

~ZEBRA (81)

[Hebrew, *pe're*]

- An animal of the horse family resembling the wild ass in appearance and habits, though easily distinguished from the latter by its dark or black stripes.
- The stripes distort the shape and unity of the **zebras** outline to such an extent that even sharp-eyed natives are often unaware of its presence just 40 or 50 meters (130 or 160 feet) away.
- Aside from its camouflage, the **zebras** keen senses of sight and smell, as well as its ability to run swiftly, serve as a protection from carnivores. The animal has been reported to travel at 64 kilometers/hour (40 miles/hour) after its initial burst of speed. Also, its hooves and teeth are effective weapons of defense.
- The **zebra** is a wild animal that is hard to tame.
- Look! As **zebras** in the wilderness they have gone forth in their activity, looking for food. The desert plain gives to each one bread for the boys. (**Job 24:5**)
- Who sent forth the **zebra** free, and who loosened the very bands of the wild ass. (**Job 39:5**)
- For the dwelling tower itself has been forsaken, the very hubbub of the city has been abandoned, Ophel and the watchtower themselves have become bare fields, for time indefinite the exultation of **zebras**, the pasture of droves. (**Isaiah 32:14**)
- **Zebras** feed chiefly on grasses.
- Will a **zebra** cry out over grass, or a bull low over its fodder? (**Job 6:5**)
- And the **zebras** themselves have stood still upon the bare hills, they have snuffed up the wind like the jackals, their eyes have failed because there is no vegetation. (**Jeremiah 14:6**)
- They regularly quench their thirst.

- They continually give drink to all the wild beasts of the open field, the **zebras** regularly quench their thirst. (**Psalms 104:11**)
- And are seldom found more than 8 kilometers (5 miles) away from water.
- The obstinacy of the **zebra** and the strong impulse that drives the female when in sexual heat were used to illustrate the independent and adulterous course of wayward Israel.
- A **zebra** accustomed to the wilderness, at the craving of her soul, snuffing up the wind, at her time for copulation, who can turn her back? All those who are looking for her will not go tiring themselves out. In her month they will find her. (**Jeremiah 2:24**)
- For they themselves have gone up to Assyria, as a **zebra** isolated to itself. In Ephraim's case, they have hired lovers. (**Hosea 8:9**)
- Yehowah's angel foretold that Abraham's son Ishmael would be, **a zebra of a man**. Likely this had reference to a fiercely independent disposition, as suggested by the words;
- As for him, he will become a **zebra** of a man. **His hand will be against everyone**, and the hand of everyone will be against him, and before the face of all his brothers he will tabernacle. (**Genesis 16:12**)
- **Onager** and **wild ass** are appropriate alternate renderings of the Hebrew *pe're* '.
- Will a **zebra** cry out over grass, or a bull low over its fodder? (**Job 6:5**) **Footnote**