

THE POMAGRANATE - THE CROWN

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While working on a new design project with a crown, the golden crown's edges took me back to a constant vision I had of a pomegranate while designing our website www.yeshua.co.za some time ago. Symbolism teaches us by associating or representing an idea, or enhancing the profile and motivating us to unify the meaning.

While I designed this crown, I versioned the band with holes in it, almost similar to that of a Matzah and on the top of each curve a prominent pomegranate. Right around the bottom of the crowns band is 12 colored stones. With a scarlet red satin material in the head set.

The fascinated pomegranate fruit with its ruby red seeds grasp my attention. When this fruit blossom, the flower itself almost looks like a stunning satin red robe and with the prominent open calyx (bud) on the end it gives us the image of a crown. From the outside this astonishing and distinct fruit with its gold, red colour (sometimes almost purple) indicates a royalty fruit. This is also exactly the design that King Solomon used for his crown. King Solomon had an entire orchard of pomegranates and as we read in the scriptures he also refers in his songs how a pomegranate connects with his loved one. *"Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks."* [Song of Solomon 4:3](#).

Very interesting, when we start doing a study, how much are revealed to us about this fruit with more revelation in the Torah. Some Jewish people believe that it was the pomegranate that was the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden. Pomegranate is one of the Seven Species or types of fruits and grains enumerated in the Torah Deuteronomy 8:8 as being special products of the Land of Israel. The pomegranate has been revered through the ages for its medicinal properties and preparations of different parts of the plant have been used to treat a variety of conditions. The inside of the fruit reveals much more to us as we will cover further in this writing.

Pomegranates has been seen in Judaism as a very special fruit. Not only was this fruit an indication to Moses that the "promised land" was fertile, but also the design of the pomegranate

was woven into the high priest's robes, and brass representations were part of the Temple's pillars.

The Hebrew word for "pomegranate" is *Ramam*, which means "to rise up" or "to be mounted up." Tradition holds that a pomegranate has 613 seeds to represent the 613 commandments in the Torah. When not in use, the scroll handles of Torah scrolls are sometimes covered with decorative silver globes similar in shape to "pomegranates" (*rimmonim*). The root word for pomegranate would seem to be "to exalted". It is traditional to eat pomegranates on Rosh Hashana because the pomegranate, with its numerous seeds, symbolizes fruitfulness.

The pomegranate was cultivated in Egypt before the time of Moses. It was found in the Indus valley so early that there is a word in Sanskrit for pomegranate. Looking at many findings in the scriptures of the Torah you will find yourself amazed how this resembles the Royalty of Yeshua. To the Jews, the pomegranate represents righteousness, to the Christians, it means life and hope of eternal life.

Let's have a look at some of these biblical references:

Exodus 28:33 And upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates [of] blue, and [of] purple, and [of] scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about.

Yahweh gave orders to Moses to put embroidered pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet with golden bells in between, at the bottom of the high priest's blue robe or ephod Exodus. 28:33, 34. Aaron was to wear the robe when he ministered to the Lord in the Holy of Holies so he would not die. Symbolism teaches us by associating or representing an idea, or enhancing the profile and motivating us to unify the meaning.

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Yeshua has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Instead of having the high priest anchored to the people in case of sin resulting in death and removing the dead body from the holy of holies, we are anchored to Christ our high priest to be able to pass from this life of sin into the holy of holies.

Exodus 39:24 They made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet (material and) twisted (linen) on the hem of the robe. They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the robe, alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 13 :23 Then they came to the valley of Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two (men,) with some of the pomegranates and the figs.

Haggai 2:19 Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree, it has not borne fruit. Yet from this day on I will bless you.

Song of Solomon 4 :13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with choice fruits, henna with nard plants. . .

Song of Solomon 8 :2 I would lead you {and} bring you Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me; I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of my pomegranates.

Deuteronomy 8:8 A land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; . . .

Numbers 20:5 Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor is there water to drink.

1 Samuel 14:2 Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron. And the people who were with him were about six hundred men.

According to the Books of Kings (1 Kings 7) the capitals of the two pillars (Jachin and Boaz) that stood in front of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem were engraved with pomegranates. There were two hundred pomegranates in two rows all around, and so with the other capital.

Looking into symbolic colours, blue represents Yahweh and red represents man. The word for man in Hebrew is practically the same as the word for blood and the word for red (Adam). Red is the color of flesh and the color of the blood that flows through it. Both flesh and blood are reminders of the imperfections of sinful dying nature. Yeshua would undergo real trials, he had to be subjected to the temptations and lusts of the flesh. Only by suppressing the natural self could he remain sinless. We must have the weakness of mortality now so that we may learn to rely only upon Yahweh and not upon our own strength.

Pomegranates resemble the Fruit of Yeshua's sacrifice. When cut open the pomegranate it exude red Juice. Its skin is Purplish/Red in color, suggestive of Yahweh's manifestation and royalty.

Purple is the color of kings. Yeshua was mocked while presented in a purple robe along with a crown of thorns. Purple is a mixture of the blue of Yahweh and the red of man. It was only by showing a Godly character in the weak body of man that Yeshua triumphed over sin and opened a way for us to our heavenly Father.

The pomegranate has 12 sections inside. 12 for the tribes of Israel - The government of the Kingdom - The apostles on 12 thrones. The white membranes of (righteousness), cut through, it has 12 sections and pearl white seeds (Isaiah 53:10) with red fluid. The white linen is the foundation fabric of the ephod. Its significance is simply explained in Rev. 19:7,8: *"And to her [the Bride] was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."*

The ephod had a girdle, or a belt Exodus. 28:8. The girdle drew the other garments together and allowed freedom for moving about without stumbling. In the same way we must gird ourselves spiritually. We must put aside all things which hamper us and concentrate on the one goal attaining to life everlasting. The girdle shows an active, working righteousness: *Luke 12:35,36*

Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Yeshua | Peter 1:13.

The golden candlestick in the tabernacle of the Israelites was ornamented with pomegranates and flowers. Each of the six branches terminated in “three bowls made like unto almonds, a pomegranate and a flower”; and the central shaft in “four bowls made like unto almonds, their pomegranates and their flowers”; and under each pair of branches of the candlestick was a pomegranate Exodus 25:31–36.

On the shoulders of the ephod, there were two onyx stones with the names of the twelve tribes engraved upon them. Also, on the priest’s breastplate there were another twelve stones arranged in four rows (suggesting the encampment of the twelve tribes around the tabernacle in the wilderness). Both sets of stones plainly symbolize the tribes of Israel. The fact that Aaron wore them shows a connection between himself and his countrymen.

Finally, Aaron was to wear a crown. Upon this crown was a golden plate upon which was written “Holiness to Yahweh.” In everything, the priest, as well as the ordinary man, was to remember Yahweh’s laws:

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates Deuteronomy. 6:6-9.

We rejoice in the fact that our high priest, Yeshua, offered himself so that we might be saved. As Yeshua was prepared to do so much for us, we too are to see ourselves as connected as a spiritual Israel.

Yeshua presents all his people with an example. We must never unbind our girdles. This is not the time for lying down at ease, we are in the season of service and great warfare. We need to bind the girdle of truth more and more tightly around our loins. It is a golden girdle, and so will be our richest ornament, and we greatly need it, for a heart that is not well braced up with the truth as it is in Yeshua, and with the fidelity which is wrought of the Spirit, will be easily entangled with the things of this life, and tripped up by the snares of temptation.

A golden girdle, to manifest the superiority of his service, the royalty of his person, the dignity of his state, the glory of his reward. No longer does he cry out of the dust, but he pleads with authority, a King as well as a Priest. Safe enough is our cause in the hands of our enthroned Melchizedek.

It is in vain that we possess the Scriptures unless we bind them around us like a girdle, surrounding our entire nature, keeping each part of our character in order, and giving compactness to our whole man. This also serves to our minds. To keep our thoughts and eyes on Yeshua. If in heaven Yeshua unbinds not the girdle, much less may we upon earth. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth.

In the end, it will be the only color in the garments of immortality. It will be whiteness and a purity, both moral and physical. The flesh will be totally forsaken.

The answer is *“love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” Galatians 5:22,23.*

Pomegranates are such a beautiful symbol of the righteous. Pomegranate is a fruit that reminds us what Yeshua has said, *“By their fruits you shall know them.”*