

## ~POMEGRANATE (193)

[Hebrew, *rim-mohn'*]

- A fruit that, when ripe, is of a maroon color, shaped like an apple, with a rosette or crown extending around the bottom. Within the hard rind it is crowded with small capsules full of juice, each containing a small pink or red seed.
- The **pomegranate tree**, *Punica granatum*, also denoted by the Hebrew word *rim-mohn'*, grows throughout the Middle East. It seldom passes 4.5 meters (15 feet) in height.
- The spreading branches are numerous and have dark-green leaves that are shaped like the head of a lance and that produce blossoms with coral-red to scarlet flowers.
- **Pomegranate** juice makes a refreshing drink.
- I would lead you, I would bring you into the house of my mother, who used to teach me. I would give you a drink of spiced wine, the fresh juice of **pomegranates**. (Song of Solomon 8:2)
- A syrup called grenadine is produced from the seeds, and the blossoms are used in the preparation of an astringent medicine used as a remedy for dysentery.
- The Shulammite maidens veiled temples were compared to a segment of **pomegranate** and her skin to a paradise of **pomegranates**.
- Your lips are just like a scarlet thread, and your speaking is agreeable. Like a segment of **pomegranate** are your temples behind your veil. (Song of Solomon 4:3)
- Your skin is a paradise of **pomegranates**, with the choicest fruits, henna plants along with spikenard plants. (Song of Solomon 4:13)
- Like a segment of **pomegranate** are your temples behind your veil. (Song of Solomon 6:7)

- By means of Moses, Yehowah promised the nation of Israel that He would bring them into a land of wheat, barley, vines, figs, **pomegranates**, olives, and honey.
- For Yehowah your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of torrent valleys of water, springs and watery deeps issuing forth in the valley plain and in the mountainous region. (**Deuteronomy 8:7**)
- A land of wheat and barley and vines and figs and **pomegranates**, a land of oil olives and honey. (**Deuteronomy 8:8**)
- A land in which you will not eat bread with scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land the stones of which are iron and out of the mountains of which you will mine copper. (**Deuteronomy 8:9**)
- Prior to this the spies who went into the land had returned with grapes, figs, and **pomegranates**.
- Send out for yourself men that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. You will send out one man for each tribe of his fathers, each one a chieftain among them. (**Numbers 13:2**)
- When they came to the torrent valley of Eshcol, they then proceeded to cut down from there a shoot with one cluster of grapes. And they went carrying it with a bar on two of the men, and also some of the **pomegranates** and some of the figs. (**Numbers 13:23**)
- The Israelites had known the **pomegranate** in Egypt, as their complaint below indicates.
- And why have you conducted us up out of Egypt to bring us into this evil place? It is no place of seed and figs and vines and **pomegranates**, and there is no water to drink. (**Numbers 20:5**)
- The sleeveless coat of High Priest Aaron's garments had on its hem a series of **pomegranates** made of blue thread, reddish-purple wool, and scarlet material twisted together and alternating with golden bells.
- And you must make upon the hem of it **pomegranates** of blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material,

upon its hem round about, and bells of gold in between them round about. (**Exodus 28:33**)

- A bell of gold and a **pomegranate**, a bell of gold and a pomegranate upon the hem of the sleeveless coat round about. (**Exodus 28:34**)
- Then they made upon the hem of the sleeveless coat **pomegranates** of blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material, twisted together. (**Exodus 39:24**)
- Further, they made bells of pure gold and put the bells in between the **pomegranates** upon the hem of the sleeveless coat round about, in between the **pomegranates**. (**Exodus 39:25**)
- A bell and a **pomegranate**, a bell and a pomegranate upon the hem of the sleeveless coat round about, for ministering, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Exodus 39:26**)
- Later, when the temple was constructed, the capitals of the two copper pillars in front of the porch of the house were decorated with chains of **pomegranate** figures.
- And he went on to make the **pomegranates** and two rows round about upon the one network to cover the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars, and that was what he did for the other capital. (**1 Kings 7:18**)
- And the capitals were upon the two pillars, also up close beside the belly that was adjoining the network, and there were two hundred **pomegranates** in rows all around upon each capital. (**1 Kings 7:20**)
- And the four hundred **pomegranates** for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates to each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were upon the two pillars. (**1 Kings 7:42**)
- Eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar, and the capital upon it was of copper, and the height of the capital was three cubits, and the network and the **pomegranates** all around upon the capital, the whole of it, was copper, and the second pillar had the same as these upon the network. (**2 Kings 25:17**)
- Further, he made chains in necklace style and put them upon the

- tops of the pillars, and made a hundred **pomegranates** and put them on the chains. ([2 Chronicles 3:16](#))
- And the four hundred **pomegranates** for the two networks, two rows of **pomegranates** for each network to cover the two round capitals that were upon the pillars. ([2 Chronicles 4:13](#))
  - And the capital upon it was of copper, and the height of the one capital was five cubits, and as regards the network and the **pomegranates** upon the capital, all around, the whole was of copper, and the second pillar had just the same as these, also the **pomegranates**. ([Jeremiah 52:22](#))
  - And the **pomegranates** came to be ninety-six, on the sides, all the pomegranates being one hundred upon the network round about. ([Jeremiah 52:23](#))
  - The **pomegranate** was extensively cultivated in Bible times, and the place-names of Rimmon, En-rimmon, and Gath-rimmon doubtless were derived from the abundance of these trees in their area.
  - And Lebaoth and Shilhim and Ain and Rimmon, all the cities being twenty-nine, together with their settlements. ([Joshua 15:32](#))
  - And Jehud and Bene-berak and Gath-rimmon. ([Joshua 19:45](#))
  - And in En-rimmon and in Zorah and in Jarmuth. ([Nehemiah 11:29](#))
  - The **pomegranate** tree was much prized and thus is often associated with other important fruit producers such as the vine and the fig tree.
  - Do let us rise early and go to the vineyards, that we may see whether the vine has sprouted, the blossom has burst open, the **pomegranate** trees have bloomed. There I shall give my expressions of endearment to you. ([Song of Solomon 7:12](#))
  - The mandrakes themselves have given their fragrance, and by our entranceways there are all sorts of the choicest fruits. The new ones as well as the old, O my dear one, I have treasured up for you. ([Song of Solomon 7:13](#))

- The vine itself has shown dryness, and even the fig tree has faded away. As for the **pomegranate** tree, also the palm tree and the apple tree, all the trees of the field, they have dried up, for exultation has gone ashamed away from the sons of mankind. (**Joel 1:12**)
- Is there as yet the seed in the grain pit? And as yet, the vine and the fig tree and the **pomegranate** tree and the olive tree, it has not borne, has it? From this day I shall bestow blessing. (**Haggai 2:19**)