

Shittim Wood and Acacia Tree

(In part from my journal: 1/20/2011 near the end)

Joel 3:17-18 So you shall know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall never again pass through it. 18 In that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the stream beds of Judah shall flow with water; a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and water the Wadi Shittim.

Everything in the Tabernacle is made of shittim (sheeta'eem) wood!!

שִׁטִּים sheeta'eem *acacias* (plural) from H7848 below.

Shittim שִׁטִּי שִׁטִּי sheeta'h H7848 *Acacia Tree*. From שִׁטִּי (H7850) shotet, *scourge, a whip, a scourge*. (It makes us think of Yeshua being scourged with the Roman whip!)

This word, shotet is used only once in the Bible: Joshua 23:12-13 For if you turn back, and join the survivors of these nations left here among you, and intermarry with them, so that you marry their women and they yours, 13 know assuredly that the Lord your God will not continue to drive out these nations before you; but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a scourge⁷⁸⁴⁸ on your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land that the Lord your God has given you.

From [Wikipedia](#):

Acacia Tree: Usually a thorn tree. (crown of thorns of Yeshua!)

In Africa, a lone tree in a field!! (Yeshua is the Tree of Life, of which there is only one.

Yeshua is the only way!)

Honey from its flowers has a special flavor and it doesn't crystallize.

(Yeshua's Word is sweeter than honey, and stands forever.)

Ants live as shelter inside the thorns and lay their eggs there. They feed on the protein rich sap, and give the honey (above) to its larvae to eat. In turn they kill bugs and beetles, etc., that try to eat the tree. The ants also kill nearby plants.



Mixed with root of another tree, it is used to treat rabies.

One kind used as perfume.

The wood is very strong and durable. The poles last 80 to 100 years!! Yeshua is forever!

A certain kind: *Fardherbia Acacia*, feeds the soil nitrogen. It sheds its nutrient-rich leaves when the farmers are planting their seeds to feed the soil. It remains dormant until harvest so the seeds can have sunlight. Then it grows leaves again!! (sciencedaily.com)

Yeshua feeds and takes care of us. He gives us just what we need.

The Ark of the Covenant, made of shittim wood and overlaid with gold, has the Mercy Seat on it.

Mercy Seat- kapporat, כַּפֹּרֶת H3627 Its root word is כָּפַר H3722 Kippur (atonement, cover)—
----Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement

The pitch used within and without Noah's ark is the root of kippur!!!! כָּפַר H3722 and 3724
(atonement and ransom)

Yeshua is our atonement.

Ark of Covenant is aron- אֲרוֹן בְּרִית יְהוָה

Aaron is aharon אַהֲרֹן (His name has a window in the middle of aron-Ark of Covenant.)

Yeshua, our Cohane HaGadol (High Priest) is the Ark of the Covenant. He is the Mercy Seat,
the Atonement.

May we, as priests (cohanim) of Yeshua, also be like a window into His presence and His mercy.