

## ~NETTLE (76)

[Hebrew, *cha-rul'*]

- Any of a variety of plants with saw-edged leaves that are usually thickly covered with stinging hairs containing an irritating liquid. When touched, the tips of the hairs break off, and the sharp broken ends penetrate the skin, causing the liquid to enter the wound.
- At least four varieties of nettles are known to exist in Palestine, the most common being the **Roman** nettle, *Urtica pilulifera*, which can attain a height of 1.8 meters (6 feet) and is especially found amid ruins.
- The **Hebrew** terms *cha-rul'*,
- And, look! All of it produced weeds. **Nettles** covered its very surface, and its stone wall itself had been torn down. (**Proverbs 24:31**)
- Therefore, as I am alive, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, Moab herself will become just like Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah, a place possessed by **nettles**, and a salt pit, and a desolate waste, even to time indefinite. The remaining ones of my people will plunder them, and the remnant of my own nation will take possession of them. (**Zephaniah 2:9**)
- And *qim-mohsh'*
- On her dwelling towers thorns must come up, **nettles** and thorny weeds in her fortified places, and she must become an abiding place of jackals, the courtyard for the ostriches. (**Isaiah 34:13**)
- For, look! They will have to go because of despoiling. Egypt itself will collect them together; Memphis, for its part, will bury them. As for their desirable things of silver, **nettles** themselves will take possession of them, thorny bushes will be in their tents. (**Hosea 9:6**)
- Are applied to plants that **take over neglected fields and ruins**.
- Among the bushes they would cry out, under the **nettles** they would huddle together. (**Job 30:7**)

- The reference to *cha-rul'*, suggests tall plants. Another Hebrew word *sir-padh'*, **brier**, **KJ**, **nettle**, **Ro**, **stinging nettle**, **NW** is contrasted with myrtle.
- Instead of the thicket of thorns the juniper tree will come up. Instead of the stinging **nettle** the myrtle tree will come up. And it must become for Yehowah something famous, a sign to time indefinite that will not be cut off. (**Isaiah 55:13**)
- And, look! All of it produced weeds. **Nettles** covered its very surface, and its stone wall itself had been torn down. (**Proverbs 24:31**)
- A form of the word *qim-mohsh'*, **thistles**, **AT**, **thorns**, **KJ**, **weeds**, **NW** is viewed by some as being in parallel with *cha-rul'*.
- Therefore some scholars think *qim-mohsh'* denotes **weeds** generally, others believe that *cha-rul'* may be a generic term applying to **brush**. The translating of *cha-rul'* as, **nettles**, in;
- Among the bushes they would cry out, under the **nettles** they would huddle together. (**Job 30:7**)
- Has also been questioned by some on the basis that people would not voluntarily seek shelter under **nettles**. In a waterless region, though, people might well avail themselves of the shade of tall **nettles** or, because of hunger, be found gathering these plants for food. So the rendering is appropriate.