

ISAIAH 7:14 – “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

ISAIAH 9:6 – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

SIMILAR IN TREATMENT

The Roses of Sharon have been trampled by armies marching to battle in the Jezreel Valley over the centuries, yet these roses continue to spring up every year. The same can be said of the TREATMENT of Messiah. Many today have tried to stamp out the name of JESUS, yet He continues to be the greatest influence upon all mankind.

When He was crucified 2,000 years ago, many thought they had rid themselves of Him, but He rose from the grave three days later, was seen by many, and is now seated on the right hand of God the Father making intercession for all who believe.

SIMILAR IN ACCESS

Roses are meant to be plucked and enjoyed! There are no signs that say, “KEEP OUT!” The same is true of Messiah. JESUS CHRIST (Yeshua HaMashiach) is ACCESSIBLE to all that call upon Him. NO ONE is denied ACCESS to the Saviour.

Will YOU bow your head right now and pray, “Lord Jesus, I acknowledge I am a sinner, and I repent of my sin. I believe JESUS (Yeshua) died for my sins but rose from the dead to conquer death and hell. I call upon YESHUA (JESUS) now and ask you to deliver me. In the name of JESUS I pray, AMEN!



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THE ROSE OF SHARON

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C.H. Spurgeon wrote, “In condescension He desires our love; In wisdom He uses the best way to win our love; In tenderness He describes himself by familiarity; Of necessity He describes Himself, for who else can?”

In Song of Solomon 2:1, the Lord describes Himself by using the Rose of Sharon, a beautiful, familiar flower found in the Plains of Sharon along the western coast of Israel. Though the Lord uses other objects to describe Himself (Bread of Life, Water of Life, Light of the World, Shepherd, etc.), we see a unique, intrinsic value provided by the Rose of Sharon.

Flying to Israel from the West, one travels over the beautiful waters of the Mediterranean Sea with its deep blue, emerald green and crystal clear waters.

Upon approach of Israel's western coast, one sees the beautiful waters of the Mediterranean Sea wash up against the white sands. Further inland you can see the Carmel Mountain range with its majestic forest green vegetation.

Between the white sands of the Mediterranean coast and the rich, forest green vegetation of the Carmel Mountains lies the Plains of Sharon. The Roses of Sharon can be found growing in these plains during the spring. What a gorgeous sight to behold! Magnificent! There are at least 6 REASONS why the Lord compares Himself to the ROSE OF SHARON. Let us look at them.

SIMILAR IN EXCELLENCE

Like the beautiful Rose of Sharon, Yeshua (Jesus) is EXCELLENT! There is

none like Him in all the earth. He is the eternal Son of the eternal Father.

PROVERBS 30:4 – “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?”

ISAIAH 61:1-2 – “The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn...”

SIMILAR IN COLOR

The Rose of Sharon is traditionally a magnificent crimson red. No color better describes the Lamb of God (Yeshua HaMashiach) better than the COLOR RED. The reason John the Baptist called Yeshua the Lamb of God was because He came to die for the remission of sin. Without the shedding of BLOOD, there is no atonement for sin.

LEVITICUS 17:11 – “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have giv-

en it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

SIMILAR IN FRAGRANCE

When Yeshua (Jesus) came to earth, He offered Himself as the Lamb of God. He became a sweetsmelling savor to God the Father when He died on Calvary. Just as the priest placed blood upon the horns of the altar of incense before coming to the Lord, so Yeshua gave Himself as an sweetsmelling offering and blood sacrifice to God for all men. Do you have the fragrance of Messiah on you?

SIMILAR IN ORIGIN

NO MAN planted the Roses of Sharon, but every year these beautiful flowers spring up. Can we not say the same about Yeshua (JESUS)? The prophets of Israel foretold that Messiah would be born the seed of a woman, a virgin. Messiah was not born of man, but rather conceived by the Holy Spirit of God.

GENESIS 3:15 – “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”