

~MOTH (76)

[Hebrew, *`ash, sas*, clothes moth, Greek, *ses*]

- A four-winged insect resembling a butterfly but differing from the latter in that its feelers usually are feathery and not terminated by distinct knobs. When at rest the **moths** wings are not held erect, as is often the case with butterflies.
- Instead, they are either folded back flat over the insects body or held flat at its sides. Also, **moths** are generally nocturnal. The insect referred to in Scripture is evidently the webbing clothes **moth**, *Tineola biselliella*, particularly in its destructive larval stage.
- And he is like something rotten that wears out, like a garment that a **moth** actually eats up. (**Job 13:28**)
- By reproofs against error you have corrected man, and you consume his desirable things just as a **moth** does. Surely every earthling man is an exhalation. (**Psalms 39:11**)
- Look! The Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself will help me. Who is there that can pronounce me wicked? Look! All of them, like a garment, will wear out. A mere **moth** will eat them up. (**Isaiah 50:9**)
- For the **moth** will eat them up just as if a garment, and the clothes moth will eat them up just as if wool. But as for my righteousness, it will prove to be even to time indefinite, and my salvation to unnumbered generations. (**Isaiah 51:8**)
- And I was like the **moth** to Ephraim and just like rottenness to the house of Judah. (**Hosea 5:12**)
- Stop storing up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where **moth** and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal. (**Matthew 6:19**)
- Rather, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither **moth** nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (**Matthew 6:20**)
- Sell the things belonging to you and give gifts of mercy. Make

purses for yourselves that do not wear out, a never-failing treasure in the heavens, where a thief does not get near nor **moth** consumes. (Luke 12:33)

- Your riches have rotted, and your outer garments have become **moth-eaten**. (James 5:2)
- The ease with which a **moth** can be crushed was a figure employed by Eliphaz with reference to the frailty of mortal man.
- Mortal man, can he be more just than God himself? Or can able-bodied man be cleaner than his own Maker? (Job 4:17)
- How much more so with those dwelling in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust! One crushes them more quickly than a **moth**. (Job 4:19)
- From morning to evening they are crushed to pieces, without anyone's taking it to heart they perish forever. (Job 4:20)
- Female clothes **moths** lay their eggs on fabrics of wool or silk or on furs, distributing them so that emerging caterpillars will have ample room and material on which to feed.
- The caterpillars will not eat until they have first protected themselves with a house or case constructed from the available fibers. In this house they remain as they feed.
- He has built his house like a mere **moth**, and like a booth that a watchman has made. (Job 27:18)