## ~GRASS (197)

- Any of the plants belonging to the family *Gramineae*, the grasses, which include the cereal grains, the plants of meadow and pasture, sugarcane, and bamboo.
- However, even today, in common usage, this scientific classification is not strictly adhered to, and it is therefore unlikely that the ancient Hebrews differentiated between the true grasses and grass-like herbs.
- Brought into existence during the third creative day.
- And God went on to say; Let the earth cause grass to shoot forth, vegetation bearing seed, fruit trees yielding fruit according to their kinds, the seed of which is in it, upon the earth. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:11)
- And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding fruit, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:12)
- And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a third day. (Genesis 1:13)
- The grasses have served as a direct as well as an indirect source of food for man and the animals.
- Also, along with other plants, when in the sunlight they play a significant role in purifying the air, taking in sufficient carbon dioxide and giving off enough oxygen to balance the normal needs of humans and animals.
- The extensive root system of grasses serves as a deterrent to soil erosion. Appropriately, grass is referred to as one of Yehowah's provisions, as are also the sunlight and the rain, that are so vital for grass to flourish.
- He is making green grass sprout for the beasts, and vegetation for the service of mankind, to cause food to go forth from the earth. (Psalms 104:14)

- The One who is covering the heavens with clouds, the One preparing rain for the earth, the One making the mountains to sprout green grass. (Psalms 147:8)
- Make your requests of Yehowah for rain in the time of the spring rain, even of Yehowah who is making the storm clouds, and who gives a downpour of rain to them, to each one vegetation in the field. (Zechariah 10:1)
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- Then it is as the light of morning, when the sun shines forth, a morning without clouds. From brightness, from rain, there is grass out of the earth. (2 Samuel 23:4)
- Who has divided a channel for the flood and a way for the thunderous storm cloud. (Job 38:25)
- To make it rain upon the land where there is no man, upon the wilderness in which there is no earthling man. (Job 38:26)
- To satisfy storm-stricken and desolate places and to cause the growth of grass to sprout? (Job 38:27)
- That you may prove yourselves sons of your Father who is in the heavens, since he makes his sun rise upon wicked people and good and makes it rain upon righteous people and unrighteous. (Matthew 5:45)
- The Israelites were very familiar with the withering of grass under the suns intense heat during the dry season. So the transitoriness of man's life is fittingly likened to that of grass and is contrasted with the everlastingness of Yehowah and that of his word or saying.
- For a thousand years are in your eyes but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch during the night. (Psalms 90:4)
- You have swept them away, they become a mere sleep, in the morning they are just like green grass that changes. (Psalms

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- In the morning it puts forth blossoms and must change, at evening it withers and certainly dries up. (Psalms 90:6)
- As for mortal man, his days are like those of green grass, like a blossom of the field is the way he blossoms forth. (Psalms 103:15)
- For a mere wind has to pass over it, and it is no more, and its place will acknowledge it no further. (Psalms 103:16)
- But the loving-kindness of Yehowah is from time indefinite even to time indefinite toward those fearing him, and his righteousness to the sons of sons. (Psalms 103:17)
- Listen! Someone is saying; Call out! And one said; What shall I call out? All flesh is green grass, and all their loving-kindness is like the blossom of the field. (Isaiah 40:6)
- The green grass has dried up, the blossom has withered, because the very spirit of Yehowah has blown upon it. Surely the people are green grass. (Isaiah 40:7)
- The green grass has dried up, the blossom has withered, but as for the word of our God, it will last to time indefinite. (Isaiah 40:8)
- 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)
- For, all flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like a blossom of grass, the grass becomes withered, and the flower falls off. (1 Peter 1:24)
- But the saying of Yehowah endures forever. Well, this is the saying; This which has been declared to you as Good News. (1 Peter 1:25)
- Evildoers also are compared to grass that quickly withers.
- Do not show yourself heated up because of the evildoers. Do not

be envious of those doing unrighteousness. (Psalms 37:1)

- For like grass they will speedily wither, and like green new grass they will fade away. (Psalms 37:2)
- The haters of Zion as well as people about to be subjugated by military conquest are likened to shallow-rooted grass growing on earthen roofs, grass that withers even before being pulled up or that is scorched in the wake of the east wind.
- They will be ashamed and turn themselves back, all those hating Zion. (Psalms 129:5)
- They will become like green grass of the roofs, which before it has been torn out has dried up. (Psalms 129:6)
- Have you not heard? From remote times it is what I will do. From bygone days I have even formed it. Now I will bring it in. And you will serve to make fortified cities desolate as piles of ruins. (2 Kings 19:25)
- And their inhabitants will be feeble-handed, they will simply be terrified and will be ashamed. They must become as vegetation of the field and green tender grass, grass of the roofs, when there is a scorching before the east wind. (2 Kings 19:26)
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- A restoration prophecy foretold that the bones of God's servants would sprout like tender grass, that is, be invigorated with fresh strength.
- And you will certainly see, and your heart will be bound to exult, and your very bones will sprout just like tender grass. And the hand of Yehowah will certainly be made known to his servants, but he will actually denounce his enemies. (Isaiah 66:14)

- In that case you would call, and Yehowah himself would answer; You would cry for help, and he would say; Here I am! If you will remove from your midst the yoke bar, the poking out of the finger and the speaking of what is hurtful. (Isaiah 58:9)
- And you will grant to the hungry one your own soulful desire, and you will satisfy the soul that is being afflicted, your light also will certainly flash up even in the darkness, and your gloom will be like midday. (Isaiah 58:10)
- And Yehowah will be bound to lead you constantly and to satisfy your soul even in a scorched land, and he will invigorate your very bones, and you must become like a well-watered garden, and like the source of water, the waters of which do not lie. (Isaiah 58:11)