

## ~WEEDS (232)

[Hebrew, *bo'-shah'*, stink, *chah'ach* - thorny weeds, Greek, *zi-za'ni-a*]

- **Generally, troublesome plants that serve no apparent useful purpose where they grow.** While some scholars have endeavored to link with specific plants the various original-language words rendered weeds in the Bible, no certain identification is possible.
- The Hebrew word *bo'-shah'* is considered to be derived from a root meaning, stink and therefore probably embraces a variety of foul-smelling plants, stinking weeds. Faithful Job, in effect, stated that if his life course had not been one of integrity, then, instead of barley, let stinking weeds grow.
- Instead of wheat let the thorny weed go forth, and instead of barley **stinking weeds**. The words of Job have come to an end. (**Job 31:40**)
- Another Hebrew term, *chah'ach*, is understood to designate thorny plants generally, **thorny weeds** that grow on cultivated ground and quickly take possession of desolated land.
- Instead of wheat let the thorny weed go forth, and instead of barley stinking **weeds**. The words of Job have come to an end. (**Job 31:40**)
- 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**)
- The same word appears at;
- Can you put a rush in its nostrils, or with a thorn can you bore its jaws? (**Job 41:2**)

- Where the allusion seems to be to a thorn put into the gills of a fish for carrying purposes. *Choh'ach* is also employed in an illustrative sense.
- Can you put a rush in its nostrils, or with a thorn can you bore its jaws? (**Job 41:2**)
- A **thorny weed** in the hand of a drunkard can bring injury to him and to others, so it is with stupid people who use a proverb wrongly because of not understanding it.
- As a **thorny weed** has come up into the hand of a drunkard, so a proverb into the mouth of stupid people. (**Proverbs 26:9**)
- King Jehoash of Israel compared the action of proud King Amaziah of Judah in wanting to fight him to a **thorny weeds** asking for a marriage alliance with a cedar of Lebanon.
- Then it was that Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu the king of Israel, saying; Do come. Let us look each other in the face. (**2 Kings 14:8**)
- At that Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying; The **thorny weed** itself that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying; Do give your daughter to my son as a wife. However, a wild beast of the field that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the **thorny weed** down. (**2 Kings 14:9**)
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- The **Hebrew** designation *sha'yith* appears to denote a variety of **weeds that grow on neglected or desolated land**.
- And I shall set it as a thing destroyed. It will not be pruned, nor will it be hoed. And it must come up with the thornbush and **weeds**, and upon the clouds I shall lay a command to keep from precipitating any rain upon it. (**Isaiah 5:6**)

- And it must occur in that day that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand pieces of silver, will come to be, for the **thornbushes** and for the **weeds** it will come to be. (**Isaiah 7:23**)
- With arrows and the bow he will come there, because all the land will become mere **thornbushes** and **weeds**. (**Isaiah 7:24**)
- 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**)
- There is no rage that I have. Who will give me **thornbushes** and **weeds** in the battle? I will step on such. I will set such on fire at the same time. (**Isaiah 27:4**)
- This term, rendered, **weeds**, is used figuratively to represent people who by their unfaithfulness have become worthless and fit only for destruction.
- For wickedness has become aflame just like a fire, **thornbushes** and **weeds** it will eat up. And it will catch fire in the thickets of the forest, and they will be borne aloft as the billowing of smoke. (**Isaiah 9:18**)
- In the fury of Yehowah of armies the land has been set afire, and the people will become as food for the fire. No one will show compassion even on his brother. (**Isaiah 9:19**)
- And Israel's Light must become a fire, and his Holy One a flame, and it must blaze up and eat up his **weeds** and his **thornbushes** in one day. (**Isaiah 10:17**)
- And the glory of his forest and of his orchard He will bring to an end, even from the soul clear to the flesh, and it must become like the melting away of one that is ailing. (**Isaiah 10:18**)
- And the rest of the trees of his forest, they will become such a number that a mere boy will be able to write them down. (**Isaiah 10:19**)
- The tree that you beheld, that grew great and became strong and the height of which finally reached the heavens and which was

visible to all the earth. ([Daniel 4:20](#))

- And the foliage of which was fair, and the fruit of which was abundant, and on which there was food for all, under which the beasts of the field would dwell, and on the boughs of which the birds of the heavens would reside. ([Daniel 4:21](#))
- It is you, O king, because you have grown great and become strong, and your grandeur has grown great and reached to the heavens, and your rulership to the extremity of the earth. ([Daniel 4:22](#))
- And, look! All of it produced **weeds**. Nettles covered its very surface, and its stone wall itself had been torn down. ([Proverbs 24:31](#))
- The plural form of the **Hebrew** term *qim-mohs'*, which is commonly rendered, **nettle**, appears to denote **weeds** of all kinds.

#### See Also NETTLE

- The **weeds** **Greek**, *zi-za'ni-a* of Jesus illustration at;
- Another illustration he set before them, saying; The kingdom of the heavens has become like a man that sowed fine seed in his field. ([Matthew 13:24](#))
- While men were sleeping, his enemy came and oversowed **weeds** in among the wheat, and left. ([Matthew 13:25](#))
- When the blade sprouted and produced fruit, then the **weeds** appeared also. ([Matthew 13:26](#))
- So the slaves of the householder came up and said to him, Master, did you not sow fine seed in your field? How, then, does it come to have **weeds**? ([Matthew 13:27](#))
- He said to them, An enemy, a man, did this. They said to him; Do you want us, then, to go out and collect them? ([Matthew 13:28](#))
- He said; No, that by no chance, while collecting the **weeds**, you uproot the wheat with them. ([Matthew 13:29](#))

- Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest season I will tell the reapers, First collect the **weeds** and bind them in bundles to burn them up, then go to gathering the wheat into my storehouse. (**Matthew 13:30**)
- Then after dismissing the crowds he went into the house. And his disciples came to him and said; Explain to us the illustration of the **weeds** in the field. (**Matthew 13:36**)
- In response he said; The sower of the fine seed is the Son of man. (**Matthew 13:37**)
- The field is the world, as for the fine seed, these are the sons of the kingdom, but the **weeds** are the sons of the wicked one. (**Matthew 13:38**)
- And the enemy that sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is a conclusion of a system of things, and the reapers are angels. (**Matthew 13:39**)
- Therefore, just as the **weeds** are collected and burned with fire, so it will be in the conclusion of the system of things. (**Matthew 13:40**)
- The Son of man will send forth his angels, and they will collect out from his kingdom all things that cause stumbling and persons who are doing lawlessness. (**Matthew 13:41**)
- And they will pitch them into the fiery furnace. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be. (**Matthew 13:42**)
- At that time the righteous ones will shine as brightly as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him that has ears listen. (**Matthew 13:43**)
- Are generally considered to be **bearded darnel**, *Lolium temulentum*, which very much resembles wheat until maturity, when it can be readily distinguished from wheat by its smaller black seeds.
- This, together with the fact that the roots of these **weeds** become entwined with the wheat, would make it most inadvisable to pull up the **weeds** at an early stage.

- **If darnel seeds become mixed with wheat kernels after the harvest, this can have a serious effect upon the eater. Dizziness and even fatal poisoning have been attributed to eating bread containing too much darnel flour. The poisonous properties of darnel seeds are generally believed to stem from a fungus growing within them**