**Food and Drink as Metaphor**

*The Words of Torah*

Ps. 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Ps. 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

*The Righteous Followers of Torah*

Ps. 1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season…

Ps. 92

12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

14 In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

*The Evil Doers*

Ps. 14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

Ps. 53:4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

*Metaphor in the Laments*

Ps. 42:3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Ps. 102:9 For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink,

Job 3:24 For my sighing comes like my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water.

Job 6:4 For the arrows of the Almighty are in me; my spirit drinks their poison; the terrors of God are arrayed against me.
Words to The Beloved

Song 2:3 As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, 
    so is my beloved among young men.
    With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Song 4:11 Your lips distill  nectar, my bride;
    honey and milk are under your tongue; t
    he scent of your garments is like the scent of Lebanon.

Song 4:16 Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind!
    Blow upon my garden that its fragrance may be wafted abroad.
    Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits.

Song 5:1 I come to my garden, my sister, my bride;
    I gather my myrrh with my spice, I eat my honeycomb with my honey,
    I drink my wine with my milk. Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love.

Song 5:12 His eyes are like doves beside springs of water,
    bathed in milk, fitly set.

Song 7:2 Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine.
    Your belly is a heap of wheat, encircled with lilies.

Song 7:9 and your kisses like the best wine that goes down smoothly,
    gliding over lips and teeth.

Song 8:2 I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother,
    and into the chamber of the one who bore me.
    I would give you spiced wine to drink, the juice of my pomegranates.

** Food and Drink as Warning **

Ps. 80:5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
    and given them tears to drink in full measure.
Ps. 60:3 You have made your people suffer hard things;
    you have given us wine to drink that made us reel.
Ps. 69:21 They gave me poison for food,
    and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
Ps. 78:46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, and the fruit of their labor to the locust.
Ps. 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed;
    he will pour a draught from it,
    and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.
Job 10:10 Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese?
Job 21:20 Let their own eyes see their destruction,
    and let them drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
Job 22:7 You have given no water to the weary to drink,
    and you have withheld bread from the hungry.
Job 20:23 To fill their belly to the full God will send his fierce anger into them,
    and rain it upon them as their food.
**Food and Drink as Promise**

*Promise to the Faithful*

Ps. 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Ps. 36:8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Ps. 81:16 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Ps. 92:14 In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

Ps. 111:5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

Ps. 147:14 He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

*Promise to the Poor*

Ps. 22:26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.!

Ps. 132:15 I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.

Ps. 146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

*Promise to the King*

Ps. 110:7 He will drink from the stream by the path; therefore he will lift up his head.

*Promise to All Creation*

Ps. 104:13-27

13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,
15 and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart...
21 The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God...
24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures...
27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

Ps. 136:25 who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Ps. 145:15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Ps. 147:9 He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

Job 38:39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

Job 38:41 Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?