

## ~MULE (137)

[Hebrew, *pe'redh*, *pir-dah'*, she-mule]

- The hybrid offspring of a he-ass and a mare. The mules body resembles that of the horse, but its short, thick head, long ears, short mane, small feet, and tail terminated by a tuft of long hairs are characteristic of the ass.
- The mule, *Equus asinus mulus*, combines some of the finer qualities of both parents, the endurance, hardiness, and surefootedness of the ass, and the strength, vigor, and courage of the horse.
- The animal is less prone to disease than the horse, displays greater patience when bearing heavy burdens, and enjoys a much longer life span.
- The hinny, the offspring of a stallion and a she-ass, is smaller than the mule and lacks its strength and beauty. Both sexes of the mule, with rare exceptions, are sterile.
- These animals were among the gifts brought to Solomon by kings desiring to hear his wisdom.
- And all the people of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart. (1 Kings 10:24)
- And they were bringing each his gift, articles of silver and articles of gold and garments and armor and balsam oil, horses and mules, as a yearly matter of course. (1 Kings 10:25)
- And all the kings of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which the true God had put in his heart. (2 Chronicles 9:23)
- And they were bringing each his gift, articles of silver and articles of gold and garments, armor and balsam oil, horses and mules as a yearly matter of course. (2 Chronicles 9:24)
- Other mules may have been obtained from traders, such as the Phoenicians.

- The inhabitants of Sidon and of Arvad themselves became rowers for you. Your skilled ones, O Tyre, happened to be in you, they were your sailors. (**Ezekiel 27:8**)
- Even old men of Gebal and her skilled ones happened to be in you as caulkers for your seams. All the ships of the sea and their mariners themselves proved to be in you, in order to exchange articles of merchandise. (**Ezekiel 27:9**)
- From the house of Togarmah there were horses and steeds and **mules**, for which your stores were given. (**Ezekiel 27:14**)
- In the time of David, **mules** were used as mounts by prominent persons. David's own **she-mule** was assigned for Solomon's use on the occasion of his anointing at Gihon.
- And Absalom's attendants proceeded to do to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded, and all the other sons of the king began to rise up and mount each one his **mule** and take to flight. (**2 Samuel 13:29**)
- Eventually Absalom found himself before the servants of David. And Absalom was riding upon a **mule**, and the mule got to come under the network of boughs of a massive big tree, so that his head got caught fast in the big tree, and he was taken up between the heavens and the earth, as the **mule** itself that was under him passed along. (**2 Samuel 18:9**)
- And the king went on to say to them; Take with you the servants of your lord, and you must make Solomon my son ride upon the **she-mule** that belongs to me and lead him down to Gihon. (**1 Kings 1:33**)
- And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet must anoint him there as king over Israel, and you must blow the horn and say; Let King Solomon live! (**1 Kings 1:34**)
- And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Cherethites and the Pelethites proceeded to go down and make Solomon ride upon the **she-mule** of King David, and then brought him to Gihon. (**1 Kings 1:38**)
- Zadok the priest now took the horn of oil out of the tent and

anointed Solomon, and they began to blow the horn, and all the people broke out saying; Let King Solomon live! (1 Kings 1:39)

- **Mules** were valued as burden bearers.
- Finally Naaman said; If not, please, let there be given to your servant some ground, the load of a pair of **mules**, because your servant will no more render up a burnt offering or a sacrifice to any other gods but to Yehowah. (2 Kings 5:17)
- And also those near to them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food upon asses and upon camels and upon **mules** and upon cattle, eatables of flour, cakes of pressed figs and cakes of raisins and wine and oil and cattle and sheep in great quantity, for there was rejoicing in Israel. (1 Chronicles 12:40)
- Yehowah, by means of his prophet Isaiah, indicated that **mules** would be one of the means of transport for bringing his scattered people to Jerusalem.
- And they will actually bring all your brothers out of all the nations as a gift to Yehowah, on horses and in chariots and in covered wagons and on **mules** and on swift she-camels, up to my holy mountain, Jerusalem, Yehowah has said, just as when the sons of Israel bring the gift in a clean vessel into the house of Yehowah. (Isaiah 66:20)
- It is therefore of note that in fulfillment of prophecy those returning from Babylonian exile brought with them 245 **mules** in addition to other beasts of burden.
- Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their **mules** two hundred and forty-five. (Ezra 2:66)
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- Human's are counseled not to make themselves persons without understanding, like a horse or a **mule** whose spiritedness must be curbed by means of a bridle or a halter.
- Do not make yourselves like a horse or **mule** without understanding, whose spiritedness is to be curbed even by bridle

or halter Before they will come near to you. (**Psalms 32:9**)