

~THISTLE (48)

[Hebrew, *dar-dar'*, Greek, *tri'bo-los*]

- Any of a variety of plants having prickly, irregular-edged leaves, tough stems, and bearing round or cylindrical heads that produce soft and silky purple, yellow, or white flowers. Adam, and later his descendants, had to contend with troublesome **thistles** when cultivating the cursed ground.
- And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wifes voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command, You must not eat from it, cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)
- And thorns and **thistles** it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)
- Since their seeds are scattered by the wind, **thistles** readily gain a foothold in neglected and desolated areas.
- And the high places of Beth-aven, the sin of Israel, will actually be annihilated. Thorns and **thistles** themselves will come up upon their altars. And people will in fact say to the mountains; Cover us! And to the hills; Fall over us! (**Hosea 10:8**)
- Jesus Christ referred to **thistles** in illustrating that people, just like plants, are recognized by their fruits.
- By their fruits you will recognize them. Never do people gather grapes from thorns or figs from **thistles**, do they? (**Matthew 7:16**)
- In Palestine it is not uncommon to see a number of **star thistles** being driven along as a rolling mass by fall winds, a feature perhaps alluded to at;
- O my God, make them like a **thistle whirl**, like stubble before a wind. (**Psalms 83:13**)
- The national groups themselves will make a din just like the noise of many waters. And He will certainly rebuke it, and it must flee far away and be chased like the chaff of the mountains

before a wind and like a **thistle whirl** before a storm wind. (**Isaiah 17:13**)