

~GALL (56)

[Greek, *kho-le'*]

- A fluid produced by the liver and stored in the gallbladder, a small pear-shaped sac that rests on the underside of the right portion of the liver.
- The gallbladder can hold at one time about one and a half ounces of gall, or bile. It is an extremely bitter yellow or greenish fluid used by the body in digestion. Gall came to be associated with that which is bitter or poisonous, and the word is so used in the Bible.
- For I see you are a poisonous **gall** and a bond of unrighteousness. (Acts of Apostles 8:23)
- Describing his painful, bitter experience, Job figuratively speaks of his **gallbladder** as being poured out to the earth.
- And Job proceeded to answer and say; (Job 16:1)
- His archers encircle me. He splits open my kidneys and feels no compassion. He pours out my **gallbladder** to the very earth. (Job 16:13)
- Later, Zophar, in figurative language, accusingly insinuates that Job has acted wickedly and that his food will be within him like the **gall**, or poison, of cobras. He warns that a weapon will pass through his **gallbladder**.
- And Zophar the Naamathite proceeded to reply and say; (Job 20:1)
- His food itself will certainly be changed in his own intestines, it will be the **gall** of cobras within him. (Job 20:14)
- A missile itself will even go out through his back, and a glittering weapon out through his **gall**, frightful objects will go against him. (Job 20:25)
- The Hebrew word translated **gall** is related to the word for **bitter**.
- For their vine is from the vine of Sodom and from the terraces of

Gomorrah. Their grapes are grapes of poison, their clusters are **bitter**. (**Deuteronomy 32:32**)

- For you keep writing against me **bitter** things and you make me possess the consequences of the errors of my youth. (**Job 13:26**)
- The **Greek** word for **gall** is *kho-le'*.

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