

LEARNING ABOUT AVIV BARLEY

The aviv barley plays an important role in Scripture. Let's learn what Scripture says and how it applies to our lives.

What Is Aviv Barley?

The Hebrew word *aviv* is first used in Exodus 9:31-32, which is talking about the plague of hail that YHWH sent upon Egypt:

“The flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was *in the ear* [*aviv*] and the flax was in bud. But the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they are late in coming up.” (Exodus 9:31-32, ESV).

Hear:

- ❑ *Aviv*, or “in the ear” – Strong’s #024 – Look up the definition.
 - http://www.karaite-korner.org/abib_faq.shtml
- ❑ See images of barley at various stages of development:
 - <https://extension.umn.edu/growing-small-grains/spring-barley-growth-and-development-guide>
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFfIKimiBjs> (these images are from 2013)
- ❑ Learn to write “the aviv” in Hebrew. (Note: It is sometimes translated *abib*.)

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Agriculture in Israel

Hear:

- ❑ Learn more about agriculture in Israel:
 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20170410181452/http://www.bible.gen.nz/amos/culture/agriculture.htm>
 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20170305014616/http://www.bible-archaeology.info/agriculture.htm>¹
 - <http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/agriculture.html>
 - http://www.bible-history.com/geography/seasons_months_israel.html
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agriculture_in_Israel
 - http://www.myjewishlearning.com/israel/Contemporary_Life/Society_and_Religious_Issues/Agriculture.shtml
- ❑ What is the weather like in Israel?
 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20170727212814/http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/aboutisrael/land/page/s/the%20land-%20geography%20and%20climate.aspx>

¹ We recommend parental supervision on this link. It has good information, but use caution clicking any other links.

- <http://www.jpost.com/Enviro-Tech/Israel-experiencing-unprecedented-drought-conditions-341003> (drought in spring 2014)

Learn:

- ❑ At what time of year does barley become ripe? When does wheat become ripe? What other crops are commonly harvested in Israel, and when do they become ripe?

Aviv and the Feasts of YHWH

Hear:

- ❑ *The aviv* is mentioned in the following Scripture passages. Read each one, and discuss how it is related to the biblical calendar and to *moedim* (appointed times, or the feasts of YHWH):
 - Exodus 12:1-2
 - Exodus 13:4
 - Exodus 23:15
 - Exodus 34:18
 - Leviticus 2:14
 - Deuteronomy 16:1
- ❑ Read the following websites for more explanation:
 - <http://www.nazareneisrael.org/aviv-barley-and-the-head-of-the-year-2/>
 - <http://www.nazareneisrael.org/aviv-barley-basics/>
 - <http://www.nazareneisrael.org/the-wave-sheaf-in-the-sabbath-year/>

Learn:

- ❑ How is the Feast of First Fruits related to *aviv* barley?
 - Read Leviticus 23:9-14.
 - What was to be done with the first grain that was harvested? (Leviticus 23:10)
 - According to Leviticus 2:14, what was a grain offering to consist of?
 - According to Leviticus 2:1, 4, 11, and 14, in what different ways could grain be offered to YHWH?
 - What was not to be done until an offering was brought to God? (Leviticus 23:14) For how long was this to be an ordinance?
 - According to Deuteronomy 16:9, what was not to happen until after the priest had offered a firstfruits offering?

Hide It in Your Heart

Keep:

- ❑ Memorize **Deuteronomy 11:12-15**. (Younger children may wish to learn only verse 12.)

A land which יהוה thy God careth for: the eyes of יהוה thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love יהוה your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full (Deuteronomy 11:12-15, KJV).

- ❑ Using your best handwriting, copy **Deuteronomy 11:12-15** into your notebook. (See page 4.)
- ❑ Extra: Read all of Deuteronomy 11. How do these verses apply to what you have learned in this study?

Fun with Barley

Do:

- ❑ Unleavened bread made with barley:
 - <http://cookingfinland.blogspot.com/2011/02/easiest-bread-ever-unleavened-barley.html>
 - <http://anumma.com/blog/2010/3/19/barley-flour-pita-and-oven-spring.html>
 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20130723165704/http://cedarringmama.wordpress.com/2012/04/10/barley-cakes/>
 - <http://www.thefreshloaf.com/node/4646/jesus-bread-historic-bread-baking> (the comments to this post are very interesting and filled with more links)
- ❑ Other barley recipes:
 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20140707112704/http://www.tarladalal.com/recipes-using-barley-184?pageindex=1>
 - <https://www.allrecipes.com/search?q=barley>

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