

~PLANTS (135)

[English, vegetation, plant life, flora, undergrowth, foliage, shrubbery]

- When Sodom and Gomorrah was overthrown, even the **plants** of the ground were destroyed.
- So he went ahead overthrowing these cities, even the entire District and all the inhabitants of the cities and the **plants** of the ground. (**Genesis 19:25**)
- Moses compares Yehowah God's people to aloe **plants, planted** by Yehowah God himself.
- Like torrent valleys they have extended a long way, like gardens by the river. Like aloe **plants** that Yehowah has planted, like cedars by the waters. (**Numbers 24:6**)
- The Psalmist showed that Israel's sons were like little **plants** grown up in their youth.
- Who say; Our sons are like little **plants** grown up in their youth, our daughters like corners carved in palace style. (**Psalms 144:12**)
- The shepherd girl had skin like pomegranates, choicest fruits, and henna and spikenard **plants**.
- Your skin is a paradise of pomegranates, with the choicest fruits, henna **plants** along with spikenard **plants**. (**Song of Solomon 4:13**)
- My own dear one has gone down to his garden, to the garden beds of spice **plants**, to shepherd among the gardens, and to pick lilies. (**Song of Solomon 6:2**)
- 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**)
- The land of Judah being largely uncultivated would become a place for animals to trample down, because only a few of the men of Judah would be left remaining after the King of Assyria depopulated the land.

- And all the mountains that used to be cleared of troublesome **plants** with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of thornbushes and weeds, and it will certainly become a place for letting bulls loose and a trampling ground of sheep. (**Isaiah 7:25**)
- The **heat parched ground**, **the hearts of mankind**, will now retain the **water**, **truth**, as in reedy pools, and from thirsty ground, even springs will come up. (**Matthew 7:28**) Where nothing grew in the past, grass, reeds and papyrus **plants** will come up.
- And the heat-parched ground will have become as a reedy pool, and the thirsty ground as springs of water. In the abiding place of jackals, a resting-place for them, there will be green grass with reeds and papyrus **plants**. (**Isaiah 35:7**)
- Yehowah then illustrates, that even if Israel should somehow prosper, he will come in upon them like a dry east wind, drying up their produce. This dry wind will also drain Israel's well and his spring, sources of clean clear water for growth, and it will pillage the treasure of all their desirable articles. Yehowah God is standing in opposition to them, and even their past blessings, will perish in face of his denunciation.
- In case he himself as the son of reed **plants** should show fruitfulness, an east wind, the wind of Yehowah, will come. From a wilderness it is coming up, and it will dry up his well and drain his spring. That one will pillage the treasure of all desirable articles. (**Hosea 13:15**)
- The gardener is nothing, when compared to the one who made all the seeds, and also the process by which the **plants** grow, and the beauty, that they later display as his creations. Paul now shows that as part of the seed of Abraham, these anointed spiritual sons are God's field under cultivation, and that the gardener, represented by Paul and Apollos and Cephas, is doing a fine work in **planting** the seeds and watering them, for he knows, that these are the endeavors, that will make growth possible, but it is still God who makes things grow. Therefore give God glory!
- So that neither is he that **plants** anything nor is he that waters, but God who makes it grow. (**1 Corinthians 3:7**)

- Paul now shows, that he and Apollos were one or unified in purpose as to their works, for they are both gardeners working toward the same purpose, the upbuilding of the congregation of God, his spiritual temple of anointed sons on earth.
- Even so each person working in this garden of God will receive his own reward for his own labors. Compared relatively to what effort God has put into the process, our efforts as insignificant, and so we should not think too much of ourselves, because of it, no matter what works we can point to.
- Now he that **plants** and he that waters are one, but each person will receive his own reward according to his own labor. (**1 Corinthians 3:8**)
- Paul now asks a pointed question using an illustration; Who ever enlists in the military at his own expense? The one doing so always expects to be paid for his labors. Or who **plants** a vineyard, and then never eats the fruit? Really the whole purpose of making a vineyard, which requires a lot of hard work, is to enjoy the fruitage of it at the end. Likewise, who shepherds a flock, without partaking of the milk of the flock? These things, are the natural outworking of our hard work.
- Who is it that ever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who **plants** a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat some of the milk of the flock? (**1 Corinthians 9:7**)