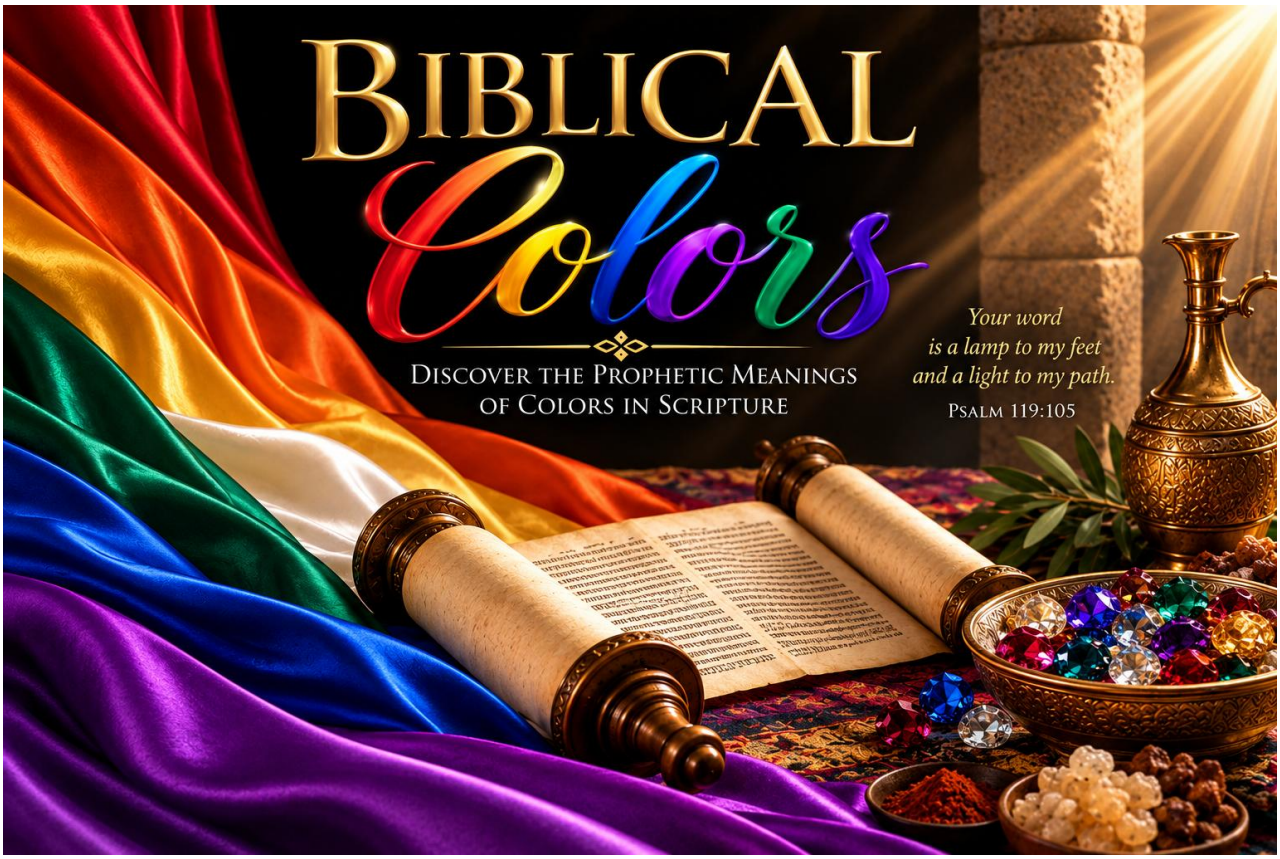
BIBLICAL COLOR MEANINGS

The Prophetic Meaning of Colors in Scripture



Colors appear throughout Scripture with rich meaning and symbolism, often revealing aspects of God's glory, covenant, holiness, worship, and His relationship with His people. From the colors of the Tabernacle and priestly garments to prophetic visions and the New Jerusalem, biblical colors can deepen our understanding of the imagery found throughout the Word of God.

Biblical Colors are very significant in our worship of Adonai. In some instances the exact color is mentioned in the Scriptures and with other instances the colors are prophetically seen through spiritual eyes.

COLORS

- **Amber/Bronze:** Glory of God *(Ezekiel 1:4, 8:2)*, Judgment upon sin, Strength, Fires of testing, Endurance *(Numbers 21:9)*
- **Black/Onyx:** Secret Place *(Psalm 18:11)*, Darkness, Evil, Sin, *(Zechariah 6:2; Jude 13; Revelation 6:5; 12)*, Affliction, Calamity, Death, Famine, Mourning, *(Jeremiah 8:21)*, obedience unto death *(Revelation 12:11)*

- **Blue/Sapphire:** Law/commandments *(Numbers 15:38-41)*, Heaven *(Ezekiel 1:26)*, Revealed God *(Exodus 24:10)*, Grace *(Romans 6:14; Hebrew 4:16)*, the Priesthood *(Exodus 28:31)*, Water of the Word *(Ephesians 5:26)*, Prayer, River of God *(Revelation 22:1-2; 17)*, Over-comer *(1 John 4:4; Revelation 3:21)*, Living water *(John 7:38-39)*, Holy Spirit, Divine revelation *(Hebrews 10:15-16)*
- **Brown:** Complexion *(Song of Songs 1:5–6)*, Creation *(Genesis 2:7)*, Humility *(Genesis 1:10, Philippians 2:3–4; Psalm 149:4)*, Potter's Clay *(Isaiah 64:8)*, Cross/Tree *(Acts 5:30)*, Finest Wheat *(Psalm 81:16)* End of a Season *(Ecclesiastes 3:2; Jeremiah 8:13; Matthew 21:19; 2 Corinthians 4:11; James 1:11)*, Weary, Faint *(Galatians 6:9)*, Mankind *(Isaiah 40:7-8)*
- **Fuchsia/Pink:** Right relationship *(Psalm 16:11; 32:11)*, Communion *(Song of Songs 5:1)*, New Covenant *(Jeremiah 31:31-33; Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:8-12)*
- **Gold:** Eternal Deity, the Godhead, Foundation, Sanctified *(2 Timothy 2:20:21)*, Altar*(Genesis 44:8; Exodus 37:2;6; 25:11;12)*, Beauty *(Esther 1:6;7)*, Precious, Holiness *(Genesis 39:30)*, Glory, Purified out of the refining fire *(Malachi 3:3; Zechariah 13:9)*, Tested *(1 Corinthians 3:11-14)*, Majesty *(Esther 8:15)*, Righteousness *(Psalm 119:127)*, Divine light *(1 John 1:7)*
- **Green:** Praise *(1 Chronicles 16:32-34; Psalm 63:3)*, Life *(1 John 2:25)*, Health *(Genesis 1:30)*, Growth *(Genesis 9:3)*,Prosperity *(Genesis 30:37-41)*, Restoration *(Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 23:2,3)* new beginning *(Isaiah 27:6; Romans 6:4)*, fruitfulness *(Psalm 52:8; Hosea 14:8)*, Flourishing *(Jeremiah 17:8; Ezekiel 17:24; Psalm 92:12-15)*
- **Orange:** Fire of God *(Ezekiel 1:4; 27; 8:2)*, Deliverance *(Daniel 3:19-29)*, Warrior *(Psalm 97:3)*, Passionate praise *(Ephesians 3:19)*
- **Purple/Lavender:** Royalty *(Esther 8:15; Revelation 1:6)*, Kingship *(Mark 15:17; John 19:2)*, Majesty, Mediator, Wealth *(Judges 8:26; Revelation 18:16)*, Authority *(Ezekiel 27:7)*
- **Red:** Blood of Jesus *(Ephesians 1:7)*, Love of Christ *(Romans 8:35-36)*, Blood of the Lamb, atonement *(Leviticus 14:52-53)*, Redemption *(Galatians 3:13)*, Salvation *(Joshua 2:18-21)*
- **Scarlet:** Fine linen for the tabernacle *(Exodus 26:1; 31; 36; Numbers 4:8)*, Cleansing *(Leviticus 14:52)*, Royalty *(Daniel 5:7; 16; 29)*
- **Silver:** The Word of God, redemption *(Deuteronomy 22:29; Matthew 27:5; 6; Ephesians 4:30)* Refined, Purity *(Malachi 3:3; Zechariah 13:9)*, a tribute *(2 Chronicles 17:11)*, Righteousness, Salvation *(Zechariah 11:12; 13)* Grace *(Song of Songs 1:11)*
- **Turquoise/Jasper/Aqua:** River of God *(Revelation 22:1)*, Sanctification, Healing *(Revelation 22:2)*, Flow of the Holy Spirit *(Ephesians 1:13)*, New Jerusalem *(Revelation 3:12; 21:2)*
- **White:** The Bride of Christ *(Psalm 29:2; Romans 6:22; Ephesians 5:8-16; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 3:4-5; 7:9;14; 19:8;11;14; 22:17)*, Purity

(2 Chronicles 5:12; Daniel 12:10), Holy Spirit *(Matthew 3:16; Luke 3:22; John 1:32)*, Blessedness, Holiness *(Ecclesiastes 9:8; Isaiah 35:8; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 47:8; 96:9; Ephesians 4:24, 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 4:7)*, righteousness *(Isaiah 1:18; 61:10)*, Light *(Ecclesiastes 2:13)*, Angels *(John 20:12)*, Saints *(Psalm 30:4)*, Peace *(Hebrews 12:14)*, Completion *(Matthew 17:2; Colossians 2:10; 4:12)*, Conquest *(Daniel 7:90)*, Triumph, Victory *(Matthew 28:3; Revelation 1:14; 20:11)*, Surrender, harvest *(John 4:35)*

- **Wine:** New Birth *(Matthew 9:17)*, Multiply *(John 2:9; 10)*, Overflow *(Joel 2:24)*, Mercy *(Amos 9:13, 14)*, New Wine *(Ephesians 5:18)*
- **Yellow:** Faith and glory of God *(Romans 4:20)*, Anointing *(Exodus 25:6)* Enlightenment, Joy *(Isaiah 55:1; Nehemiah 8:10)*

COLOR COMBINATIONS

- **All Colors:** Jubilee *(Leviticus 25:9-10)*
- **Tabernacle - Scarlet, Purple and Blue:** These are the colors used in the tabernacle where God dwelt with the Israelites in the desert *(Exodus 28:8; 36:8; 39:1)*
- **Bride of Christ - Gold, Silver and White:** We are purified when Jesus redeemed us to become holy as He is holy *(Malachi 3:3; Deuteronomy 22:29; Ephesians 4:24)*
- **Fire - Yellow, Orange and Red:** As we stand in faith the glory of God is revealed no enemy can penetrate His protection or overcome His deliverance *(Romans 4:20; Psalm 97:3; Joshua 2:18-21)*
- **Faith - Yellow, Green and Blue:** Faith in God's ways given to us by the Holy Spirit brings life to us now and for eternity *(Romans 4:20; Hebrews 10:15-16; 1 John 2:25)*
- **Healing water - Blue and Aqua:** Life, Cleansing, Healing *(Psalm 1:1-3; Revelation 22:1)*
- **Covenant-Promise- Rainbow (7 = perfection) Colors:** Promises of God *(Genesis 9:13)*
- **Grace - Purple and Pink:** We are adopted into royalty when we are birthed into God's Kingdom. This is only done by His grace He provides everything we need. *(2 Corinthians 8:9)*
- **Mercy - Purple and Red:** Jesus is our Mediator and Redeemer; He clothed us in salvation and gives us a robe of righteousness *(Titus 3:4-7; Isaiah 61:10)*
- **Praise- Fuchsia, Purple and Aqua:** We have joy in the wealth of the Holy Spirit *(Jeremiah 33:9; Hebrews 2:10-12; 13:15)*
- **Worship - Purple, Blue, and Wine:** Longing, seeking to be in His presence *(Matthew 2:2; John 9:31)*
- **Majesty - Purple and Blue:** Dignity, Priestly, Power, Authority, Ruler, King or High Official *(1 Chronicles 29:24-25; 2 Chronicles 2:14; 3:14; Jeremiah 10:9; Esther 8:15; Ezekiel 27:7)*

- **Repentance - Black, Red and White:** All can be redeemed by Jesus through repentance, because all of us fall short of God's glory *(Romans 3:23-24)*

Interesting Note on the Color Black

Darkness/Black (ל פ ר ע araphel, Strong's #6205): There are two words in the Hebrew translated as darkness. The most common is the word hhoshekh [str:2822] and means "darkness." The other word is araphel and means something more than just darkness. In Exodus 20:21 we read and Moses approached the araphel where God was. This darkness is a different darkness and may be alluded to in Exodus 10:21 which is the plague of darkness (hhoshekh) that could be felt. We often associate darkness with evil and light with good but, interestingly most times God appears in this araphel such as we saw in Exodus 20:21 but also in 2 Samuel 22:10, 1 Kings 8:12, Job 22:13, Psalm 97:2 and other places.

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