when what you **dread** comes. ([Proverbs 1:26](#))**
- **When what you **dread** comes just like a storm, and your own disaster gets here just like a storm wind, when distress and hard times come upon you. ([Proverbs 1:27](#))**
- **When Yehowah withdrew his protection from the unfaithful Israelites, they experienced **dread** day and night, being uncertain of their very lives. There was no escape from disaster.**
- **And you will certainly be in the greatest peril for your life and be in **dread** night and day, and you will not be sure of your life. ([Deuteronomy 28:66](#))**
- **In the morning you will say; If it only were evening! and in the**

- evening you will say; If it only were morning! Because of the **dread** of your heart with which you will be in dread, and because of the sight of your eyes that you will see. (**Deuteronomy 28:67**)
- **Dread** and the hollow and the trap are upon you, you inhabitant of the land. (**Isaiah 24:17**)
 - And it must occur that anyone fleeing from the sound of the **dreaded** thing will fall into the hollow, and anyone coming up from inside the hollow will be caught in the trap. For the very floodgates on high will actually be opened, and the foundations of the land will rock. (**Isaiah 24:18**)
 - The land has absolutely burst apart, the land has absolutely been shaken up, the land has absolutely been sent staggering. (**Isaiah 24:19**)
 - The land absolutely moves unsteadily like a drunken man, and it has swayed to and fro like a lookout hut. And its transgression has become heavy upon it, and it must fall, so that it will not rise up again. (**Isaiah 24:20**)
 - In Zion the sinners have come to be in **dread**. Shivering has grabbed hold of the apostates. Who of us can reside for any time with a devouring fire? Who of us can reside for any time with long-lasting conflagrations? (**Isaiah 33:14**)
 - For this is what Yehowah has said; The sound of trembling we have heard, **dread**, and there is no peace. (**Jeremiah 30:5**)
 - **Dread** and the hollow themselves have become ours, desolateness and breakdown. (**Lamentations 3:47**)
 - This kind of **dread** would not be experienced by those acting in harmony with godly wisdom, those always having reverential awe of the Creator.
 - As for the one listening to me, he will reside in security and be undisturbed from **dread of calamity**. (**Proverbs 1:33**)
 - Whenever you lie down you will feel no **dread**, and you will certainly lie down, and your sleep must be pleasurable. (**Proverbs 3:24**)

- You will not need to be afraid of any sudden **dreadful thing**, nor of the storm upon the wicked ones, because it is coming. (**Proverbs 3:25**)
- Happy is the man that is feeling **dread constantly**, but he that is hardening his heart will fall into calamity. (**Proverbs 28:14**)
- Manifestations of Yehowah's matchless power, backing, or favor may cause observers to be in **dread**.
- And the **dread** of Yehowah came to be upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were all around Judah, and they did not fight against Jehoshaphat. (**2 Chronicles 17:10**)
- There they were filled with a great **dread**, where there had proved to be no dread, for God himself will certainly scatter the bones of anyone camping against you. You will certainly put them to shame, for Yehowah himself has rejected them. (**Psalms 53:5**)
- Egypt rejoiced when they went out, for the **dread** of them had fallen upon them. (**Psalms 105:38**)
- In that day Egypt will become like women, and it will certainly tremble and be in **dread** because of the waving of the hand of Yehowah of armies which he is waving against it. (**Isaiah 19:16**)
- And the ground of Judah must become to Egypt a cause for reeling. Everybody to whom one mentions it is in **dread** because of the counsel of Yehowah of armies that he is counseling against him. (**Isaiah 19:17**)
- And she will certainly become to me a name of exultation, a praise and a beauty toward all the nations of the earth who will hear of all the goodness that I am rendering to them. And they will certainly be in **dread** and be agitated on account of all the goodness and on account of all the peace that I am rendering to her. (**Jeremiah 33:9**)
- For example, the Israelites, with divine help, gained remarkable and truly fear-inspiring victories over their enemies.
- No man will make a firm stand against you. The **dread** of you and the fear of you Yehowah your God will put before the face of all

the land on which you will tread, just as he has promised you.
(**Deuteronomy 11:25**)

- And David's fame began to go out into all the lands, and Yehowah himself put the **dread** of him upon all the nations. (**1 Chronicles 14:17**)
- At that Yehowah defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians took to flight. (**2 Chronicles 14:12**)
- And Asa and the people that were with him kept pursuing them as far as Gerar, and those of the Ethiopians continued falling down till there was no one alive of them, for they were broken to pieces before Yehowah and before his camp. Afterward they carried off a very great deal of spoil. (**2 Chronicles 14:13**)
- Further, they struck all the cities round about Gerar, for the **dread** of Yehowah had come to be upon them, and they went plundering all the cities, for there happened to be much to plunder in them. (**2 Chronicles 14:14**)
- And the **dread** of God came to be upon all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Yehowah had fought against the enemies of Israel. (**2 Chronicles 20:29**)
- And during the time of Mordecai and Esther the unexpected turn of events in favor of the Jews caused their enemies to be in **dread**.
- And in all the different jurisdictional districts and in all the different cities wherever the word of the king and his Law were reaching there were rejoicing and exultation for the Jews, a banquet and a good day, and many of the peoples of the land were declaring themselves Jews, for the **dread** of the Jews had fallen upon them. (**Esther 8:17**)
- The Jews congregated themselves in their cities in all the jurisdictional districts of King Ahasuerus to lay hand on those seeking their injury, and not a man stood his ground before them, for the **dread** of them had fallen upon all the peoples. (**Esther 9:2**)
- And all the princes of the jurisdictional districts and the satraps and the governor's and the doers of the business that belonged to the king were assisting the Jews, for the **dread** of Mordecai

had fallen upon them. (**Esther 9:3**)

- Also the evidence of divinely inspired courage and strength may bring about a wholesome **dread** and an obedient response. Thus, when King Saul forcefully appealed to the Israelites to join in the defense of Jabesh-gilead, they were filled with the **dread of Yehowah** and responded as one man.

- So he took a pair of bulls and cut them in pieces and sent these into all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying; Whoever of us is not going out as a follower of Saul and of Samuel, this is the way it will be done to his cattle! And the **dread** of Yehowah began to fall upon the people so that they came out as one man. (**1 Samuel 11:7**)

- Because Yehowah had foretold the fall of Babylon by the hand of Cyrus, the Israelites had no reason to be in **dread** of that world-shaking event.

- For them it had to be a liberation from the **dread** of Babylonian rage. The makers of idols, however, were bound to feel **dread**, as all the deities manufactured by human hands would prove to be of no assistance in saving Babylon.

- Do not be in **dread**, you people, and do not become stupefied. Have I not from that time on caused you individually to hear and told it out? And you are my witnesses. Does there exist a God besides me? No, there is no Rock. I have recognized none. (**Isaiah 44:8**)

- The formers of the carved image are all of them an unreality, and their darlings themselves will be of no benefit, and as their witnesses they see nothing and know nothing, in order, that they may be ashamed. (**Isaiah 44:9**)

- Who has formed a god or cast a mere molten image? Of no benefit at all has it been. (**Isaiah 44:10**)

- Look! All his partners themselves will be ashamed, and the craftsmen are from earthling men. They will all of them collect themselves together. They will stand still. They will be in **dread**. They will be ashamed at the same time. (**Isaiah 44:11**)

- This is what Yehowah has said, your Repurchaser and the Former

of you from the belly; I, Yehowah, am doing everything, stretching out the heavens by myself, laying out the earth. Who was with me? (**Isaiah 44:24**)

- I am frustrating the signs of the empty talkers, and I am the One that makes diviners themselves act crazily, the One turning wise men backwards, and the One that turns even their knowledge into foolishness. (**Isaiah 44:25**)
- The One making the word of his servant come true, and the One that carries out completely the counsel of his own messengers, the One saying of Jerusalem; She will be inhabited. And of the cities of Judah; They will be rebuilt, and her desolated places I shall raise up. (**Isaiah 44:26**)
- The One saying to the watery deep; Be evaporated, and all your rivers I shall dry up. (**Isaiah 44:27**)
- The One saying of Cyrus; He is my shepherd, and all that I delight in he will completely carry out, even in my saying of Jerusalem; She will be rebuilt. And of the temple; You will have your foundation laid. (**Isaiah 44:28**)
- I, I myself am the One that is comforting you people. Who are you that you should be afraid of a mortal man that will die, and of a son of mankind that will be rendered as mere green grass? (**Isaiah 51:12**)
- And that you should forget Yehowah your Maker, the One stretching out the heavens and laying the foundation of the earth, so that you were in **dread** constantly the whole day long on account of the rage of the one hemming you in, as though he was all set to bring you to ruin? And where is the rage of the one hemming you in? (**Isaiah 51:13**)