

“Deep sleep” (*tareddemah*) in the Hebrew Bible

- Genesis 2.21: So YHWH God caused **a deep sleep to fall upon the ‘adam**
- Genesis 15.12: the sun was going down, **a deep sleep fell upon Abram**, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.
- 1 Samuel 26.12: So David took the spear that was at Saul's head and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it, or knew it, nor did anyone awake; for they were all asleep, because **a deep sleep from YHWH had fallen upon them.**
- Isaiah 29.10: For YHWH has poured out upon you **a spirit of deep sleep**; he has closed your eyes, you prophets, and covered your heads, you seers.
- Job 4.13-14, 16c-17: Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when **deep sleep falls on mortals**, dread came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake....there was silence, then I heard a voice: Can mortals be righteous [tsedaq] before God? Can human beings be pure before their Maker?
- Job 33.14-17: For God speaks in one way, and in two, though people do not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, **when deep sleep falls on mortals**, while they slumber on their beds, then he opens their ears, and terrifies them with warnings, that he may turn them aside from their deeds, and keep them from pride...
- Proverbs 19.15: **Laziness brings on deep sleep**; an idle person will suffer hunger.