

## ~MEZUZAH (163)

(me-zu'zah)[Hebrew, *Mezu-zah*']

- Anglicized form of the **Hebrew** word used in the Bible generally to designate a **doorjamb** or **doorpost**. *Mezu-zah*' and the plural *mezu-zohth*' appear at;
- And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the upper part of the **doorway** belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (**Exodus 12:7** Footnote)
- And you must take a bunch of hyssop and dip it into the blood in a basin and strike upon the **upper part of the doorway** and upon the two doorposts some of the blood that is in the basin, and none of you should go out of the entrance of his house until morning. (**Exodus 12:22**)
- Then when Yehowah does pass through to plague the Egyptians and does see the blood upon the **upper part of the doorway** and upon the two **doorposts**, Yehowah will certainly pass over the entrance, and he will not allow the ruination to enter into your houses to plague you. (**Exodus 12:23**)
- With reference to the sprinkling of the Passover victims blood on **doorposts**, and at;
- Then his master must bring him near to the true God and must bring him up against the door or the **doorpost**, and his master must pierce his ear through with an awl, and he must be his slave to time indefinite. (**Exodus 21:6**)
- Regarding a slave who, desiring to remain in his masters service, was brought up against the door or the **doorpost** and had his master pierce his ear with an awl. References are also made to doorposts of the temple constructed by Solomon
- And the entrance of the innermost room he made with doors of oil-tree wood, side pillars, **doorposts** and a fifth. (**1 Kings 6:31**)
- And that was the way he made for the entrance of the temple, the **doorposts** of oil-tree wood, foursquare. (**1 Kings 6:33**)

- And all the entrances and the **doorposts** were squared with the frame, and also the forefront of the illumination opening opposite an illumination opening in three tiers. (**1 Kings 7:5**)
- And of the symbolic temple Ezekiel saw in vision.
- As for the temple, the **doorpost** was squared, and in front of the holy place there was an appearance like the following appearance. (**Ezekiel 41:21**)
- And the priest must take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it upon the **doorpost** of the House and upon the four corners of the surrounding ledge belonging to the altar and upon the **doorpost** of the gate of the inner courtyard. (**Ezekiel 45:19**)
- And the chieftain must come in by the way of the porch of the gate, from outside, and stand by the doorpost of the gate, and the priests must render up his whole burnt offering and his communion sacrifices, and he must bow down upon the threshold of the gate, and he must go out, but the gate itself should not be shut until the evening. (**Ezekiel 46:2**)
- In modern times the Anglicized term, **mezuzah**, is used to denote a rectangular piece of parchment containing the Hebrew text of;
- Listen, O Israel. Yehowah our God is one Yehowah. (**Deuteronomy 6:4**)
- And you must love Yehowah your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your vital force. (**Deuteronomy 6:5**)
- And these words that I am commanding you today must prove to be on your heart. (**Deuteronomy 6:6**)
- And you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 6:7**)
- And you must tie them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a frontlet band between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 6:8**)
- And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (**Deuteronomy 6:9**)

- And it must occur that if you will without fail obey my commandments that I am commanding you today so as to love Yehowah your God and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul. (**Deuteronomy 11:13**)
- I also shall certainly give rain for your land at its appointed time, autumn rain and spring rain, and you will indeed gather your grain and your sweet wine and your oil. (**Deuteronomy 11:14**)
- And I shall certainly give vegetation in your field for your domestic animals, and you will indeed eat and be satisfied. (**Deuteronomy 11:15**)
- Watch out for yourselves for fear your heart may be enticed, and you do turn aside and worship other gods and bow down to them. (**Deuteronomy 11:16**)
- And Yehowah's anger does blaze against you, and he does shut up the heavens so that no rain will occur and the ground will not give its produce and you have to perish speedily from off the good land that Yehowah is giving you. (**Deuteronomy 11:17**)
- And you must apply these words of mine to your heart and your soul and bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a frontlet band between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 11:18**)
- You must also teach them to your sons, so as to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 11:19**)
- And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (**Deuteronomy 11:20**)
- In order, that your days and the days of your sons may be many on the soil that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give to them, as the days of the heavens over the earth. (**Deuteronomy 11:21**)
- Generally written in 22 lines. The parchment is rolled up and placed in a wooden, metal, or glass case that is affixed in a slanting position on the right-hand doorpost of Orthodox Jewish dwellings, the upper part pointing inward and the lower part outward.

- The **Hebrew** word *Shad-dai'*, meaning, **Almighty** is written on the back of this parchment and is frequently visible through a glass-covered opening in the container.
- Sometimes the **mezuzah** case is artistically decorated. When pious Orthodox Jews enter or leave a house, they touch the **mezuzah** with the hand and recite the prayer, May God keep my going out and my coming in from now on and ever more.
- Yehowah himself will guard your going out and your coming in from now on and to time indefinite. (**Psalms 121:8**)
- The use of the **mezuzah** is based on a literal interpretation of the command at;
- And you must write them upon the **doorposts** of your house and on your gates. (**Deuteronomy 6:9**) Footnote
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