

~GRAY-HEADEDNESS (104)

[Hebrews, *seh-vah*]

- Lightness of hair color caused by the reduction of pigment granules in the hair as a result of changes in body chemistry. There are infrequent cases of premature graying, but usually it accompanies older age. It is in this latter association that the Hebrew verb *siv*, grow gray, and more frequently the Hebrew noun *seh-vah'*, gray hairs, gray-headedness, old age, occur in the Bible.
- And he has become a restorer of your soul and one to nourish your old age, because your daughter-in-law who does love you, who is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him. (Ruth 4:15)
- And now here is the king walking before you! As for me, I have grown old and gray, and my sons, here they are with you, and I, I have walked before you from my youth until this day. (1 Samuel 12:2)
- And you must act according to your wisdom, and not let his gray hairs go down in peace to Sheol. (1 Kings 2:6)
- And now do not leave him unpunished, for you are a wise man and you well know what you ought to do to him, and you must bring his gray hairs down to Sheol with blood. (1 Kings 2:9)
- Both the gray-headed and the aged one are with us, the one greater than your father in days. (Job 15:10)
- And even until old age and gray-headedness, O God, do not leave me, until I may tell about your arm to the generation, to all those who are to come, about your mightiness. (Psalms 71:18)
- Abraham, Gideon, and David lived to a good old age *seh-vah'*
- As for you, you will go to your forefathers in peace. You will be buried at a good old age. (Genesis 15:15)
- Then Abraham expired and died in a good old age, old and satisfied, and was gathered to his people. (Genesis 25:8)

- Eventually Gideon the son of Joash died at a **good old age** and was buried in the burial place of Joash his father in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites. (**Judges 8:32**)
- And gradually he died in a **good old age**, satisfied with days, riches and glory, and Solomon his son began to reign in place of him. (**1 Chronicles 29:28**)
- The Bible recognizes both the beauty of youth and the splendor of old age. The beauty of young men is their power, and the splendor of old men is their **gray-headedness**.
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- Especially is the latter true if such ones are found worshiping and serving Yehowah. **Gray-headedness** is a crown of beauty when it is found in the way of righteousness.
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- Those who are planted in the house of Yehowah, they will still keep on thriving during **gray-headedness**.
- Those who are planted in the house of Yehowah, in the courtyards of our God, they will blossom forth. (**Psalms 92:13**)
- They will still keep on thriving during **gray-headedness**, fat and fresh they will continue to be. (**Psalms 92:14**)
- They will not be abandoned by their God.
- Even to ones old age I am the same One, and to ones **gray-headedness** I myself shall keep bearing up. I myself shall certainly act, that I myself may carry and that I myself may bear up and furnish escape. (**Isaiah 46:4**)
- Yehowah's Law is;
- Before **gray hair** you should rise up, and you must show consideration for the person of an old man, and you must be in fear of your God. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:32**)

- **Gray-headedness** has nothing to do with the sex of individuals, neither is the natural color of the hair, whether blond, brunet, or red, a factor. **Graying** has long been recognized as beyond the power of man or medical science to prevent or remedy. This is a point Jesus Christ made after he said we should not swear by our heads.
- Nor by your head must you swear, because you cannot turn one hair white or black. (**Matthew 5:36**)
- Hair dyes are not of modern discovery, for they were used by the Greeks and Romans. According to Josephus, it was reported that Herod the Great dyed his **graying hair** to hide his old age. [**Jewish Antiquities, XVI, 233, viii, 1**]