

~WOLF (103)

[Hebrew, *ze'ev*, Greek, *ly'kos*]

- A carnivorous animal resembling a dog, a large German shepherd, but having longer legs, larger feet, a broader head, and stronger jaws.
- It is reported that in Palestine and Syria **wolves** usually hunt singly or in twos or threes, not in packs. They seek their prey under the cover of darkness, remaining in hiding during the day.
- And its horses have proved swifter than leopards, and they have proved fiercer than evening wolves. And its steeds have pawed the ground, and from far away its own steeds come. They fly like the eagle speeding to eat something. (**Habakkuk 1:8**)
- Her princes in the midst of her were roaring lions. Her judges were **evening wolves** that did not gnaw bones till the morning. (**Zephaniah 3:3**)
- **Wolves** are fierce, voracious, bold, and greedy, often killing more sheep than they can eat or drag away. The shepherd of ancient times therefore had to be courageous and resourceful to protect the flock from **wolves**.
- The hired man, who is no shepherd and to whom the sheep do not belong as his own, beholds the **wolf** coming and abandons the sheep and flees, and the **wolf** snatches them and scatters them. (**John 10:12**)
- Because he is a hired man and does not care for the sheep. (**John 10:13**)
- Most of the Scriptural references to the **wolf** are illustrative. In his deathbed prophecy, Jacob likened his son Benjamin to a **wolf**, this undoubtedly with reference to the tribes fighting abilities.
- Benjamin will keep on tearing like a **wolf**. In the morning he will eat the animal seized and at evening he will divide spoil. (**Genesis 49:27**)
- The unscrupulous princes of Judah,

- Her princes in the midst of her are like **wolves** tearing prey in shedding blood, in destroying souls for the purpose of making unjust gain. (**Ezekiel 22:27**)
- False prophets
- Be on the watch for the false prophets that come to you in sheeps covering, but inside they are **ravenous wolves**. (**Matthew 7:15**)
- Vicious opposers of the Christian ministry.
- Look! I am sending you forth as sheep **amidst wolves**, therefore prove yourselves cautious as serpents and yet innocent as doves. (**Matthew 10:16**)
- Go forth. Look! I am sending you forth as lambs in among **wolves**. (**Luke 10:3**)
- As well as false teachers that would endanger the Christian congregation from within.
- I know that after my going away oppressive **wolves** will enter in among you and will not treat the flock with tenderness. (**Acts of Apostles 20:29**)
- And from among you yourselves men will rise and speak twisted things to draw away the disciples after themselves. (**Acts of Apostles 20:30**)
- Are compared to **wolves**. In contrast with the well-known despoilings by **wolves**.
- That is why a lion out of the forest has struck them, a **wolf** itself of the desert plains keeps despoiling them, a leopard is keeping awake at their cities. Everyone going forth from them gets torn to pieces. For their transgressions have become many, their acts of unfaithfulness have become numerous. (**Jeremiah 5:6**)
- The **wolf** and the lamb are depicted as being at peace during Messiah's rule, feeding together as one, in addition to its application to changes in the lives of people, this prophetic picture doubtless indicates that such peace will prevail among animals.

- And the **wolf** will actually reside for a while with the male lamb, and with the kid the leopard itself will lie down, and the calf and the maned young lion and the well-fed animal all together, and a mere little boy will be leader over them. ([Isaiah 11:6](#))
- The **wolf** and the lamb themselves will feed as one, and the lion will eat straw just like the bull, and as for the serpent, his food will be dust. They will do no harm nor cause any ruin in all my holy mountain, Yehowah has said. ([Isaiah 65:25](#))

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