Studies in Psalms

Psalm 22

Revelation 22:16

"I, Yeshua, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

Psalm 22:1

For the choir director; upon A'yelet Ha'shachar. A Psalm of David.

אילת השחר "Star of the Morning"

PART 1

The Cry From the Cross

(Verses 1-21)

Psalm 22:7-8 All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, "Commit yourself to Adonai; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."

Luke 23:35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Messiah of God, His Chosen One."

Psalm 22:12 Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have crowned me.

John 19:2 And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe;

Psalm 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within me.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

Psalm 22:15 My spittle is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws...

John 19:28 After this, Yeshua, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty."

Psalm 22:16 For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.

John 20:25 The other disciples therefore were saying to [Thomas], "We have seen the Master!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Psalm 22:18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.

Mark 15:24 And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

PART 2

The Consequences for Mankind

(Verses 22-31)

Psalm 22:25

From You comes my praise in the great *kahal*;

I will pay [or 'fulfill'] my vows before those who fear Him.

John 19:30

When Yeshua therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

τετέλεσται

(tetelestai)

"finished, fulfilled, paid in full"

The Back Story:

Genesis 28:10-22

John 12:32

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

Ephesians 1:10

...as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Psalm 22:6

But I am a worm, and not a man, A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

The Tola'at worm = coccus ilicis



Facts about the Tola'at (coccus ilicis) worm*:

- Was not recognized as a worm by certain cultures and was thought to be part of the plant.
- It climbs the kermes oak tree to lay its eggs. It is attached to the tree so firmly that to remove it requires its death.
- During the birthing process the *tola'at* worm secretes a crimson fluid that covers its entire body and its eggs. It also leaves a permanent stain on the tree.
- The eggs are deposited beneath the worm's body where they are protected until they hatch.
- The young larvae are sustained by feeding on the living body of the parent.
- For a period of three days the body of the worm can be scraped from the tree to make the scarlet dye.
- On the morning of the fourth day, the remains of the worm turn into a waxy substance that is described as being whiter than snow.
- These white, dried remains may be crushed for use in the making of fragrance.
- The crushed worm is also used in medicine since it has antibiotic properties.

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תולעת (tola'at) appears 35x in the Torah:

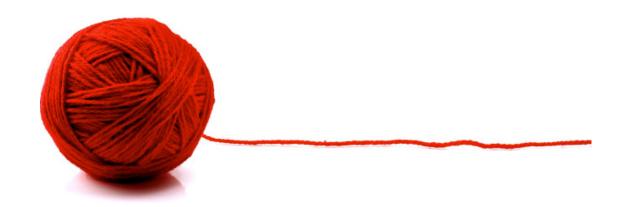
35th use – Deuteronomy 28:39 - "Tola'at" = worm

Exodus 16:20

But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred **worms** and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

Deuteronomy 28:39

"You shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall devour them."



Proverbs 31:21

She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with **scarlet**.

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