

Seven Scriptural Crowns

(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from multiple sources)

Introduction:

- A. Hymns about crowns based on verses on crowns. What does the Bible say?
- B. Bible words for crowns (Definitions taken from Strongs)
 - 1. Hebrew: nehzer - "something set apart, dedication of a priest or Nazirite; unshorn locks; a chaplet of royalty; consecration, crown, hair"
 - 2. Hebrew: "tsaniyph, (tsaw-neef), tsanowph {tsaw-nofe}, or (feminine) tsaniyphah {tsaw-nee-faw}; a head-dress, piece of cloth wrapped around the head; diadem, hood, mitre"
 - 3. Aramaic: "atarah - a crown"
 - 4. Greek: "stephanos - from stepho (to twine or wreath); a chaplet (as a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally; but more conspicuous and elaborate than the simple fillet, literally or figuratively a crown"
 - 5. None of these denote or connote the crown we tend to imagine to be similar to that of contemporary royalty. Rather, it describes the circlets, chaplets, laurels, etc. that more closely resemble head bands or tiaras

I. CROWN OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

- A. Prov. 4:5-9, 1:7-9
- B. True wisdom is not found in human philosophy - James 1:5; Col. 1:9-10

II. CROWN OF EXCELLENT WIFE

- A. Prov. 12:4
- B. A wife can be an asset to her husband - Prov. 31:10-31, 18:22, 19:13-14, 21:9

III. THE SILVER-HAIRED HEAD CROWN

- A. Prov. 16:31, 20:29
- B. There is honor and respect in old age - Lev. 19:32; 1Tim. 5:1-2

IV. THE CROWN OF GRANDCHILDREN

- A. Prov. 17:6 - Grandchildren also offer both great joy and responsibility.

V. BELOVED AND LONGED FOR BRETHERN CROWN

- A. Phil. 4:1, 1:3-8, 2:12-13
- B. Sometimes the measure of a Christian can be taken by examining those who love him and keep him in their fellowship

VI. A CROWN OF THORNS

- A. Matt. 27:27-31; 1Peter 2:21-24, 4:16, 19

VII. AN INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

- A. 1Cor. 9:24-27; James 1:12; Rev. 2:10, 3:11