

~HENNA (42)

[Hebrew, *ko'pher*]

- A shrub that bears clusters of small cream-colored, four-petal flowers at the tips of its branches, their strong fragrance is especially enjoyed by Middle Eastern peoples. Often a sprig of **henna** is put in bouquets, and women wear it in their hair and in their bosom. From ancient times **henna** has also been employed as a cosmetic.
- This shrub, *Lawsonia inermis*, which still grows wild in Palestine, attains a maximum height of about 4 meters (13 feet). It is mentioned only in the;
- As a cluster of **henna** my dear one is to me, among the vineyards of En-gedi. (**Song of Solomon 1:14**)
- Your skin is a paradise of pomegranates, with the choicest fruits, henna plants along with spikenard plants. (**Song of Solomon 4:13**)
- Do come, O my dear one, let us go forth to the field, do let us lodge among the henna plants. (**Song of Solomon 7:11**)
- **Henna** paste, which is made from pulverized leaves of the plant, is used as a cosmetic. When the paste is washed off, the stain, commonly an orange or reddish color, remains.
- **Henna** has been used to dye the nails of fingers and toes, fingertips, hands, feet, beards, hair, and even the manes and tails of horses, as well as skins and leather. The **Hebrew** root from which *ko'pher* is thought to be derived has been defined as cover, seemingly indicative of its use as a dye.
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